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The history of Kentucky, properly speaking, begins with the advent of Daniel Boone in its wilderness in 1769; hence, upon the face of the first booklet of the Kentucky State Historical Society we find

June 7th, 1769-1881.

This pretty pamphlet gave the "Proceedings at the dedication of the rooms, set apart by the State, in the executive building of the Capitol, on June 7, 1881." This society was founded in 1839-40 (see House Journal, 1839-40). Its existence was precarious through all the decades until it was re-organized in 1878 by a number of the most prominent men in the State at that time. They met in a regularly organized body in 1879 and elected their officers to look to the permanent founding of a society in Daniel Boone's honor, which should embody the history of Kentucky in all its varied departments and interests. This society was to meet on the 7th of June annually "to commemorate the discovery by Daniel Boone of the beautiful level of Kentucky." This done, it started out equipped with historical literature and officered by cultured and competent men and women. Being a department of the State under its charter, secured and held sacred, it was hoped all the dangers and difficulties of its predecessor were avoided, and interest in the history of the State, of which

all Kentuckians felt a pride, would insure its success. But the changes in the times and removals by death and distance of its members, from year to year brought about a suspension of its stated meetings in Governor Buckner's administration.

By its charter it could not be legally abolished. Hence the society of Colonial Daughters, a patriotic organization of the Capitol, determined to revive it and restore its historical treasures to the rooms. Accordingly, they consulted with the Governor Wm. O. Bradley, who heartily approved the patriotic measure and ordered the rooms to be given up to them. With the aid of prominent members of the Kentucky Historical Society in the city and State they met in the historical rooms on the 6th of October, 1896, and re-established the State Historical Society. The following gives the proceedings:

The secretary has kept in mind the time when these publications might be called for in pamphlet form, so they have been preserved in the order in which they came as reports in February, June and October from the Kentucky State Historical Society, from October 6, 1896, to October 4, 1902. The suggestions and remarks upon the progress of the work of restoring to the State this valuable society have only in a few places been included

here, but there is enough to show the patriotism and fidelity of the members who planned the undertaking and won the merited success attending it.

The petition, signed by the Frankfort Colonial Daughters, Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, registrar, was gracefully presented in the House on Thursday last by Hon. John A. Steele, of Woodford county.

Mr. Steele was one of the charter members of the now suspended Kentucky Historical Society, and is in sympathy with the Colonial Daughters in their effort to have that society restored to the State, and its treasures gathered and preserved in the spacious Historical rooms, set apart for this purpose, by a former Legislature of Kentucky. The petition was appropriately referred.—Legislature, 1896.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This once famous society has been re-organized under the auspices of the Frankfort Colonial Daughters, and will have an opening on October 6th in their old quarters in the third story of the executive building. The following circular has been issued:

"The opening of the Kentucky Historical Society will be appropriately celebrated at the Capitol, in its former elegant rooms, on the 6th of October. A committee of the Society of Colonial Daughters will assist Miss Guy and Mr. C. B. Willis, the State Librarian, in the arrangements of the rooms and the hanging of pictures, placing of exhibits, etc. A suitable program will be prepared for the 6th of October to make this occasion (the hundred and tenth birthday of Frankfort) a pleasing and notable one on the State House Square. For any information address Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, Registrar of Frankfort Society of Colonial Daughters, Newspapers throughout the State will please republish this notice for the benefit of members of the Kentucky Historical Society, whose names and addresses have been mislaid, and who may wish to attend the re-opening."

SIXTH OF OCTOBER, 1896.

The re-opening of the historical rooms at the Capitol to-day was one of the most interesting events in the history of the city. The program was as follows:

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Baptist church, the Colonial Daughters uniting with him in conclusion by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Address by the Hon. Ira Julian, mayor of the city.

"America," by the audience, led by Mr. S. A. Bull. A letter from the historian, George W. Ranck, to the Colonial Daughters, read by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, the registrar. Addressed by Col. John L. Scott upon the re-opening of the great Historical Register used at the Centennial in 1886. Signing of the names while the bells of the city rang the 110th anniversary of Frankfort.

Mrs. Morton, as Registrar of the Society of Colonial Daughters, presided over the meeting.

The address of Mr. Julian was an admirable extemporaneous effort, in which he used paragraphs from the history of Lexington, by George W. Ranck. It was a happy incident, that of his letter just received by the Colonial Daughters, in which he says: "Hoping that Frankfort's 110th birthday will become notable as the date of a strong effort in this line and that the Kentucky Historical Society will be crowned with success in all its labors to remove this long-standing cause of mortification."

The signing of the names was a novelty all participated in. The rooms were handsomely decorated and presented a magnificent appearance—dressed in autumn foliage and splendid flowers. The portraits are hung again on the walls and the many valuable paintings and souvenirs were exhibited with taste. The Colonial Daughters are everywhere congratulated upon their splendid success, and the revival of the Historical Society under their efficient and powerful influence is an assured thing in the near future.

FINAL RE-ORGANIZATION.

[Communicated]

There will be a final re-organization of the Kentucky Historical Society on the 11th of February, 1897, when, according to its constitution, on Daniel Boone's birthday the Governor shall call a business meeting. Then its officers will be elected, and the society it is hoped, will be placed upon a firm basis, with the persistent purpose of its members to preserve and maintain it. The re-opening of the rooms is due to the beautiful courtesy of Mr. Lester, who withdrew from them, and took rooms below, more convenient for him. Also to the kindness of Hon. Ed. Porter Thompson, ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction, to whom the keys of the handsome case of souvenirs were intrusted some years ago. Under the superintendence of the Colonial Daughters everything has undergone a thorough cleaning, and the property thus rescued from dust and neglect, presents an elegant and interesting appearance under the glass cases. Though many things have been recalled by the owners, there is enough left to fill the shelves.

RE-ORGANIZED STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Bell Ring.

The Kentucky Historical Society, under the auspices of the Society of Colonial Daughters, of this city, met at their rooms in the State House on Tuesday last, at 10 o'clock.

Hon. Ira Julian and Col. John L. Scott delivered appropriate addresses, which were heartily enjoyed. Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, registrar of the society, read a letter of regret from Hon. Geo. W. Ranck, the Kentucky historian. At 12 o'clock m., the bells of the city were rung to announce the 110th anniversary of Frankfort and the fact the society was re-organized and the rooms re-opened. Altogether the whole affair was a delightful success and the ladies deserve great credit for their persistent work to that end.

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KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The following paper was read before a meeting of the Colonial Daughters, held on Thursday, February 11, 1897, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton:

"Upon consultation with resident members of the Kentucky society it was thought best to postpone the February meeting at the rooms of the Historical Society until June, when a larger attendance will be secured,

and thereafter the society will meet in June every year. Until a fund sufficient can be secured by subscription and membership fees, the society can not be conducted successfully. The Colonial Daughters, however patriotic and generous, can not undertake to run the Kentucky Historical Society. They have attained one object of their organization. They have rested to the protection of the State the 'Kentucky Historical Society,' and placed its treasures in art and literature, souvenirs and relics where they may be seen, and secured for its rooms the oversight of the librarian. Interest in the society has been awakened throughout the State and throughout the United States, as evinced in the newspapers sent, and letters from strangers and citizens relative to membership, received from time to time. Let us hope that Kentuckians will everywhere willingly contribute their influence and their money to promote the success of the Kentucky Historical Society. It remains with them to make it in interest and wealth the equal of any historical society in America."

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS OF THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

June 7, 1897.

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society took place in its rooms at the Capitol June 7th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Governor of Kentucky, by the Constitution of the society, is always president ex-officio.

