

in their last published Annual Report, gives a fairly complete summary of the work done by the various Societies in that year. The Ontario Historical Society is not mentioned. The American Historical Association covers the entire American continent in its field of labor, and at the Annual Meeting held in Buffalo in December last, Canada was represented on the programme by no less than nine of her best men. The late Goldwin Smith was President in 1903-1904. This shows that we have the men if we can once get them to work for our Society.

I shall not trouble you with many statistics, but would like to tell you a few facts gleaned from correspondence on the subject. The State Historical Society of Iowa receives an annual appropriation of \$16,000 from the State Government; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, \$4,000; Nebraska State Historical Society, \$2,500; New Jersey Historical Society, \$3,500; Historical Society of New Mexico, \$1,000; North Carolina Historical Society, \$5,000; State Historical Society of North Dakota, \$3,250; Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, \$19,600; State Historical Society of South Dakota, \$5,420; Texas State Historical Association, \$3,300; State Historical Association of Wisconsin, \$29,800; Rhode Island Historical Society, \$1,500; Kentucky State Historical Society, \$5,000. Some of the older institutions in the East receive no state aid because they have for years been receiving endowments and the income from these various funds is ample for the work. The homes of these Societies vary in form. A few have rooms in the State Houses, but most of them have buildings of their own. In no case did my investigations find a Society absolutely homeless. There are several notable buildings to which we might refer. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania has a building which cost about \$225,000, while the State Historical Society of Wisconsin has one which cost \$620,000. The building of the New York Historical Society cost \$1,000,000, and of the Buffalo Historical Society about \$225,000, while the building now being constructed for the Nebraska State Historical Society is to cost \$600,000 when completed. While in Buffalo I asked me where our Ontario Historical building was located. I replied that we hoped to build a new fire-proof building in the city of Toronto within a year as a memorial to the heroes of the War of 1812.