

On Motion, Voted that the Secretary request some suitable person to address the Meeting on tomorrow evening explaining the objects & benefits of the Society and to urge a cooperation on the part of the citizens of the State.

JOHN Y. SMITH, Chairman.

E. M. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

A true Copy; Attest, C. LORD, Rec. Sec.

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### The First Organization

Pursuant to public notice, a number of citizens of Wisconsin convened in the senate chamber at Madison on Monday evening Jan. 30th, 1849.

Mr. Eleazer Root, of Waukesha, was called to the Chair, and Gen. W<sup>m</sup>. R. Smith of Iowa was appointed Secretary.

The object of the Meeting was stated by Mr. John Y. Smith, to be that of forming an Historical Society of the State of Wisconsin.

Mr Hobart offered the following resolution,

*Resolved:* That it is expedient to organize a State Historical Society.

And the Resolution being under consideration, the meeting was addressed by Judge Larrabee, Samuel Crawford, W<sup>m</sup>. R. Smith and Alfred Bronson Esqrs.

The resolution was adopted.

George Reed Esq. moved that a Committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution for the society,—Which was adopted.

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mencing with 1887) published its *Proceedings* in separate form, and thereafter reserved the *Collections* for legitimate historical material. The transactions of the Society under its first organization have, accordingly, not heretofore been published; we here reproduce them verbatim from the manuscript records of the corporation, as kept by the two first recording secretaries, Charles Lord and John W. Hunt. Thus there is now published the continuous records of the Society from 1849 to the present day: (1) The Early Records, herewith, 1849-54; (2) the synoptical reports, in the first ten volumes of *Collections*, 1854-85; (3) *Proceedings*, 1886 to date.—R. G. T.