A majority of the members being present, the election of officers resulted as follows:

Vice-Presidents—Hon. John A. Steele, Hon. Grant Green, Sr., Miss Sallie Jackson.

Recording Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

Curator—Mrs. John E. Miles.

Librarian Ex-Officio—Mrs. William Cromwell.

Honorary Vice-President—Mrs. Cornelia Bush, first librarian of the society.

Executive Committee—Dr. U. V.

Williams, Gen. Fayette Hewitt, Mrs. Eliza Brown Bailey, Miss Eliza Overton, Walter Chapman, chairman of the committee.

After the election of the officers, Mr. P. Fall Taylor, secretary of the meeting, prepared the minutes. Hon. John Andrew Steele, with other officers and members of the society, entered the audience room, where he delivered a brief address of thanks and congratulation upon the work of the Colonial Daughters of Frankfort in restoring the rooms and augmenting the interest felt in the Historical Society of Kentucky.

Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, registrar and founder of the society of Colonial Daughters, then presented the Colonial and Revolutionary History in manuscripts of the founders and promoters of the city of Frankfort, to the Kentucky Historical Society, written by the Colonial Daughters.

She also read, by request, her tribute to Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, late of Newport, Ky., who for many years was President of the Ladies' Branch of this society.

That distinguished lady until death, was one of its most faithful and generous contributors.

Miss Eliza Overton presented, in the name of Mrs. Brent Arnold, of Cincinnati, a handsome picture of her mother, Mrs. T. L. Jones, to the society.

There was also the letter of Governor Luke P. Blackburn found on file, donating his picture of Theodore O'Hara to the society, which, during his term, Governor Blackburn had hung in his parlor, until it became a familiar face to all visitors at the Mansion.

There are many valuable portraits and historic pictures decorating the walls, and pretty pieces of old-fashioned china in the cases.

There are valuable scrap-books with the early history of the State in them, and many volumes of valuable literature. Such is the fascination of the room that one could linger in it all day and still leave much unseen that is worthy of examination and patriotic pride in the rare collection.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and plants.

Mr. W. T. Gorham presented a powder horn used in the Revolutionary

War by his grand-father, John Gorham. It was properly labeled and placed in the case of historic souvenirs, and Mr. W. T. Gorham was made an honorary member of the society.

Mr. Taylor then read the minutes of the business meeting of the society.

Hon. John A. Steele adjourned the Society to convene on the 11th of February, 1898, at its regular semi-annual session.

The Executive Committee will meet quarterly at the Capitol.

Names of the new members of the Kentucky Historical Society:

Hon. M. C. Swinford, Cynthiana, Ky.; Hon. P. J. Foree, Shelbyville, Ky.; Hon. Richard H. Stoll, Lexington, Ky.; Dr. U. V. Williams, Frankfort, Ky.; Mrs. Emily Walker Herr, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Ellen A. Conway, Elliott City, Md.; formerly of Lexington, Ky.; Frank Kavanaugh, Frankfort, Ky.; Assistant Librarian Willis, Frankfort, Ky.; Hubble Chinn, Bourbon county, Ky.; Harry C. Chinn, Bourbon county, Ky.; Birket Chinn, Bourbon county, Ky.; H. H. Chinn, Bourbon county, Ky.; Dr. Higgins Chinn Smith, Cynthiana, Ky.; Agnes Ball Smith, Cynthiana, Ky.; Philip Fall Taylor, Frankfort Ky.; Clement B. Chinn, M. D., Frankfort Ky.; Frank Chinn, Esq., Frankfort, Ky.; John T. Green, Frankfort, Ky.; A. O. Reynolds, Frankfort, Ky.

The following paper, entitled "The Late Hon. Mrs. T. L. Jones," was then read by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton:

It is now nearly 20 years since this society was organized and formally met, in these then new and elegant rooms at the Capitol. From its founding to that day on the 7th of June, 1881, when the society as a whole held its meeting here, Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, the President of the Woman's Branch of the Society, was one of the most enthusiastic and efficient members of the Historical Society. She had its success and permanency at heart, and she proved her love and her faith by her works.

Coming as she did from an ancestry distinguished for its patriotism, and its illustrious services in the Revolution and in the war with Great Britain in 1812, and with Mexico in 1845, she was well fitted for her position as a leader in this movement to commem-

orate the history of the brave men and women of Kentucky.

In her modest and intelligent response that day, after making her report before the society and pointing out the articles of value and souvenirs she had contributed, she said:

"To men it properly appertains to judge the thoughts and deeds of their fellow-men; theirs be the task to compile the histories of statesmen, but to treat of woman it needs the tender hand of her own sex; ours, therefore, the task to celebrate the women of Kentucky."

In her honor we, the ladies of the Historical Society, would perpetuate her memory by cherishing this object of her bounty and affectionate regard. Now that her gifted and generous hands are folded forever and she can never more move around us in her queenly grace, encouraging every effort made for success in storing the rooms with valuable historic mementoes and assisting with her taste and suggestions and her wealth. Like Tabitha, her works are her tributes of praise. Everywhere may be seen her generosity, and almost, if not altogether, "present her alive." The cases and the walls are filled with rare and beautiful things that she deprived her own library of that the Historical Rooms should be appropriately furnished and decorated with historical souvenirs, books and portraits.

These gifts are held in sacred trust by the State, and thus her patriotic benevolence will keep her beautiful memory in all our hearts green and fragrant forever as the cedars on the seven hills around the Capital.

JENNIE C. MORTON.

All the Colonial Daughters were made honorary members of the Historical Society. Following is a complete list of the chapters contributed together with the names of the different writers:

Aldridge—By Mrs. Mary D. Aldridge, Ball, Bradford, Brady, Boone, Bryan

—By Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

Bacon—By Mrs. Jouett James.

Bibb (Judge)—By Miss Lucy Burn-

ley.

Brows—By Mrs. Margaretta Brown

Barrett.

Bell and Steele—By Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

Chinn—By Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.
Dudleys—By Mrs. Mary D. Aldridge.
Edmonson and James—By Mrs.

Sarah Ellen James Chesney.
Fall—By Mrs. Bettie Fall Taylor.
Green and Overtons—By Mrs. Kate O. Green.

Humphreys—By Mrs. Margaretta Brown Barrett.

Haggin—By Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.
Innis—By Mrs. Mary Willis Woodson.

Jackson—By Miss Sallie Jackson.
Julians—By Miss Hallie Herndon.
Keiths—By Mrs. Annie Hawkins Miles.

Lee Family—By Mrs. Mary Willis Woodson.

Mason—By Mrs. Margaretta Brown Barrett.

McAfees and Marshals—By Mrs. Mary Willis Woodson.

Overtons—By Miss Eliza Overton.
Renick's—By Mrs. Mary Willis Woodson.

Taylor—By Mrs. Jouett James.
Steeles—By Mrs. Mary Willis Woodson.

Stray Books—By Mrs. Jas. M. Todd.
Strothers—By Mrs. Annie H. Miles.
Sketch of Henry Clay—By Mrs. Ellen A. Chinn Conway.

Scott (Gov. Chas. S.)—By Miss Pattie Burnley.

Upshaw and Lafon—By Miss Sallie Jackson.

Young—By Miss Sallie Jackson.
Souvenirs—By Mrs Sallie Z. Meek.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

February 7, 1898.

The secretary and treasurer made the report given below. Approved.

The proposition to have a portrait of General James Wilkinson placed in the Historical Room was discussed and approved.

Also the proposition to publish, in June, the proceedings of the Historical Society in pamphlet since its reorganization, 7th of June, 1897, was adopted.

