

C. K. Smith to J. P. Wilson
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St. Paul, Minnesota

Sir:

I have the agreeable duty of informing you of the election as a member of the "Minnesota Historical Society."

As Primary object of this Association is the collection and preservation of a Library; Mineralogical and Geological specimens; Indian curiosities, and every matter and thing connected with, and calculated to illustrate and perpetuate the history and settlement of the Territory of Minnesota; and to publish in book form the most valuable manuscripts that many come into the possession of the Society. I need not advise you, that it is the earnest wish of the Society, that you will cheerfully act in a capacity of so great importance to the honor of the present, and the benefit of the future age.

Accompanying this, you will receive a pamphlet published by the Society; that more fully explains its objects.

I avail myself of the opportunity, which the occasion presents, of expressing to you the great pleasure with which I subscribe myself,

You obedient servant, C. K. Smith Sec'y of the Minnesota Hist'l Society

J. P. Wilson Esq. Saint Anthony