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quaint old engravings, published in London, 1676; and then a beautiful specimen of early French typography, in a copy of the works of Gregory the Great, entitled *Gregoric Magni*, printed in Paris, 1521, and in the original hog-skin binding.

But the finest specimen of early printing, was a well preserved copy of a *Dictionarium Groecum*, printed in Venice, in 1497, being one of the celebrated Aldine edition, so highly prized by all bibliographers. This rare volume is in Gothic and Roman type, with written paginations, bound in stamped vellum, and the ancient clasps still attached. The bold and clear printing of this work will compare favorably with many of our modern books, although published within fifty years after the art of printing was discovered.

We were not until now aware that any of our literary friends in this State, had sufficient antiquarian taste to enrich their libraries with a collection of such rarities. ANON.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, Dec. 6, 1864.

The annual meeting of the Iowa State Historical Society, was held this evening at the Society's rooms, Vice President F. H. Lee in the Chair. Benj. Talbot was appointed Secretary pro tem. On motion of Rev. Mr. Howe, Mr. Brainerd was credited with one dollar, the annual fee, in consideration of his courtesy in publishing notices of the society's proceedings.

Dr. H. Murray, N. H. White, Chas. E. Borland, Rev. G. D. A. Hebbard, Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. Mr. Ashley and H. S. Welton, having been duly nominated, were elected members of the society.

On motion of W. A. Sale, a committee was appointed by the Chair, consisting of the following gentlemen, to propose officers for the ensuing year: W. A. Sale, G. H. Jerome, M. W. Davis, Rev. S. M. Osmond and Dr. H. Murray.

During the consultation of the above committee, Rev. Mr. Howe offered a resolution which was adopted, directing the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer to furnish the Recording Secretary with a complete list of members elected from time to time. The Recording Secretary having reported himself, the minutes of last meeting were called for, which were read and approved.

The committee, to whom was referred the nomination of officers, submitted the names of the following gentlemen, all of whom were elected:

For President, Hon. S. J. Kirkwood; Vice Presidents, F. H. Lee, N. H. Brainerd, Johnson county; Hon. J. F. Dillon, Scott county; Hon. Geo. G. Wright, Van Buren county; W. Duane Wilson, Polk county, and L. H. Langworthy, Dubuque county. For Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Prof. T. S. Parvin. For Recording Secretary, S. E. Paine. For Treasurer, J. P. Wood. For Board of Curators, J. R. Hartsock, Rev. S. M. Osmond, S. C. Trowbridge, G. H. Jerome, N. H. Brainerd, G. W. McCleary, Benj. Talbot, Prof. N. R. Leonard, Dr. J. T. Roberts, Dr. Wm. Vogt and W. A. Sales, Johnson county; Hon. J. B. Grinnell, Hon. Jas. Wilson, Hon. J. A. Kasson, Hon. W. B. Allison, Hon. Hiram Price and Hon. W. H. Hubbard. A

The Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was referred to the following committee for examination, with instructions to report on the same to the Board of Curators: G. H. Jerome, J. R. Hartsock and S. C. Trowbridge.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Howe, the Corresponding Secretary was called upon for his annual report. The Secretary, not having a written report prepared, made a verbal report of what had been done during the year, stating among other things, "that the former Librarian, Rev. Samuel Storrs Howe, had held during the year, and still forcibly holds, possession of

two of the Society's rooms, after being directed by the Curators to vacate the same." Rev. Mr. Howe spoke at some length on this part of Secretary's Report, when the following report was read :

To the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned committee, appointed by the Board to examine and report to the Board what portion of the building known as the "Mechanics' Academy" is under the control and subject to the use of said Society, having performed their duty, would respectfully report, that we have procured from the Secretary of the State University, a copy of all the proceedings and resolutions of the Board of Trustees of the State University, on the subject referred to them, which is herewith submitted, by which it will be seen that the Board of Trustees of the State University, which institution is lessee of said building from Robert Hutchinson, the owner thereof, have granted to the State Historical Society the use of all the rooms in said building, except the basement, reserved for the model school. Said Society is, therefore, entitled to *the entire use* of said building, except the basement. All of which is respectfully submitted.

[Signed.]

G. W. McCLEARY,
J. R. HARTSOCK.

To all of which Rev. Mr. Howe alone dissented, but the Society ordered the above report spread upon the books of the Society, as the sense of the meeting.

On motion of G. H. Jerome, the proceedings of the meeting were ordered to be published in the city papers.

The Corresponding Secretary was directed to send a copy of the paper to each of the newly elected board and officers.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Howe, was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns, it adjourn to such time during *commencement week* of the State University, as the Board of Curators may determine.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

J. W. MORRISON, Secretary.

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