Arrangements and preparations for it referred to the Secretary.

An old letter of General Wilkinson's to General James Taylor, of Newport, Ky., dated Philadelphia, Oct., 1815, was read. After the reading the Committee adjourned.

JENNIE C. MORTON.
Secretary and Treasurer Kentucky Historical Society.

Secretary's Report.

Received—Newspapers:—The New Era, The Farmer's Home Journal, The Kentucky Journal, The Western Argus, The Roundabout, The Constitutionalist, The Frankfort Ledger.

Publications.

The Kentucky Law Reporter, from McMillan & Co., Pamphlet. Dress and Ornaments of Certain American Indians, by Lucien Carr; Circular of the Denver, Colorado, Historical Society, Biennial Report of the Illinois Historical Library, Smithsonian Report, Washington, D. C., The Hesperian, St. Louis; Thirteenth Annual Report of the Maine Genealogical Society, Portland; Smithsonian Collections, Washington, D. C.; Prospectus Ballads and Poems, Charles Wells Moulton, Buffalo, New York; Proceedings of the United States National Museum, Vol. 19, Washington, D. C.; Prospectus, The Dolmans of Ireland, Covent Garden, London; The Waste Basket, Detroit, Michigan; In Memoriam of Baron Sir Ferdinand Von Mueller, Victoria, Canada; Prospectus: The Book of the Sacred Magic of A. B. Ra., Melin the Magi, London Charing Cross.

Donations.

One pitcher, by _____.
Brussels rug, by F. Heeny, Broadway street, Frankfort, Ky. A quilt of patchwork and Kensington embroidery, more than a century old, made by Mrs. Nicholas Lafon, grandmother of Mrs. J. A. Crittenden and Miss Sallie Jackson, and great-grandmother of Mrs. Mary C. Haycraft, by whom it is loaned to the Kentucky Historical Society.

New Members.

Mrs. Judith L. Marshall, Chicago, Ill., Edward C. Marshall, New York City, formerly of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. W. W. Longmoor, Mr. W. W. Longmoor, John E. Miles, Frankfort, Ky.

MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Kentucky Historical Society will meet Tuesday, June 7th, at the Capitol, where the following program will be carried out:

Meeting called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Means, M. E. Church South.

Address by Col. Fred H. Roberts, History, etc.

Remarks by Rev. Dr. Means.

"America"—Leader of the choir, Mr. S. C. Bull, the audience uniting in the singing of the patriotic hymn.

All the members of the society are requested to be present. The public, press and State officials are invited to be present.

After the close of the meeting, at 12 o'clock, the members of the Kentucky Historical Society, are invited to take the electric cars at the corner of Main and St. Clair streets, opposite the Capitol, to visit the historical places along its route:

"Glen Willis," surveyed by Hancock Lee, for the Capital of Kentucky, in 1774 as Leestown. He gave this land (1793) to his nephew Willis Atwell Lee. He writes in the deed of that one acre, "For the love and affection I bear my nephew, Willis Atwell Lee, and in consideration of one shilling, I give him this land on which to build him a home." Hence it was called "Glen Willis." It is now the property of Col. Jas. A. Murray and he and his family reside there.

Buffalo Trace, another curious land mark, may be seen along the river bank.

Riverside Park, below Leestown.

Returning to the city the Society will visit the new and beautiful Cove Spring Park, just opened to the public. Cove Spring afforded Frankfort the first water-works in Kentucky, or the West, in 1804. And the park is furnished with water from this historic spring now. The park is delightfully situated, in a woodland of beautiful trees at the foot of one of the mountainous cliffs on the west of the city, and is an enchanting spot.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

At the regular meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society, held at their rooms on February 11, 1898, Vice-President John A. Steele, called the meeting to order and presided.

The officers elected at the reorganization of the Society on the 7th day of June, 1897, were re-elected for one year.

The report of the Executive Committee was received and adopted.

The Society then adjourned to meet June 7, 1898.

JENNIE C. MORTON.

Secretary Kentucky Historical Society.

Boone's Birthday Honored.

The one hundred and sixty-eight anniversary of the birth of Daniel Boone was celebrated in a fitting manner today by the Kentucky Historical Society in its rooms in the State Capitol building. The occasion was also the second anniversary of the society since its reorganization. The orator of the day was Hon. John Andrew Steele, of Woodford county. Among the papers read was one written by Dr. J. N. Bryan, of Ottawa, Kan., a lineal descendant of the Kentucky pioneer.

The annual election of officers was also held during the meeting. All of the old officers were re-elected, viz.: Gov. W. O. Bradley, President ex-officio; John Andrew Steele, of Woodford, First Vice-President, and Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, Secretary and Registrar. The second vice-presidents were re-elected with the exception of the late Col. Grant Green whose son was named to fill the vacancy caused by his death.

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

June 7, 1898.

By the secretary of the Kentucky Historical Society, Mrs. Jennie C. Morton:

Received—Newspapers, Books, etc.

The Farmers Home Journal.

The Kentucky Journal.

The Western Argus, Frankfort.

The Kentucky New Era.

The Frankfort Ledger.
 The Constitutionalist.
 The Frankfort Roundabout.
 Books and Circulars.

Magazine of the Sons of the American Revolution, from the Smithsonian Institute. 3 volumes, 25 to 27, Michigan pioneer and historical collections. New England deeds, Miles Standish, etc. The History of Barrington. R. I. Thomas by Williams Bicknell. Vol. 36 proceedings of the American Philosophical Society. The Seventieth Birthday of the Atheneum. London, Chancery Lane, E. C. Smithsonian Report for 1895. Filson Club Publications No. 13. First Explorations of Kentucky, by J. Stoddard Johnston. The Cliff Dwellers of Mera Verde, printed at Stockholm, Germany. Leipzig, 1893. By Karl W. Hiersemaun. 2 Vols. of Smithsonian Report of the American Historical Association. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, April 1898. A Relic of the Huguenot Settlers in Virginia. A. S. Clark, Publisher, New York City.

Circular—Francis Edwards, Bookseller, 83 High street, Marylebone, London, W. Fairbairn's Book of Crests, etc., Foy, Davies, London, Henry Gray, Leicester Square. W. O. County Borough of Cardiff Library Edition. Full of all matter pertaining to life in Wales. Topographical Section of the Gentleman's Magazine, Leicester Square, London. Lancaster Parish Register Society, London, England. The Reliquary and Illustrated Archeologist, London, 23 Old Bailey. Reform Club Sound Currency Committee. Numbers from December 1, 1896 to March 15, 1898. New York City.

For the Kentucky Historical Society:

The request of the Secretary of the Kentucky Historical Society for objects, whether of wood or iron or stone, the tools of the Virginia and Kentucky pioneers, in felling the forest, in the building of the log houses, and for cooking before the great open fire places, in oven, skillet or on broiling irons, is being favorably considered. It will be seen that some have already sent in specimens of these cast-away arts and crafts of pioneer homemaking in Kentucky. We have a large spinning wheel and a small one. A carpenter's hatchet, an axe and scythe. As these things are being collected by

historical societies, that know their historical value, as illustrative of our beginning, we hope we may soon have an intelligent collection of these curiosities for the Kentucky Historical Society, as well as bookcases filled with rare volumes and newspapers.

JENNIE C. MORTON.
 Secretary and Treasurer Kentucky Historical Society.

Donations and Loans.

A copy of the ninth edition of the "Universal Spelling Book," issued in 1707 in London, England. The preface opens thus: "To every impartial reader, but more particularly such as have the care of Protestant schools in Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty's Plantations Abroad."

