

While we have done pretty
well in Wisconsin in gathering
a large & valuable library, ^{under}
state patronage - yet it is not
the best way. Here we have to
pander to the State & to the
public, making our library
too free - thence at times,
I have doubts whether my
life-collections sh. finally
go to the Wisc. Historical Society.
Nor sh. it go to any ^{university}
weakling, where it would
not be safe, & destitute of
the care ^{& means} needful for its
protection & usefulness.

- I am tardy in getting
our our 10th Vol. of Collrs
one third of wh. will be a general
index for the whole of this
first series. But I hope to
see it completed during the
Summer. - I am trying
to get my limited finances
in shape so I may retire from
the Society's service at the
end of this year - & thereafter
to devote all my time to
Clark, Boone, Kenton, Leitch, &
Maunt.

I hope you & Mrs. Dunell are
well, & my Louisville friends.
God bless you!

Faithfully Yrs. - R. C. Drexler