The Pioneer Lawmakers
An innovation is introduced with this number of the Annals. We have long felt that the objects, purposes, and achievements of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association were closely related to those of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department. For several years its biennial meetings have been held in our Portrait Gallery. There, surrounded by the walls on which are shown the pictured features of some of Iowa’s most eminent and historic characters, it has seemed most appropriate for the members to carry on their proceedings. They have had in their membership in the past many of the men most eminent in Iowa legislation and affairs. They have now among their membership men whose attendance on the meetings lend inspiration to any gathering, and whose contributions on the programs are real historic papers. So it seemed appropriate that not only their meetings should be held in the Historical, Memorial and Art Building, but that, if it met with their approval, the Annals be made the medium of publication of an epitome of their proceedings, and of the more formal papers and addresses. As will be seen in the proceedings published herein, the suggestion was presented to them and was gladly accepted.

DATES OF INSTALLATION OF KIRKWOOD AND HARLAN STATUES IN NATIONAL CAPITOL

The Curator of this department received an inquiry some months ago asking for the date of the placement of the statue of Governor Kirkwood in Statuary Hall of the Capitol at Washington, with the statement that the information did not seem to be obtainable at the national capital. On search of the many refer-