This valuable souvenir is loaned to the Kentucky Historical Society by Mrs. Reid, subject to the recall of the present Secretary.

An old hatchet found on the Elk-horn hills, with a history, presented by Mr. Gorham to Mrs. Morton, a donation. An iron spit, a donation, in use in Colonial times for roasting fowls. It was hung on the crane, in front of the old fashioned wood fires, the meat or fowl, was caught tightly and turned slowly as it roasted, the cook basting it as it turned, from the pan of seasoned butter, set on the coals beneath it.

A tin foot stove. This quaint little article, indispensable to comfort in the old fashioned carriage when starting for a long ride on a winter's day.

Loaned, Subject to Recall.

A rare colonial tea cup, the property of Mrs. Martha Reid, of Frankfort. This quaint bit of Liverpool china belonged to a tea set brought from Virginia to Kentucky by James McBride, when he emigrated here in 1775, and settled at Harrodsburg station with his family, see Collins, vol. 2, page 120. His name is on the State monument in the cemetery as among the slain at Blue Licks, though killed some days afterwards. Mrs. McBride, his widow, entertained the first Presbyterian minister in Kentucky. Father Rice, as he was known among the earliest pioneers, Daniel Boone and other distinguished pioneer explorers were

served at her table from the tea cups she had brought to her forest home on pack mules from Virginia. This tea cup is the sole remaining one of that tea set. It was handed down as a legacy to Mrs. Martha Reid, from her great grandmother, Mrs. McBride.

Old fashioned milk piffin, used at Spring Garden, Woodford county, Ky., fifty years ago.

Governor Bradley's request in February for the loan for a while of the portraits of Governors Letcher, Metcalfe, Scott, Powell and Blackburn, to hang in the Governor's office, was granted by the society. They were accordingly taken from the Historical room and hung there, subject to the recall of the Society.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society will be held in their rooms at the Capitol, Wednesday, June 7th, at 11 o'clock a. m. A fine program is being prepared for this event that will be published later on. There will be literary and historical papers by Isaac T. Woodson, Louisville, Ky., and Green R. Keller, editor of the Carlisle Mercury. Both these gentlemen are charter members of the Society. Capt. Ed. Porter Thompson will have a historical paper also. Louis Harris, our famous violinist, has promised music for this occasion; Mr. S. C. Bull, choir leader in the First Presbyterian Church, will lead the singing of patriotic songs.

After the close of the program, the "Colonial Daughters" will entertain with refreshments served from china, cut glass, and silver, more than a hundred years old. The table will be spread with a fine linen table cloth, the flax for which was grown, spun, and woven on a farm in Scott county, in 1828. It was contributed to the Kentucky Historical Society by Mrs. A. G. Fleming, of Midway, Ky., the mother of Judge W. B. Fleming, of Louisville, Ky.

REPORT FROM THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

February 11, 1899.

Newspapers—Farmers Home Journal; Frankfort Roundabout; Western Argus; Kentucky New Era; Eminence Constitutionalist; The Columbian, Boston, Mass.; The Kentucky Journal.

Letters—Librarian of Concord, N. H.; Librarian, Amesbury, Mass.; H. Welter, Paris, France; H. Welter, Leipsic; J. M. Potter, Salem, Mass.; Dr. J. D. Bryan, Ottawa, Kansas; Joseph Burnett & Co., Boston Mass.; Alexander Brown, Historian, Norwood, Va.; Wise & Wise, Richmond, Va.; The Newport Mercury, R. I.; Circular, the True History of the Missouri Compromise and Its Repeal, by Mrs. Archibald Dixon; A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.

List No. 4 of valuable books—McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.; New England Genealogical and Historical Magazine, Boston, Mass.; Antiquities and Oddities, Davis Brothers, Diamond, Ohio; Sound Currency Magazine, New York City; Letter from the Publisher's Weekly, 59 Duane street, New York City; The Attack on the Spanish Gun Boats at Cardenas, by commanding officer of the Wilmington, Chapman C. Todd.

Donations—"The American Republic," a newspaper published in Frankfort, Ky., 1811, H. Marshall, editor, by N. B. Risk, Midway, Ky.; Steel Engraving of Col. R. T. Durrett, Louisville, Ky.; Putnam's Historical Magazine, Salem, Mass.; Book Catalogues, Bath, England; list of books from McClurg, Chicago, Ill.; Bargains in Books, Milwaukee, Wis.; History of Brule's Discoveries and Explorations, from 1610-1626, Cleveland, Ohio; Marguerite Bouvet's Books, with picture of the author, A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Forty Years a Fur Trader on the Upper Missouri, A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.; The Menu Card of the Kentucky Society's Banquet at St. Louis, Mo., with best wishes of W. C. Jones, St. Louis, Mo.

A very beautiful arranged panel, with flag decorations, entitled: "Frankfort's sons in the U. S. Navy, and her sons-in-law." The names and

location of the officers and sailors are handsomely written on both sides of the panel, with compliments of and contributed by Dr. Wm. H. Averill, Frankfort, Ky.

One of the oldest clocks in Kentucky, works all wooden, and very handsome, contributed by Messrs. Selbert and Keller.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

The Kentucky Historical Society met in annual convocation on Wednesday last. The following program was carried out:

Meeting called to order by the President, Gov. W. O. Bradley.

Prayer—Rev. Dr. J. McClusky Blayney.

Address of Gov. Bradley.

"America"—Mr. S. C. Bull and the audience.

Report of the Secretary.

"Kentucky"—Isaac T. Woodson, Louisville.

Music—Annie Laurie.

Address of Prof. Rhoads.

Music—Dixie—By the band.

"Nameless"—By Henry T. Stanton—Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

Music—"Auld Lang Syne."

Criticism by Thos. B. Ford—Written during the exercises.

By permission we give elsewhere the poem of Hon. Isaac T. Woodson.

The report of the Secretary is as follows:

Frankfort, Ky., June 7, 1899.

To the Kentucky Historical Society, at its second annual meeting since its re-organization in 1896, I submit the following report of newspapers, books, magazines, circulars and donations since February 11, 1899.

MRS. JENNIE C. MORTON,

Secretary Kentucky Historical Society.

Newspapers and Magazines—Frankfort Roundabout; Western Argus; Western Kentucky New Era; Farmers Home Journal; Kentucky Journal;

The Constitutionalist; The Winchester Sun; Bowling Green News.

Donations—Portrait of Robert Montfort Lucky, Kentucky Poet, presented by J. F. Barbour, Williamstown, Ky.

An old match safe, Selbert & Keller, Frankfort, Ky.

A needle case of mahogany, more than a 100 years old, used by Mrs. John Clay Brooke, of Virginia (nee Sallie Overton, sister of Waller Overton, one of the early settlers of Kentucky), and an Indian arrow head. A rock from the Natural Bridge, Va., contributed by Miss Eliza Overton, Frankfort, Ky.

A small hair trunk, for jewels, brought to Virginia before the Revolution, loaned by Miss Sally Jackson.

A number of curious specimens, shells, ossified walnuts, quartz from lead, silver and gold mines in Kentucky, contributed by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

History of the Battle Monument at West Point, N. Y. Annual report of the Smithsonian Institution 1896. Second annual report of the Smithsonian Institution 1896. U. S. National Museum, Washington City. Report of the Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. Catalogue of rare portraits, autographs, letters, &c., Paris, France. Natural Science, a monthly review of scientific progress. Edinburgh and London. American Historical Association, Book, New York. The Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist, Bemrose & Sons, Old Bailey, London. E. C. Bow, Chelsea and Derby porcelain, William Bemrose, London Derby. Comfort, Augusta, Me. Book list, Honolulu, Hawaii. Old Churches, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1897. Annual report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, 1898. Steel engraving, Lucius B. Marsh; President Marsh, Family Association, Salem, Mass.

