

sponding secretary, carried on a newspaper discussion as to the best policy of such a Society—the latter contending for an association open to all who would unite in its efforts, holding frequent meetings, and keeping its aims and purposes constantly before the people. Mr. Lord rather defended the old management; and thus a diversity of opinion was engendered, and nothing that year was accomplished.

The late Dr. Conover at length suggested, that as these differences were not serious, all the friends of the Society and its worthy objects had best work harmoniously together. So, in January, 1854, the Society was re-organized, Gen. W. R. Smith chosen president, Lyman C. Draper, corresponding secretary, Rev. Chas. Lord, recording secretary, O. M. Conover, treasurer, and Dr. J. W. Hunt, librarian. The second epoch of the Society was now commenced. A charter of incorporation, and an annual appropriation of \$500 were obtained from the legislature. The little book-case, which for two or three years had occupied a corner in the governor's office, was now removed to the secretary of state's office, in which Dr. Hunt, the librarian, held a position; but so large were the additions by purchase and donation that year, 1,000 volumes and as many pamphlets, that the corresponding secretary was obliged to devote a small room in his private residence, where W. M. Rasdall now lives, to store away these accumulations. The next year, 1855, a small room in the south-east corner of the basement of the Baptist church was secured, which from time to time was enlarged, as the necessities of the Library required, during a period of eleven years, until the whole basement was occupied.

In January, 1866, the Society fairly entered upon its third epoch, removing into the rooms assigned it by the Legislature, in the then new capitol building, with its twenty-one thousand books and pamphlets. During these twelve years succeeding the Society's re-organization, the average annual increase of books and pamphlets was, in round numbers, 1,750; and during the nineteen years since removing into the capitol, the total increase has been 88,000 or, an average of over 4,600 annually.

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