

is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue of the State; provided that said mineral survey of the State shall be completed within two years."

Section 8 repeals all laws in conflict with the Act, and Section 9 declares an emergency.

It is the intention of the Board of Regents to immediately institute the work of the survey, which will probably be under the direction of Dr. William B. Phillips, who is in charge of economic and field geology in the University.

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PROPOSED SURVEY OF THE ANTIQUITIES OF MICHIGAN.

THE following bill has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, was reported favorably by the Committee on State Affairs, and is at present referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. An amendment limiting the survey to two years has been made.

The people of the State of Michigan enact:

SECTION 1. That a survey of the antiquities of Michigan be, and the same is hereby established.

SECTION 2. That the survey shall be in charge of a commission comprising the Governor of the State *ex-officio*, the President of the University of Michigan, the President of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, the President of the Pioneer and Historical Society and the President of the Detroit Archeological Society; this commission to serve without compensation, but to be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

The commission shall have the power to employ an archeologist and one or more assistants and to make such incidental expenditures as the nature of the work may require. The accounts for salaries and other expenses provided herein shall be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor-General monthly, upon the approval of the Governor. At the end of each fiscal year the commission shall cause to be made an annual report, the copy for which, as soon as completed, shall be forwarded to the clerk of the Board of State Auditors for publication by the State printer, the expense of such publication to

be paid from the general fund of the State upon the allowance of the Board of State Auditors.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, exclusive of the cost of publishing the annual reports, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the State for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred and two, and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.

THE DAVENPORT ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

THE annual meeting of the Academy was held on January 25th in Davenport, Iowa. The reports for the year were most encouraging.

We learn from Mrs. Mary L. D. Putnam, President of the Academy, that the Academy has purchased the corner property adjoining its present building and converted the church into a most attractive lecture hall; the high basement makes a fine room to relieve the former crowded museum. The two buildings are connected by a spacious and well-lighted passageway which may also be utilized for museum purposes.

The scientific library of 10,800 bound volumes has been completely catalogued exclusive of a large collection of pamphlets. The library has been acquired by the exchange of the proceedings of the Academy with home and foreign scientific societies.

The Academy is one of the oldest of the scientific institutions in the West, and on December 14, 1900, celebrated the 33d anniversary of its founding by the dedication of Science Hall. President MacLean and Professor Nutting of the State University of Iowa made addresses, and Professor Starr, of the University of Chicago, gave a lecture 'Among Mexican Indians.'

It is planned to give free scientific lectures from time to time in this hall.

With its large museum, especially rich in archeology and enlarged by the recent gift of the rare Griswold College Collection, including 2,000 scientific books, and with its valuable property, the Academy is on a permanent basis, needing only an addition to its general endowment fund.

The publication is assured by the Putnam Memorial Fund. The income of this fund of