

preserved by his father-in-law, Judge John Lawe, one of the earliest of the Green Bay pioneers,—a land conveyance by Tomah and other Menomonee chiefs in 1794; fourteen letters of Col. Robert Dickson, the British commander of the Northwestern Indians during the War of 1812–15, ten of which were dated when encamped on Lake Winnebago, in the winter of 1814, organizing the Indians for further hostilities; an interesting letter of the British Capt. Duncan Graham, dated Prairie du Chien, March 4, 1815, giving, in half a dozen foolscap pages, many particulars of that region, the movements of the Indians, and Col. Dickson's operations; five documents of the celebrated Judge Reaume, the first law-giver of Green Bay, bearing date from 1805 to 1817; three letters of Capt. John Askin, Jr., of Mackinaw, relative to the War of 1812–15; a census of Green Bay, Sept. 14, 1818; letter of Hon. John Q. Adams, addressed to George Boyd, dated Ghent, Dec. 22, 1814; letter of Wm. Dickson, dated Lake Traverse, April 18, 1821; a Ms. book of 136 pages, apparently the mathematical examples worked out by Judge Reaume in 1774, showing neatness and scholarship, with a rude deer-skin cover; also the old pocket-book of Judge Reaume.

Copies of a valuable collection of unpublished documents relative to Col. Wm. McKay, Lieut. Col. Robert McDouall, and Capts. Thomas G. Anderson and Joseph Rolette, in the British service in Wisconsin and the Northwest in 1814, have been kindly communicated to the Society by Joseph Tassé, Esq.; an incident of the Black Hawk War, from Col. Charles Whittlesey.

The secretary, during the past year, beside making a journey in the northwestern part of the State to secure some remarkable prehistoric copper collections, made a visit to Capt. Wm. Powell, of Shawano County, a native of Wisconsin, now bordering closely on three score and ten, and intimately connected with the Menomonees and other Wisconsin tribes since 1819, and noted down a lengthy statement of his dictation, embracing his recollections of the Menomonees and their prominent chiefs, Col. Robert Dickson, the British leader of the Northwestern Indian tribes during the War of 1812–15, and the derivation and meaning of many Indian geographical names in Wisconsin having a Menomonee origin.