

AS TO A PICTURE.

An engraving of the old capitol building at Belmont, Wisconsin, was published in *The Historical Record*, at Iowa City, in July, 1892. It was obtained, we understand, at some effort and expense from the Wisconsin State Historical Society. The following year one appeared in the *Official Register* issued from the office of our Secretary of State. For this purpose it had in like manner been procured direct from the State House at Madison, Wisconsin. THE ANNALS borrowed the cut from the office of the Secretary of State, with due acknowledgment of the courtesy. It then occurred to an esteemed friend that it must have been obtained from the Iowa City publication, to which credit in that case would be due. But it appears that two cuts of that unique old Capitol are in existence, and that THE ANNALS gave the proper credit for the particular one borrowed, with the intent only of doing exact justice. (Another thing had happened. From the bound copy of *The Record* owned by the Historical Department, some scamp had torn out and stolen the leaf upon which the old cut was printed—a species of detestable thieving which is often encountered in public libraries. The theft was fortunately discovered, and our binder inserted a copy of the missing leaf in place of the one purloined.) These matters are of no great consequence, but we desire it to be understood that this publication would appropriate nothing from the pages of another without the amplest credit.

IN response to an inquiry Brig. Gen. D. W. Flagler, Chief of Ordnance of the U. S. Army, writes the Historical Department that “the estimated total number of re-enlistments (veterans), army and navy, during our civil war, 1861-65, is 564,939.” This is an important item and one for which search is often made. It is presented here from the highest official authority.

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