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Cornerstone Ceremony

The cornerstone of the Minnesota Capitol building was laid in 1898 by Governor Alexander Ramsey and contains a Bible, a number of photographs of Minnesota, the last issued newspapers from Minneapolis and Saint Paul, printed histories of Minnesota, and several copper plates which feature engravings of memorable events in the history of Minnesota, the names of the Capitol Commission members and the architect Cass Gilbert and his assistants.

On the reverse side of this page you will find the entire contents of the cornerstone placed in the Minnesota State Capitol on July 27, 1898. Imagine you are part of the planning committee for a new state capitol. What would you put in the cornerstone of this cherished building for future Minnesotans to see? Why would you choose these items? What is their importance to our state? How is your list similar and/or different from the 1898 collection of items?

Item chosen	Rationale/Why? Significance to our state
