

Library Improvements

Early in the past year, the two towers of the south wing of the capitol, were properly fitted up, by direction of the governor, one for the reception of our large collection of prehistoric antiquities of Wisconsin, of the stone and copper age, and the other for the better arrangement of our maps, and bound files of Milwaukee newspapers. Additional desks have been provided, with closet room beneath. These improvements have been both timely and convenient.

The Centennial

Our exhibit at the Centennial embraced nearly all of our prehistoric implements, and the more important portion of our large collection of the stone age—154 coppers; 2,890 stone implements; also 39 fragments of ancient pottery, and several human bones taken from a mound in Polk County. This archaeological collection attracted deserved attention—the more so, as the number of copper prehistoric findings are more numerous than any collection known to have been made. Prof. Butler went to Philadelphia as our archaeological commissioner, arranging their display; and E. T. Sweet, M. S., had charge of the collection during the exhibition, and deserves the Society's thanks for his faithful watchful care over it.

Library Work

The librarian and assistants have well acquitted themselves in the discharge of their routine duties; in keeping up the increasing labor of cataloguing the steady accretions to the Library; attending to the system of exchanges with kindred institutions; keeping the serial publications arranged for binding, and giving proper attention to the wants of visitors. And Mr. Isaac Lyon, though now eighty-two years of age, is as unremitting as ever in his voluntary and unrequited attentions to visitors of the cabinet department, of which he has for over five years had the charge.

Conclusion

In concluding our twenty-third annual report, we can but renew our firm conviction of the large and diversified good the So-