

The work upon this monument is believed to be of the best quality, and it has seemed fully to meet the expectations of all who have seen it. The task of preparing the inscriptions has been a most difficult one, owing to the lapse of time and the insufficiency of records. In many cases dependence has been of necessity placed upon the memories of living persons, which, after more than a third of a century, are in danger of being confused; but it is believed that these tablets contain the names of all who lost there lives in the massacre, or participated in the Expedition. And thus the State has rendered a just and generous tribute to their memories. Many of the men in the Expedition afterward volunteered in the Union armies and several of them fell in defense of their country. At the date of this publication it seems probable that the Commission will complete its labors by turning the monument over to Gov. Jackson on the 4th of July next.

ARTICLES AND PORTRAITS.

We present the first of a series of articles on the life and military services of the illustrious Major General John M. Corse, by his distinguished townsman, the Rev. Dr. William Salter of Burlington, author of many works of Iowa history and biography. The reader will find these articles very interesting and valuable, presenting ampler knowledge of General Corse than has hitherto been accessible. It is appropriately illustrated by portraits of Generals Corse and Sherman. For the use of the latter we are indebted to the courtesy of the editor of the *Midland Monthly*.

From advance sheets of the forthcoming edition of the "Expeditions of Lieutenant Z. M. Pike," by Dr. Elliott Coues, we have an interesting account of his exploration in 1894 of the sources of the Mississippi River. It is a historico-geographical article of great value, as throwing light upon that long mooted question. We publish with it a portrait from Dr. Coues' best photograph.

Having known General Samuel A. Rice intimately and well, we take great pleasure in publishing an article from the pen of Hon. John F. Lacy, of Oskaloosa, upon the circumstances of his death. Mr. Lacy went out as Adjutant of the 33rd Iowa Infantry, commanded by Colonel Rice. When the latter was promoted to Brigadier-General, Lieutenant Lacey was commissioned Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of Captain. At the time that General Rice received his mortal wound, at the battle of Jenkins' Ferry, Captain Lacey was by his side and helped him off the field. The tribute he pays to that brave soldier is every word deserved. Had General Rice lived through the war we believe no Iowa hero would have stood higher. We are glad to present excellent war-time portraits of General Rice and Major Lacey.

Captain Charles Longley gives his readers the concluding chapter of the history of the 24th Iowa Infantry, leaving the heroes of that gallant command mustered out of the service and en route to their several homes. A good portrait of Major Leander Clark, from a recent photograph, accompanies this last chapter of that "strange eventful history." Major Clark "still lives" at Toledo, Iowa, and has been heard from on many occasions since the war.

Mr. Walton's item on "Keokuk's Village," and the article on "Destruction of Iowa Lakes," will be read with interest aside from their permanent value, as will also Mr. Haworth's "Recollections of Early Times in Keokuk County."

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