

less than a dozen who have stuck to the ship. I do not mean to belittle the work of those who have kept the organization together. They deserve the highest praise, but they have been handicapped by having nothing to offer to induce new members to join. Every teacher of history in Ontario should be an active member of this Society. When we get our building and have our collection so arranged that it may be consulted by our members then we shall be able to win new members with new enthusiasm.

Prof. Warren Upham, in an address delivered at Chicago in 1904, concluded his remarks with these words: "To mention finally what I deem the highest merit and crowning honor of the local Historical Societies, they are shown by their results—to be nobly useful by the discovery and development of historical workers, local antiquaries and the persons in every part of the several States who have been best qualified for historical research and reviving the past from forgetfulness." With our central organization having a moral obligation to further the interest of the local and county societies we are particularly bound to do what we can to encourage and train the younger generation in the study of Canadian history. You will pardon a local reference to illustrate this point. The Lennox and Addington Historical Society was formed five years ago last month, and not a week passes without inquiries being made about our work. We have discovered many who are not only willing but very anxious to do work in collecting material in different parts of the county and in most cases the offer to do this work has been unsolicited. A week seldom passes that does not record a donation. We also claim the credit of having been useful in discovering at least two historical writers. The Ontario Historical Society, properly equipped, could aid very materially in the work of the County Societies. Perhaps, when that time arrives, we shall be in a position to investigate that question which every boy or girl in Ontario has, at some time, asked or should ask the parent, "Why don't they teach us Canadian History in our Schools?"

The last argument which I shall use to urge our members to make this an active and successful campaign is the desirability of having our Society recognized by similar institutions throughout the world. Under the heading, "Activities of Historical Societies in 1908", the American Historical Association