At the conclusion of the exercises, which marked one of the most successful meetings of the Society, and which was more largely attended than any heretofore held, the ladies of the "Colonial Society" entertained a large number of invited guests with suitable refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

REPORT FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

October 6, 1899.

Donations.

Forty dollars, Confederate money—Mrs. Ed. L. Samuels.

Two dolls, 150 years old each—Mrs. Winston, of Winston College.

Wool Rolls for big wheel—W. T. Reading, Merchant.

Contributions of Mrs. Laura Pugh Torrence, Montreal, Canada—A Roman Lamp, such as used in lighting tourists through the Catacombs of Rome.

A box of rare wood—from old Vienna.

Bronze medallion of Henry Clay.

Bronze medallion, medal presented to General Zachary Taylor by the State of Louisiana after the close of the Mexican War.

A Sevres tea plate, from Chateau de F. Bleu, Paris.

A Spoad tea plate, of earliest design in decoration.

A land grant from George III to James Taylor, in Upper Canada, in the year 1802, with the wax seal of Great Britain appended to it.

A button from the military coat of George Rogers Clark taken from the casket when he was re-interred at Cave Hill, Ky., 1869.

A belt, worn by Wilkinson Hensley during the Mexican War.

Pieces of the wall of the Forum, Pompeii.

Confederate Relics.

Spur of a distinguished Confederate officer.

An old portfolio, captured in Florida.

A manacle, worn by one of the prisoners shot by the brutal Burbridge's order, at the intersection of Shelby and Todd streets, in 1864.

A lead pencil sent from one of the four prisoners, shot at the same time and place.

A drinking cup, made of a cocoanut shell, with seal carved upon it, by a Confederate prisoner of South Carolina.

Elegant brass buckle, embossed C. S. upon the center.

Circular, of Prehistoric remains of Kentucky and Inquiries—Warren K. Moorehead, New York.

Annual Report of American Historical Association, Washington, D. C. Catalogue—Alfred Wilson, London. E. C. England.

Ribbon for little wheel—Mrs. Kate Welch, Frankfort.

Catalogue of valuable books—Brough & Sons, Birmingham, England.

A singular ear of corn, from the farm of Mrs. Gen. Joseph H. Lewis, in Scott County, Ky.

Again we request the people of Kentucky who have relics, manuscripts, papers, or whatever pertains to the history of the State, to send them to the Historical Rooms. Homes were not intended for museums. Whatever people have that can be turned to the advantage of their State Historical Society and rooms should be contributed generously to these.

Mrs. Arabella Spalding, the quaint little weaver, sets the richest and the wisest Kentuckians an example by her generosity.

As she sat at her loom (that is now one hundred and sixty-five years old), weaving away in her little booth, during the recent street fair, a member of the Historical Society watched her dexterity for some time, and then asked her "what was her price for that loom. She would like to secure it for the Historical Society." "You may have it," she replied quickly and kindly. "If you would care for such an old thing in such a fine place I will give it to you. I have another."

Then and there the lady member accepted the antique loom, with its quaint history, and as soon as room can be made for it, it will take its place among the famous relics of the Historical Rooms. It is said Mrs. Spalding has woven ten thousand yards of rag carpeting on it. It was brought to Kentucky from Virginia in 1795.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Historical Society met at their rooms in the executive building on June 7. A great many members of the society were present from all parts of the State. The following is the report of the secretary, February 7, 1900:

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, ETC.

The Hesperian, St. Louis, Magazine. The Frankfort Roundabout.

The Western Argus, Frankfort.
 The Western New Era, Hopkinsville,
 Ky.
 The Kentucky Journal, Newport, Ky.
 The Bowling Green News.
 The Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky.
 The Farmers Home Journal, Louis-
 ville.

The Havana Herald, Cuba.
 The Essex Antiquarian, Salem, Mass.
 Catalogue, Francis Edwards, Book-
 sellers, 83 High Street, Marylebone,
 London.

Smithsonian Institutions Report,
 Washington City.

Catalogue of Yale University, 1899-
 1900, New Haven, Conn.

The Hesperian, St. Louis, Mo.
 Sound Currency, New York City.
 The Bird Stone Ceremonial, by War-
 ren King Moorehead Saranac Lake,
 New York.

New England Genealogical and His-
 torical Magazine, Boston, Mass.

The Hague Periodicals, Holland.
 Farming and Gardening, India-
 napolis, Ind.

DONATIONS.

Deer Hunter's Shot Gourd, 100 years
 old, W. F. Rankin, Owenton, Ky.

Picture of Gov. Madison, St. Louis,
 Mo.

Picture of Gov. John J. Crittenden,
 Morton Joyes, Louisville, Ky.

REPORT JUNE 7, 1900.

Newspapers:

Western Argus.
 Frankfort Roundabout.
 Farmers' Home Journal.
 Kentucky New Era.
 Kentucky Journal.
 The Constitutionalist.

Books:

Sound Currency, pictures in crude
 oil, contributed by Roe Weisinger,
 Franklin, Pa.

New England Genealogical and His-
 torical Magazine, Boston, Mass.

Historical Magazine, West Virginia.
 Bureau of Roll and Library, Wash-
 ington City.

Bulletin, Lucien Carr, Boston, Mass.
 The California Register, San Fran-
 cisco.

Sound Currency, New York City.

Catalogue of works on voyages and
 travels, London, England.

Catalogue of second-hand books, A.
 S. Clark, New York City.

Catalogue of Yale College, Princeton,
 N. J.

NOTE.

The portraits loaned to the execu-
 tive office during ex-Governor Brad-
 ley's administration of Governors
 Letcher, Metcalfe, Powell, Blackburn,
 and engraving of Gov. Charles S. Scott
 have been returned to the Historical
 Rooms. Also has been received the
 photo-engravings of Governors Mad-
 ison and Crittenden.

The Kentucky Historical Society met
 in its rooms at the Capitol June 7th at
 11 o'clock. The report of the secre-
 tary and treasurer was read and ap-
 proved. As the rooms are being re-
 painted and re-carpeted, with other
 repairs needed in them, and it was not
 known until the night before that they
 could be made ready for the meeting,
 the invitation was not given for a large
 assemblage of the members who usual-
 ly hold their annual meeting on this
 day—7th of June. There were a num-
 ber of visitors present from various
 parts of the State. The secretary, Mrs.
 Jennie C. Morton, will be at the rooms
 hereafter every Wednesday as before,
 and visitors are invited to come on that
 day.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

October 10, 1901.

The executive committee of this so-
 ciety met in their rooms at the Execu-
 tive Building of the Capital on Mon-
 day morning at 11 o'clock. The 6th
 coming this year on Sunday, the meet-
 ing was held on Monday. There was a
 full attendance at this business meet-
 ing of the society. It was called to
 order by the chairman and the follow-
 ing report of the secretary and treasur-
 er was read and approved:

Report of the Kentucky Historical
 Society by the secretary, Mrs. Jennie C.
 Morton:

Newspapers, magazines, etc.:
 The Western Argus.

The Kentucky New Era.
 The Farmers Home Journal.
 The Western World.
 The Constitutionalist.
 The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.
 Glenn Springs, booklet, Ky.
 Drennon Springs, booklet, Ky.
 Report from the Smithsonian Institution, Washington City.

Report of the president of Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

The West Virginia Historical Magazine, Charleston, W. Va.

