

VI.—State Historical Society, Madison, Wis. This collection has been some twenty-five years in accumulating—originating, in 1856, in a donation of autographs of Samuel Adams, Floyd, Lewis, Robert Morris, McKean, R. H. Lee, Jefferson, as well as R. R. Livingston, and Charles Thomson, from the late Hon. Henry S. Randall. It was some years thereafter before the idea of completing a full set was resolved on, and the full quota was made up in 1881, with subsequent improvements. While the collection is not strong in historical documents of the Revolution, it takes high rank in embracing so many full autograph letters—fifty A. L. S.; Hart, A. D. S.; Morton, Heyward, Middleton, and Gwinnett, D. S.; and Lynch, an inlaid cut signature. It is illustrated with one or more engravings or etchings of all the signers save Morton, with Brotherhead's views and facsimiles, and other appropriate matter.

The gift of the Hon. H. S. Randall of one hundred American autographs to the Society in 1856, laid the foundation of other series beside that of the signers of the declaration of independence. We have now a full set of the thirty-nine signers of the constitution, including their secretary, William Jackson, all A. L. S., with appropriate illustrations; a nearly complete set of the presidents of the old Congress, and presidents and vice-presidents of the United States, together with a portion of the generals of the Revolution, and the governors of Wisconsin. These constitute the autograph collections proper of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

VII.—Mrs. David J. Cohen, Baltimore. This collection was formed by the late Dr. Joshua I. Cohen, of that city—commenced in 1836, and completed in 1850. A second set was lacking only two names at the close of 1870. Dr. Cohen passing away, his autographs came into the possession of his sister-in-law, the present owner. The full collection of the signers consist of forty-nine A. L. S., with Thornton, Livingston, Morton, Wythe, Middleton and Gwinnett, D. S., and Lynch, as usual, a signature only. Among the rarities may be mentioned the full letters of Sherman, Stockton,