

A visit to the Oneida settlement above Green Bay, will facilitate the preparation of a paper on the past and present condition and prospects of the Wisconsin Oneidas, and be the means of preserving some interesting memorials of that tribe, so rapidly advancing in civilization.

By still another visit made to the venerable Haukmaunega, or Spoon De Kaury, now nearly four score, the Winnebago derivation and meaning of many Wisconsin geographical names have been secured. Such information will have an increasing interest and value as the native Red Men fade away, leaving behind them these local names as the only monuments of their occupation of the country we now fondly claim as our own.

The Society's Mission and Success Recognized

Our Society has, in a quarter of a century, gathered a Library of seventy-seven thousand volumes and pamphlets, of which over twenty-nine hundred are bound newspaper files, embracing three centuries; an art gallery of one hundred and thirteen paintings, and several interesting specimens of statuary; a collection of prehistoric antiquities relating to our own State, unequalled by any similar collection in the country; and has issued seven volumes of *Historical Collections*, three of *Library Catalogues*, and several addresses in pamphlet form. This success has not failed to attract attention beyond our borders, and worthily to incite emulation.

"I am glad," said the late distinguished American historian, Jared Sparks, "to learn the success of your State Historical Society. During the time since it was founded, it seems to have done more than any other similar Society in the country. It has set an example of enterprise and activity which any Society may be proud to follow."

"I hear on all hands," observes the historian, Bancroft, "that the immediate associates of your Society are singularly zealous and diligent in gathering together, preserving, and, as far as possible, in publishing the memorials of other days."

"I am of opinion," wrote the late historian of the red men, Henry R. Schoolcraft, "that the course you are pursuing, in