

### QUIVERA.

Mr. E. E. Blackman, the state archaeologist, who unearthed the prehistoric Indian village south of Nebraska City this summer, and who is doing a great deal of valuable work upon the interesting problem of what the plains Indians were like in the unrecorded time before they got the horse, writes as follows to Mr. J. Sterling Morton, who is president of the State Historical Society:

"I have just returned from an extended archaeological trip over Nebraska and Kansas, in company with the talented scientist from St. Paul, Minn., Hon. J. V. Brower. The trip has been of inestimable value to me as a study of this great field which Kansas and Nebraska occupy in common, and a more proficient instructor than Mr. Brower could not be found. As soon as my time will permit, I shall be pleased to furnish the Tribune a brief resume of the trip.

"While in Alma, Kansas, we had the honor of meeting a number of men interested in Quivera, and then and there the Quivera Historical Society was organized, on October 29, 1901. The object of this society is to pursue the study of Quivera in all its details; the society is confined to active workers only, as active members, while the honorary membership is composed of ten men who have been interested in the subject and who have given it assistance by encouragement or study aside from active field work. The active members are three from Nebraska, three from Kansas and one from Minnesota. Hon. J. V. Brower is president, E. E. Blackman vice-president, Capt. E. A. Kilian secretary and Judge J. T. Keagy chairman of the executive board, which consists of the officers of the society. You are made an honorary member and The Conservative is selected as the official organ. When the articles of association are in shape, I shall give the matter a complete elaboration for your readers.

"The Coffin collection is in place in the society rooms (in Lincoln) and a new collection, the Hopkins, secured by articles. The former is valued at \$1000 by Mr. Barret, and the latter is valued at \$2,000 by the owner, and is all one team can draw. I cannot place a value on it until it is catalogued. I have also brought a complete set of perfect Quivera types (arrow heads) from Kansas.

"So the work goes on, thanks to your interest and Mr. Brower's kind help. Nebraska owes you a debt of gratitude for your work along these lines, and I personally can never hope to repay my debt of gratitude. From this on I hope to furnish you more matter that shall be more complete."

### LATE LITERARY NEWS.

Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, contributes an interesting paper to the November Cosmopolitan on "The Overcrowding of Great Cities and Remedies for It." Apropos of the discussion of the invasion of England by Americans, Edmund Gosse furnishes in the same number an essay scoring Englishmen for their narrowness of intellect. Incidentally he has a hit at American intellectual life in the twentieth century.

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