

In a characteristic letter written by Judge Larrabee, and published in *The Bench and Bar of Wisconsin*, he gave the following account of himself: "I had only an academic education at Granville and Springfield, Ohio. At the former, I was schoolmate of Lyman C. Draper. The best work I ever did for Wisconsin was to induce Draper to remove from Baltimore, and settle in the State. I procured the first appropriation by the legislature for a small salary for him as secretary of the Historical Society,¹ and took an active part in its reorganization with Wm. R. Smith and others. I first brought Draper to the attention of L. J. Farwell, then governor, who aided me substantially and cordially.

"I left the army broken down in health, and took a sea voyage as a last resort; came to the Pacific Coast, recovered health, and have never regretted the change for a moment. When I left the bench, my bar, in their resolutions, said I had been an industrious, capable and honest judge. I knew I had been industrious and

¹This was at the session of 1855, and the salary provided was \$500 a year. Messrs. S. L. Rose, A. H. Van Norstrand, L. B. Vilas, Chase A. Stevens, Wm. Hull, Alanson Filer, Thomas Falvey, W. R. Taylor, George Gary, Peter Rogan, J. H. Earnest, and Samuel Pratt were among the assemblymen who supported the measure. Beriah Brown was especially active in seconding Judge Larrabee's efforts, with the members of both houses, and the bill was passed.

At the next session, Judge Larrabee influenced others to agitate the subject of an increase of the secretary's salary to \$1,000—among others, Judge T. O. Howe interested himself in the matter, as the following note from him to Judge Larrabee, shows:

MADISON, March 9, 1856.

Dear Sir:—Upon your suggestion, I spoke to several members of both houses touching an increase of Mr. Draper's pay. Every man, including Judge Rose and Mr. Hull, met the proposition very cordially. Rose said the Republicans were the most unwilling to pay him last winter. I accordingly drew up a memorial, procured many signatures, and obtained Senator David Taylor's pledge to attend to it. He presented it. It was referred to the committee on State affairs. Judge Dunn was absent—has not yet returned. Yesterday, I returned from Milwaukee, and found Taylor absent. As soon as a bill can be got from the committee, it will pass without much opposition.

"Yours truly,

"TIM. O. HOWE."

As Judge Howe indicated, there was no special opposition to the measure.

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