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EARLY SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.—Immediately after the adjournment of the above meeting, the Old Settlers again came to order, for the purpose of organizing an Association.

On motion, P. A. Lorimier was called to the Chair, and Mr. C. Childs acted as Secretary.

On motion of Dr. Mason, it was resolved that measures be taken to form an Association of Early Settlers with a view to future meetings.

On motion of Gen. Jones, John King, Timothy Mason and H. L. Stout were appointed a committee to prepare by-laws for such an organization, and to call a meeting at such time and place as they may deem proper. Adjourned.

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“S. S. HOWE, AGENT FOR WM. CRUM, TREASURER OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY.”

The Board of Trustees of the State University, having learned from an elaborately prepared biographical notice of this distinguished individual, from the pen of the editor of the Republican, that there was an ardent wish that the former gentleman might be relieved of his self-imposed duties, and “form such new relations as that he might have business to attend to at home, and thereby be induced to let others alone,” and wishing to afford him ample time to accomplish this laudable undertaking, “a consummation devoutly to be wished,” and to look after the new responsibilities likely to demand his “fatherly” care, REPEALED the following resolution heretofore passed, that *hereafter* no doubt might exist to perplex the gentleman or his friends as to where the comma should be placed ;

“Resolved, That except where otherwise specially provided [originally] hereafter [Howe] the general supervision of the property, buildings and grounds of the State University is

hereby entrusted to the Treasurer of the Board, to act with the advice and consent of the President of the Faculty."

The rescinding of this resolution would not only relieve the "Rev. S. S. Howe" from "the general oversight of all the premises, grounds, trees, fences, buildings, rooms and appertenances," [including the little urchins of the Model School, their balls, tops, swings, &c,] but also free him from the weighty care and responsibility of his guardianship "of the copperhead faction, the University Faculty Clique, and the stray Republicans combined with them," to protect the Historical Society from his usurpations of authority and the unlawful occupancy of its rooms.

The Board further resolved to abate the nuisance to which the officers and pupils of the "Model School" have been subjected, by taking legal steps to eject from its premises this arch intruder and meddler. They also afforded the Historical Society *immediate* relief in response to its memorial, as may be seen from the following "deliverance:"

"Resolved, That the State Historical Society, hereafter and until otherwise provided for, have the privilege of using the Library room and Cabinet of the University for their purposes as a Society."

Hereafter persons desiring to visit the Society may call at the University building, upon Prof. Chas. E. Borland, Librarian, who will be happy to show them its Library, Cabinet, Collections and Battle Relics, except of the last battle, which, for its historical associations, is left for the present at the Howard Rooms in the "Academy."

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