The Spanish Archives, San Francisco.

Contributions:

American Genealogist, Miss S. Wallace Smith.

Weekly Union, 1849.

Campaign Yeoman, 1849.

The Western Argus, October 6, 1886.

Woodford Weekly, 1870.

The Athens (Ala.) Post, 1870.

Kentucky Military Institute, magazine, near Frankfort, Ky., 1859.

By Mrs. John E. Miles: The Frankfort Directory, Berry & Payne, 1886.

Early Schools of Kentucky, by Ida Roberts, Grade C, of the Frankfort public school, illustrated by Alice Graves, Grade C. This illustrated article in composition is so good that it now hangs in the large glass case of the Historical Room where it may be seen and read with ease by any one. It is a very creditable piece of work in writing, historical accuracy and illustration for two little girls.

Pike, captured from John Brown at the insurrection of Harper's Ferry, October 16, 1859.

Flag from the battle field of Buena Vista, used in the Mexican War, 1845-47, framed.

Flag of the War of 1812-1815, framed. Courier-Journal, Louisville Times, Post, and Louisville Commercial of the week of the Knights Templar Conclave in the city of Louisville, August 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

A bill, \$25, Bank of Kentucky, December 20, 1837, contributed by John Taylor Green.

Courier-Journals, containing the epitomized history of the assassination of President McKinley, his death on the morning of the 14th of September, the arrangements for his funeral and burial, also the ceremony of the induction into office of his distinguished successor, Vice-President Roosevelt, his oath and proclamation to the people as their president, the illustrations of various scenes at Buffalo at the time of the assassination and during the week of the lamented President's illness and death.

In this third report yearly of the work being done by the Kentucky Historical Society we call attention again to the great and growing necessity for a magazine in which can be shown the practical uses of our society to the State. In a magazine we can better take up subjects of historical interest to Kentuckians and illustrate by picture and maps those people and things of special regard to us. The educational features of the Historical Rooms are many, and we have as a society, striven to enlist the interest and patronage of teachers and scholars in our work. It is here they will see the portraits of our honored governors, famous statesmen, poets and historians, and pictures of landmarks and scenery dear to Kentuckians. These things that have been secured by the most vigilant attention to the wants of such an Historical Society should not go without reward in public sentiment and appreciation. With more encouragement of this kind we are sure Kentucky, through her next Legislature, will recognize her own Historical Society and place it, by a generous appropriation, upon a wider basis of intelligent influence.

The meeting of the Historical Society on Friday last was the largest that has ever been held. There was scarcely standing room left in the large rooms. The address of Judge Hobson on "Pioneer Days in Kentucky" was heartily enjoyed, and Hon. Gus Coulter's remarks on "legislation" were unusually interesting, and the singing of the children was highly complimented by those in attendance. Below will be found the report of the secretary:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

June 7, 1901.

To the President and Members of the Kentucky Historical Society:

Your secretary begs leave to submit the following suggestions and report:

Report from the Kentucky Historical Society, by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, June 7th, 1901:

Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, etc.

Newspapers—The Western Argus, The Constitutionalist, Kentucky New Era, Kentucky (Newport) Journal, The Essex Antiquarian, Salem, Mass.; Climat, Torbino, Russia.

Books, new and old—Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.; Harding's Catalogue of old and modern books, London, England; Nord Amerika, Carl W. Hiersemann, Leipzig, Germany; Franklin Head, stock of books, etc., Philadelphia; books for school library, Syracuse, N. Y.; a dictionary of educational biography, by C. H. Bardeen, publisher; book catalogue, Bloomsbury, London; Dernieres Acquisitions, Whelstart, 18, the Hague, Holland; New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Boston, Mass.; Monthly list, Gibbings & Company, 18 Burg street, London, W. C.; Constitution and By-laws of the New York State Historical Association, with proceedings of the second annual meeting, Broadway, New York City; the Washington Historian Magazine of the State Historical Society, Tacoma, Washington; American Historical Association, two volumes, Washington, D. C.; a memorial of George Brown Goode, etc., Smithsonian, Washington, D. C.

This magnificent volume contains engravings of the most distinguished scientists of America and Europe, with brilliant sketches of the works of these great men.

Allied families of Delaware, Stretchcr, Fenwick, Davis, Draper, Kipshaven, Stidham, By Sellers, Philadelphia, Pa.

Report for 1899, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Synopsis—Atens History of the 85th Illinois Infantry, Hiawatha, Kansas.

The West Virginia Historical Magazine, Charlotte, W. Va.

Pictures—Some beautiful pictures in water colors.

Scenes in Kentucky.

Curios.

Water bottle of the desert.

Florida cocconut, presented by Mrs. John E. Miles.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

February 11, 1901.

Report from the Kentucky Historical Society by the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Jennie C. Morton:

Newspapers—The Western Argus, the Hopkinsville New Era, the Kentucky Journal, the Constitutionalist, the Farmers Home Journal.

An address at the dedication of the building of the State Historical Society at Madison, Wisconsin, October 19, 1900, by Chas Frances Adams.

This address is instructive and especially interesting to writers of current history. Wisconsin has done herself the honor of erecting a splendid building at a cost of two million dollars to preserve her historical records in and her precious relics, among them many valuable histories that could have belonged to Kentucky.

Map of the United States, Jas. Rogers and his descendants circular, Boston, Mass.

Brief history of the city of New York by Charles B. Todd, New York City.

Sir Thomas Brown, circular for memorial statue, F. R. Eaton, Upper King street, Norwich England.

Sound Currency, New York City.

Ancient Libraries, Paris, France.

New England Genealogical and Historic Magazine, Boston, Mass.

The Temptation of Friar Gonsol, a satire by Eugene Field, Washington, D. C.

Catalogue of rare books of Augustin Daly, Esq., Woodward and Lathrop, Washington, D. C.

News Ideas, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Washington Historian, Seattle, Wash.

Smithsonian Publication, Washington, D. C.

Catalogue of the history of, and notes on, Culpeper county, Va., embracing a revised and enlarged edition of Dr. Philip Slaughter's History of St. Mark's Parish, compiled and published by Raleigh Travers Green.

Sound Currency for 1901, Gage's

Fine Address, etc., Reform Club, New York City.

Catalogue of old books, Congdon & Britnell, Toronto, Canada.

Donations—A large photograph of the members and officers of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of 1900, contributed by Hon. Robert Swann.

The Report of the Geological Society of Missouri, by J. M. S. Logan, St. Joseph, Mo.

"Dear Old Kentucky," by Geo. McCalla Spears.

Book Catalogue, London, England.

About Sleepy Hollow Church at Tarrytown, N. Y.

The Yonkers Historical Association. New England Genealogical and Historical Register, Boston, Mass.

Commercial Advertiser, Honolulu, Hawaii.

This newspaper contains the history of the "Flags Changed" in Honolulu, with illustrations of the pathetic event to the Hawaiians, and pictures of the president, Dole, and the deposed king, etc., contributed by Mrs. Alex Duvall, Bowling Green, Ky.

Bulletin of H. Williams, New York City.

Contributions from Mr. L. C. Lane, Sombroero, from Mexico.

Machete, from Spain.

Indian bow and thirty arrows.

Elegant sword of a major in the Civil War.

Sabre used in the Civil War.

Roman Battle Axe.

Soldier's Belt made of buckskin.

New members—Judge and Mrs. J. P. Hobson, Hon. South Trimble. Hon. Gus Coulter, Auditor, Capt. Ed. Porter Thompson, Mrs. Alex. Duvall, Bowling Green, Ky.

