

*resumé* of your work. How the savants of Europe of the Vattermare family must open their big eyes when they read Wisconsin's story. I wish you and your compeers had lived in Michigan. Then we, too, might have had something to show of our past history."

"The *Collections* of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin," writes Hon. T. W. Field, in his elaborate work on Indian Bibliography, "is one of the noblest collections ever made by any Historical Society. It is a vast mass of original material, written mostly by border warriors, pioneers, voyagers, and others, who saw the events of which they wrote. By far the largest portion relates to the Aborigines who once occupied the territory. It is to the intelligence and zeal of the learned antiquary, Lyman C. Draper, that the public are indebted for this model of *Historical Collections*."

To append the friendly expressions of leading citizens of our own State, where all can judge for themselves, seems hardly necessary. A few only may be adduced:

"There is no institution of the State," writes Gov. Washburn, "that the people should be more proud of than the Historical Society—built up to its present great proportions."

"You can have no better monument," writes Gov. Lewis, "than the grand collection you have been instrumental in bringing together at our State house. The people of the State are interested in having the work continued."

"I am deeply interested," writes Hon. John F. Potter, "in all that relates to the early history of our State, and I am sure the grateful thanks of all our people are due to you for the industry, perseverance and ability which have marked your long connection with the Society."

"No commonwealth of the age of ours," remarks Hon. H. D. Barron, "has the priceless gathering of historical treasures that we have. And they have been brought to us by you with a care and industry, a judgment and economy that some other person might have used, but which I do not believe any one else in the broad State would have displayed."

"All intelligent and honest men," writes Hon. J. T. Kingston,