

destined to be the recipient of valuable acquisitions from many a thoughtful friend. If similar societies at the East are generously endowed, why should not liberal things be devised by public spirited men of Wisconsin, for our noble institutions—confessedly the peer of all its sister associations of the West? Wisconsin has a goodly number of generous sons who will not dishonor their adopted or native State, but will, in time, make liberal provision for such an institution as ours, that it may never flag in its career of usefulness as a great public educator of the people.

Could the entire south wing have been set apart for the Society, we should then have had accommodations for some forty years. When the time comes—as it surely will come—that still ampler accommodations will be requisite for the growth and needs of the Society, we may well trust to the wisdom, foresight and liberality of the next generation to make the needful provision. Architects assure us that the present new wings can never be enlarged without too seriously impairing the symmetry of the building, and making yet greater encroachments on the beautiful grounds of the Capitol. So the Society must eventually look outside of the Capitol grounds for its future permanent home. With the steady growth of the State, no doubt the rooms assigned the Society in the new south wing will be eventually needed for public purposes, and what the State and Society may most deplore is, that an ample plot of ground, which could now be had, may not in all probability be obtainable of convenient access and suitable location some twenty years hence.

General and Binding Funds

The receipts of the year into the general fund have been the annual appropriation of \$5,000, and the disbursements \$4,991.79—leaving an unexpended balance of \$8.21.

To the binding fund the following additions have been made: donation, Geo. Plumer Smith, \$5; Hon. D. K. Tenney, Hon. Mortimer M. Jackson, and Hon. John A. Johnson, \$20 each for life memberships; accrued interest, \$561.92; duplicate books sold, \$165.59; annual membership dues \$120.00—thus