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*State Commissioner*  
AT THE



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HERBERT S. FAIRALL,

COMMISSIONER,

TO THE GOVERNOR OF IOWA.

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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*To his Excellency, BUREN R. SHEEMAN, Governor of Iowa:*

SIR—I herewith submit my reports as Commissioner for Iowa at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, and at the North, Central and South American Exposition—the former held at New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 16, 1884, to June 1, 1885, and the latter now in progress in the same city, having opened November 10, 1885, to continue not later than March 31, 1886. The benefits derived by the State of Iowa from its participation in the first international exposition in the United States, at Philadelphia, in 1876, had been so marked by increase in its population, by investment within its borders of capital and attraction of immigration, and especially by the advance outside of the State both in the demand and value of its products, that all thoughtful, enterprising citizens urged that the material prosperity of Iowa would be further enhanced by its taking part in the second World's Exposition in this country, and in its successor, the American Exposition.

The opinion also prevailed that aside from the commercial phase of the subject the State of Iowa could not afford to be the only commonwealth in the Union to withhold its presence and support from, and enjoy the influences of, a great world's fair. Of the peculiar circumstances preventing State aid for the exhibits from Iowa, the discouragements that beset the work of making the State display, the organization of the Iowa Commission, the promptness of leading citizens to loan their credit to the State, the character of the exhibits from Iowa, and the honors conferred upon the State for the excellence of its exhibits, I have the honor of speaking hereinafter. That these expositions at New Orleans have already opened new markets for the products of Iowa, and advanced the State still further in the front rank of States, short as has been the time since their organization, is

a fact briefly alluded to. It is also a source of gratification to present in these pages descriptive lists of the articles forming the Iowa displays, together with the names of the large number of citizens who contributed to them.

In conclusion, I desire to return thanks to the men and women directly associated with me in the work, and to join with them in acknowledging our obligations to the many citizens of the State who so promptly and generously aided us, and without whose support there could have been no exhibit from Iowa at either of these important expositions.

Yours respectfully,

HERBERT S. FAIRALL,  
*Commissioner.*

IOWA CITY, IOWA, December 31, 1885.

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