The thanks of the society are tendered the editor of the Western Argus for his generous services to it, and his uniform kindness in giving its reports and notices in the Argus.

There is in the souvenir case of the State Historical Society a pewter spoon with the following item attached to it:

"This spoon was found in the center of a birch tree in Bath county, Ky., at the Black and Red Sulphur Springs on Salt Lick, in January, 1883, and there was 113 granulations from where the spoon was found to the bark. Presented by V. D. Young, Owingsville, Ky.

KENTUCKY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1902.

The executive committee met on February 11th. On account of the bitter cold weather, the general meeting was postponed. The business of the society was discussed by the members, the reports were read and approved, and the officers of the society were re-elected. The resignation of Hon. John A. Steele, as vice-president, on account of his late accident, which was accepted with deep regret and sympathy by the members. He has been a faithful and efficient member, and will be greatly missed from the circle. Mr. W. W. Longmoor was elected as second vice-president, General Hewitt as first vice-president to succeed Captain Steele.

No further business being before them, the society adjourned.

As the secretary and treasurer of the Kentucky (State) Historical Society, I have the honor to submit to you the following reports:

Newspapers—The Western Argus, the Farmers Home Journal, the Hopkinsville New Era, the Constitutionalist.

Magazines No.—Americano, part II., Bristol, Old England.

Pamphlet, Bliss & Co., New York City.

Book list, Paris, France. Life and services of Henry Clay. Address of Careton Hunt, January 12, 1901. On the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the monument of Henry Clay, Lafayette Square, New Orleans, La. Magazine, West Virginia Historical Society, Charleston, W. Va.

The Washington Historian, Tacoma, Wash. This beautiful magazine teems with interesting data concerning the early settlement of this part of the northwest coast of America.

Catalogue of books, Bristol, England. Valuable scrap books; clippings from newspapers during the Civil War, 1861-65, showing the Southern view of the "irrepressible conflict," the end of which was not reached, we fear, at the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, April, 1865. Contributed by Mrs. Dr. Willis Green.

Annual report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1900. With elegant card of announcement by the secretary.

S. P. Langley, Lilrairie Arnaud Colin, exposition catalogue, Paris, France.

Letters from nearly all the States in the Union, giving the amount of appropriations by Legislature annually, if any, to their historical societies. Four-fifths of the States have appropriations by the Legislature, where not rich in endowment funds.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January, 1902. Addresses: Sons of the Revolution, Kansas City Chapter, October 19, 1901, Kansas City, Mo.

Address, Mississippi Historical Society to the Governor, Jackson, Miss.

Dawson v. Sons, List of English and Foreign Newspapers, etc., London, Cardiff, Exeter, Leicester and Plymouth, England.

Genealogy of Queen Victoria, London, Eng. West Virginia Historical Magazine, January, 1902. Charleston, W. Va. Postal card from the president, Augustawa College, offering to exchange with the Kentucky Historical Society for "An Old Indian Village," Rock Island, Ill.

Specimen page and picture of the National Historical Library of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland; catalogue, encyclopedia, London, England.

Photograph of curios found on Salt river, on Indian battle ground. Contributed by E. V. Carrico, Stithton, Ky.

MRS. JENNIE C. MORTON.

INTERESTING PROGRAM OF EXERCISES OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The meeting Saturday of the Kentucky State Historical Society will be an event of more than ordinary importance. Gov. Beckham will preside and the program will be as follows:

PROGRAM.

Prayer by Rev. J. McClusky Blayney.
Reports read by the secretary, Mrs. Jennie C. Morton.

Address by Hon. G. Allison Holland—"The Debt We Owe to Our Ancestors."

Talk on Historical Magazines by Vice-President W. W. Longmoor—Their Scope and Usefulness.

Reading by Miss Eliza Overton.

Unveiling of a new copy of Chester Harding's celebrated portrait of Daniel Boone, in whose honor the Kentucky Historical Society was founded in 1839-40.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR IN FRANKFORT IS REV. DR. SLYKE OF NEW YORK.

Rev. Dr. Van Slyke, of Kingston, New York, who is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Dr. C. C. Owens, is not only an eminent Presbyterian divine, but is pastor of a church which occupies an important place in history. The church of which he is pastor at Kingston is one in which George Washington often worshiped during the Revolution. The chair which was occupied by the Father of His Country is still kept with reverent pride and his autograph letter is framed and hangs in the vestibule of the church.

Dr. Van Slyke in the course of his address before the Kentucky Historical Society mentioned these interesting historical facts and supplemented his remarks by an eulogy of Daniel Boone.

HONOR FROM KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO THE STATE'S HARDY PIONEERS.

Interesting Program of Exercises and Addresses at Meeting Yesterday.

The Kentucky Historical Society yesterday held its semi-annual meeting which proved to be one of the most notable in the life of that organization. Gov. Beckham presided over the meeting of the society and in the audience assembled was represented the literary talent, culture and beauty of the State Capital.

Hon. G. Allison Holland, of Eminence, who was down for an address, was not present, but telegraphed that he was detained at New Castle in the trial of an important case. Dr. Van Slyke, of Kingston, New York, who is mentioned elsewhere, however, was present and delivered a most entertaining and instructive address in which he interwove a lot of valuable historical matter.

Mr. W. W. Longmoor, vice-president of the society, then followed with an address in which he pointed out in a striking manner the need of a historical magazine. His address was bright, snappy and instructive and was heartily applauded as was the address of Gov. Beckham, who spoke in his usual well-trained and graceful manner.

REPORT KY. HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Newspapers—The Western Argus, the Western Kentucky New Era, the Constitutionalist, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the Farmers' Home Journal.

Mr. Murray's list of forthcoming works. Leipzig, Germany, 1752-1829. A history of the town of Barrington, Rhode Island. A prospectus—Snow and Farnham, Providence, R. I.

Photograph of Ex-Gov. T. L. Crittenden, of Missouri, who was born and reared in Kentucky.

First report of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, Washington, D. C.—West Virginia Magazine, Charleston, W. Va.; 2 volumes American Historical Association, Washington, D. C.; Catalogue No. 5, Julius Kuhlman, Philadelphia, Pa.; catalogue, rare books, Americus, Ga.; Family Histories, London England; Americana and Colonialia, Henry Clay, Genealogist and Publisher, London, England; presentation of records, Emery Process, Taunton, Mass.; Amenianst Geographer and Ethnographer, Karl W. Hiersemann, Leipzig, Germany; a beautiful circular Drennon Springs Hotel, W. L. Crabb, proprietor; Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, April 2, 1902.

Donations—Old-fashioned lantern, drumstick used in the Civil War, contributed by Howard Ummerthom; a loan collection of splendid specimens of gem stones from Colorado and Mexico, and sea weed and beautiful shells from Florida, from Mrs. Loula B. Longmoor.

MRS. JENNIE C. MORTON.
Secretary.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1902.

Miss Eliza Overton read a chapter on the "Life on Daniel Boone" and the literary exercises were closed by the unveiling with appropriate ceremonies of Chester Harding's celebrated portrait of Boone. Refreshments were served after the exercises closed. Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, secretary and treasurer of the society, then read the semi-annual report which gives an account of the progress made by the society and of the valuable historical matter on hand.

The report closes as follows:

"We have now the good hope of better things for our society. We had hoped we could map out the good work resultant from a new aid that may be ours in the near future; yet the design will not spoil by keeping it to ourselves a little longer. But we must be worthy of the trust it will impose, and work on for success. "All things come to those who wait," it is said, yet we know nothing comes to us unless we pray and work, as well as wait for the crown of our hopes. A little while and we will begin to tell the world of our people, who made Kentucky famous as well as show them who will keep her precious legacy, bright and glorious as of ancient renown. Our gallery of picture has come to be "in the public eye" and descendants of our great Kentuckians and historians and writers are seeking copies of their portraits here and data from their records from every part of America and England. Hence the State will adopt our views of expansion, and lend its rich right hand to help us make and maintain for its benefit and renown. A Kentucky State Historical Magazine.

