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Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR 1894.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Institute :

In presenting my annual report for the year 1893, I wish to congratulate you on the programme presented to you for this meeting. In which will be found fourteen papers all of which are prepared on interesting subjects for your discussion. I am also grateful in being able to report that notwithstanding the financial stringency which has paralyzed every enterprise and industry throughout the nation, the Institute has not succumbed in the general wreck, but on the contrary it has met its obligations promptly and is still free from debt; further than this we have no obligations maturing that cannot be paid on sight.

At the winter meeting held on January 21st, 1892, you passed a resolution authorizing the placing of the forthcoming Journal on sale in the various mining centers throughout the state. This was done in the hope of eliciting a more general interest among the mine workers in our preceeding at the same time to create a market for the Journals. In compliance with that resolution at an expense of \$178.00 1,000 copies of Journal No. 20 were published; of this number, 650 copies were sent to twenty-one members of the institute located in various portions of the state; of these, President Howells sold 66 in the Massillon district; Mr. Roger Ashton of Bridgeport sold 25; Mr. Smirthwaite of Steubenville, 10; Mr. W. H. Upson, of Shawnee, 2 and Mr. James H. Burt of Akron sold one, making the total number sold 104 for which the treasury received \$25.80 and 546 copies now remain in the hands of the consignors unsold. The expense of this publication for which we received no return seriously embarrassed the institute for a time and retarded the issuing of the Journal for the year of 1892 until the close of the present year. The surplus numbers of the two former issues were sold at their net cost to persons who were advertisers in the Journal, thus leaving the institute but two or three hundred for which to pay. This plan furnished the members with the Journal without seriously embarrassing the then depleted treasury. It is by this means that the debt upon the institute was removed when I assumed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer, but this plan cannot be relied upon as permanent and

the latter is too great an expense for the institute to continue as an experiment so that the problem of distributing the Journal to do the greatest good to the greatest number is still unsolved.

During the year just closed 44 members paid dues; five paid arrearages of one and two years; seven paid initiation fees and one paid two years in advance. There was received from all sources \$123.25 and there was paid for the services of a stenographer \$35.00; for printing programme, \$6.50; for the expense of the summer meeting, \$8.44 and for sundries \$2.25, making a total of \$52.19, leaving with the balance on hand at the beginning of the year \$141.05.

The limited number who paid their dues during the year is mainly attributable to the Secretary being engaged in connection with the World's Fair and neglected to send out the notices at the beginning of the year as has been the custom during former years. This neglect has been serious as when the call for dues was made the stringency in money matters was at its greatest strain and as a consequence the dues came in slowly.

In reviewing the record books of the institute for some years back, it has been found that there are 64 names on the roll who are in arrears in dues amounting in the aggregate to \$310.00. Of this number, 31 or 50 per cent. were for one year only; nine for two years; six for three years and eighteen for a greater length of time. Of this amount, \$98.00 is regarded as perfectly good; \$77.00 as doubtful and \$135.00 as worthless. This estimate which is based only upon the judgement of the President and Secretary may be too low and a much larger sum may be realized. As no doubt many of the members have allowed their dues to accumulate through carelessness or have deferred their remittance until some more convenient time; perhaps until they would be present at the meeting and that they have no desire to sever their membership with the institute.

Notwithstanding the adverse remittance of dues, with the funds on hand, the amount due from advertisements in Journals No. 21 and the dues which have been estimated as perfectly good. The institute is fully prepared to pay for the Journal for 1892, (No. 21) just issued, as also for the number for 1893 that is now ready to be compiled for the printer, meet the expenses of the meeting and have money left.

During the year just closed the hand of death has invaded our ranks and removed from our roll two active and one honorary member. Mr. John Nicholson of Brilliant, Jefferson County, who was elected a member on July 15th, 1886, died at his home on..... Col. Thomas Corcoran of Corning, O., one of our oldest members was elected on May 9th, 1883, died of

bright's disease at his home on November 11th, 1893. In the death of Col. Corcoran, the institute loses a valuable member and one who had always taken an active interest in our work.

Mr. Chancey H. Andrews was elected an honorary member on May 10th, 1883. He died at his home at Youngstown, on December 25th, To Mr. Andrew's open hearted and liberal financial assistance much of the early success of the institute is due. It would be but proper for the institute to take suitable action in recognition of the severe losses it has sustained in the demise of these members.

The roll of the institute now contains three honorary and 115 active members. Four having resigned during the year and a number of petitions await your official approval.

In view of the adverse surroundings and the general disaster that has befallen the commercial and industrial interest of the country during the year, I feel that we have just cause for congratulations on our prosperous condition.

In conclusion I desire to thank the officers and members for their generous aid during the year also for making this meeting the greatest success of which it now gives promise.

R. M. HASELTINE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE CHAIR: Ladies and gentlemen. The central city of the United States, as determined by its longitude, is the City of San Francisco. Far to the west of that thriving metropolis lies the great and almost unknown land of Alaska. Within the last few years or the last year or two, we have all heard a great deal about it. If it was not seal, it was boundary and if it was not boundary it was real, and I, for one, had the impression that somehow, when we got Alaska from Russia, we had got a very difficult thing to hold onto and were like the Irishman that caught the Tartar and was told to bring him along and he said he couldn't, and they told him to let him go and he said he couldn't, and I thought that was the way we were fixed with regard to Alaska. I have the pleasure of introducing to you this evening a gentleman who has recently been up through that country and has carried the indispensable attendant of modern life, a camera, and he will tell you something of Alaska and its boundary and how they found the boundary and how they are going to hold

onto it and bring it along. I have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Lord, of the State University. (Applause.)

At this point Prof. Lord delivered a lecture on Alaska, illustrated by stereoptican views. (For that reason it could not be published in the Journal.) Editor.

THE CHAIR: The next paper of the evening is on the subject "An Account of What I Saw in the Connellsville Region" by Captain Morris, our distinguished vice-president.