

city board of education for a number of years, by the employment of our efficient curator, Edward Wilkinson, and its value was fully indicated although the space for its proper display was entirely insufficient.

The only essential for its proper development would be the employment of a competent curator like Mr. Wilkinson, whose salary, I think, could be provided without much trouble. Our city board of education has already indicated its willingness to contribute one-half of such expenses in return for the educational advantages it will afford to the various schools, and especially to its classes in geology, botany and history and if the city and township authorities will co-operate, we will have an institution which will be an honor to our county and of great educational value, not only to our schools but to all of our citizens. The law authorizing the erection of this memorial building provides (Ohio Laws Vol. 84, Page 345) that it shall contain "an assembly room for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic, free of rent," "library rooms for the public library," and also "memorial room or rooms for the preservation of flags, documents and relics of the several wars and of the early settlement of Ohio. It will be noticed that the three uses for which it is authorized are, the soldiers' memorial rooms, the memorial library and a memorial room for relics, and, therefore, if the Library should be removed, the space vacated can very properly be occupied by a memorial museum and would in a few years be fully occupied. Clearly, I think, the trustees of the Memorial Building have the authority to make such an assignment. Possibly they may also have power to provide for its proper care, but if not, legislation could doubtless be secured for that purpose at the next meeting of the legislature.

Last year we published a report of our proceedings for the preceding seven years, copies of which were furnished to all our members and which can be furnished to all new members, of whom we would be glad to welcome a goodly number. Membership is not limited to the descendants of pioneers, but every one is welcome, who is interested in preserving history whether past or present and who is willing to contribute a membership fee of one dollar and annual dues of the same amount. We ought to have a membership sufficiently large to authorize the publication of an annual report.

The programme was pleasingly interspersed by several vocal selections by Mrs. W. G. Gilger, of Newark, the piano accompaniment being by Miss Charlotte Anderson. One of the most charming of the numbers rendered was "Years Touch Not the Tear."

There were present at this meeting about thirty members of the Crawford County Pioneer Society and during the morning this party visited the Children's Home, accompanied by a local committee.

Mrs. T. J. Wilson and Mrs. S. M. Morgan acted as a reception committee.

The officers of the Richland organization and invited guests to the number of 28 took dinner at Keirschbaum's.