We must not lose sight of the dignity of our work. The State has need of it and while we may have deplored her silent unconcern, we make no apology for her, because to do so exposes her weakness and her want of that fostering care of her history in the past, which enobles and exalts a State and the manhood of a State. We are not here to tell the world what Kentucky is, but to show the world what she has been in the early days of hero-making and State-form-

ing. We have a glorious birthright to guard and the unlimited riches of history to prize. "A history," writes one historian, "that surpasses that of any other of the North America confederation, for none present so graphic a picture of the courage, energy, capacity of endurance and indomitable tenacity of purposes as its people have. The sternest truths in relation to the difficulties encountered by the bold hunters and hardy pioneers of Kentucky assume the wild charm and vivid coloring of the most startling romance."

"SOMETHING ABOUT STEAMBOATS IN
THE WEST AND ON THE KEN-
TUCKY RIVER."

Frankfort, Ky., January 16, 1902.

The request of a State official of Pennsylvania for this article, who is writing upon "Steamboat Navigation," induces its republication now. It was read in October, 1897, before the Society of Colonial Daughters by the registrar, also secretary and treasurer of the Kentucky Historical Society, Mrs. Jennie C. Morton. So frequent has been the demand for this data by different writers and steamboatmen that the papers have been exhausted that contained it at that time.—(Ed.)

We find in an old Virginia newspaper, March, 1830, a list of the steamboats on the Western waters at that time. There were 324 from the building of the first boat, and 213 were then navigating the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky and other rivers. Of this number of boats 86 were built at Cincinnati.

The first steamboat that crossed the Falls of the Ohio, September, 1816, was a two-decker, her boilers on deck, built at Wheeling, Va., owned by Captain Henry M. Shreve, of Louisville, and called "Washington."

The first steamboat built in Kentucky was the "Pike," built at Henderson, Ky., and the second was the "Kentucky," built at Frankfort. The first steamboat to navigate the Kentucky river was the sylph No. 1, Armstrong, master. She was owned by Samuels & Jamison. There were two brothers in the company, one of which was the

father of Mr. E. T. Samuels, Bank of Kentucky. This company afterward built the "Rambler."

In an early day the "Charleston" also plied the Kentucky river, and a few very old persons here are said to remember that she was aground a little below the mouth of Mero street, where she lay all one summer. This was years before the locks on the river were built.

A steamer was built at what is now called "Steamboat Hollow," a little below the old Steele farm on the Kentucky river. It was built entirely of locust timber, and was called "Locust Lexington." She was sold down South, and was seen at the wharf in New Orleans in 1830. This is the identical steamboat of which Mr. Fall writes in donating the chisel used in fastening its remarkable timbers together.

Also the old "Argo" was running the Kentucky river in 1830, about the same time the General Armstrong was an alternate. We find that Sylph No. 2 was on the Kentucky river about this year, with the Planet for an alternate.

In the year 1822 a side-wheel steamer was built at the mouth of "Steamboat Hollow" on this river nearly opposite the farm of the late Capt. Steele, and was called the "Plow Boy."

After the locks were built the "New Argo," Capt. John A. Holton, was the first boat to navigate to Kentucky river, and she was sunk in the lock pit about 1837. The "Ocean" took her place in the trade between Louisville and Frankfort. She came to the lock and her freight was delivered on flat boats at various landings about the city.

Collins (historian) says the steamboat trade began to decline on the Kentucky river about 1840, or thereabouts, and we find from the entries of steamboats on the Kentucky river, from that time to the present, the following named:

"The Planet."

"The Sea Gull."

"Little Ben Franklin."

"Oliver Anderson," Harry I. Todd, master.

"Tom Metcalf," John A. Holton, master.

"Bob Letcher," Harry I. Todd, master.

"Little Mail," Samuel Steele, master.

"Grey Eagle," Samuel Steele, master.
 "Blue Wing No. 1," Harry I. Todd, master, resigned and Captain Sanders, master.

"Blue Wing No. 3," Captain Sanders, master.

"Dove No. 1," Captain Sanders, master.

"Dove No. 2," Captain Sanders, master.

"The Wren," Captain Sanders, master.

"City of Frankfort."

"Lancaster."

"Hornet."

"Hibernia," Captain Pence.

"Fanny Freeze," Captain Pence.

"City of Clarksville," Captain Pence.

"Falls City," which carried the barge "Annie," who can forget it—

"Oh! summer nights,

On the crests of starry waves"—

When she floated like a fairy swan on the waters of the Kentucky, her spacious salons thronged with the pleasure-loving youth of the city, dancing to the music of bands and picnicking by moonlight around her white guards.

REPORT KENTUCKY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Frankfort, Ky., October 5, 1902.

Your secretary has the honor to submit the following report of the Kentucky State Historical Society since June 7, 1902:

Newspapers—

The Farmers Home Journal.

The Constitutionalist.

The Western Kentucky New Era.

The New Capitol.

Magazines—

New England Genealogical and Historic Register, Boston, Mass.

Philosophical Manual, Philadelphia, Pa.

Magazine of the West Virginia Historical Society, Charleston, W. Va.

Clarke's Catalogue, West End, London, England.

The Natchez Pictorial, Natchez, Miss.

Annual report of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. Among the many interesting things in this volume is the "Antiquity of the Ceramic Art in China." It will give pleasure to members of the Historical Society to know we have several speci-

mens of china in our cases of the rarest chinas of the world. One of Sevres china, one of the "red as wine" variety, and one of the most prized now among Chinese, a plate of the "deep blue, clear as the sky after rain." This history of pottery is one of deep interest to lovers of the historical value and date of china, as it has come to be known exclusively in the progress of the art which ante-dates correct historical data. However, from this report we learn China exported porcelain of a rare and most beautiful description into Europe in the tenth century, and its remote antiquity has been traced back by some authorities as early as 2698 B. C. (page 354, Smithsonian Report, 1900).

Legal catalogue of commercial and other works, Effingham Wilson, 11 Royal Exchange, London, England.

A large and interesting collection of captured weapons of Filipino and Moro warfare, sent as a loan to the Kentucky State Historical Society, by H. L. Fullen, formerly a volunteer soldier of the United States, serving in the Philippine Islands.

Our space for contribution is now so limited that we have only room for gifts to the society. The committee has decided until we have more cases in which such valuable curios may be stored and kept safely, they will in the future only solicit such gifts as pertain to Kentucky history and become the property of the society.

An Indian arrow from the Elkhorn Hills, contributed by W. L. Gorham.

Wedding dress, colonial style, of Mrs. Martha Major, married to S. I. M. Major, in 1821. She was a Miss Bohanan, of Virginia. This colonial wedding dress is Canton crepe, and now hangs in the Historical Rooms. Loaned by her daughter, Mrs. Kate Williams.

New England Genealogical and Historic Register, Boston, Mass.

History of the First Presbyterian Church, W. H. Averill, author, Frankfort, Ky.

Report read before the executive committee of the Kentucky State Historical Society and approved as was also the report of the treasurer, October, 4, 1902.

MRS. JENNIE C. MORTON,

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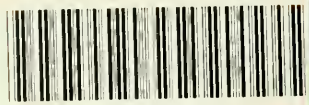
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