

Chartered by the State

MADISON, March 21st 1853.

The State Historical Society met according to adjournment in the same place.

The Pres. L. J. Farwell in the Chair. There were present the following members whose names were among the list of Corporation, viz. L. J. Farwell, W. R. Smith, O. M. Conover, A. C. Ingham, J. W. Hunt, L. C. Draper, W^m. H. Watson and C. Lord.

The Charter recently procured from the Legislature was read by Gen. W^m. R. Smith and on his motion was accepted.

Said Charter reads as follows, Viz.

An Act to incorporate the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The People of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly Do enact as follows:

1. That, Leonard J. Farwell, Mason C. Darling, William R. Smith, Charles Lord, I. A. Lapham, William H. Watson, Cyrus Woodman, James D. Doty, Morgan L. Martin, Lyman C. Draper, Sam^l. Marshall, John W. Hunt, Albert C. Ingham, and O. M. Conover, and their present and future associates and their successors, be and they are hereby constituted and created a body politic and corporate by the name of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and by that name shall have perpetual succession with all the faculties and liabilities of a corporation, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in all courts and places, and for the purposes of its institution may do all such acts as are performed by matured persons.

2. The object of the Society shall be to collect, embody, arrange and preserve in authentic form a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials, illustrative of the history of the State; to secure from oblivion the memory of its early pioneers and to obtain and preserve narratives of their exploits, perils and hardy adventures, to exhibit faithfully the antiquities and the past and present condition and resources of Wisconsin, and may take proper steps to promote the study of History by lectures, and to diffuse and publish information relating to the description and history of the State.

3. Said Society may have and use and at discretion change a common seal, may ordain and enforce a Constitution, by-laws, rules and regula-