

future editor. Having been privileged to see these precious manuscripts of Captains Lewis and Clark, and to examine some of the proof-sheets of the forthcoming work, we believe it will contain "the final word" in regard to those illustrious American explorers. It is to be issued in four octavo volumes, with numerous illustrations, portraits, maps, etc. There will be two editions from the same plates, one of which will be sold for \$12.50 and the other for \$25.00. The whole number to be issued is limited to one thousand copies. This publication is certain to be one of the foremost literary events of 1893, if not of this decade. It will revive and greatly increase the interest with which that famous Expedition has been regarded both at home and abroad.

LOAN COLLECTIONS.

During the past winter, Mr. A. J. Johnson, of this city, loaned to the Historical Department a fine case of mammals, one of eggs, and five of birds. All of these had been very carefully preserved and finely mounted. They are at this date (April 1) on exhibition, and attract many visitors to the new rooms. Speaking of loans for the purpose of exhibition, the writer was quite surprised to see what a large feature they present in the National Museum at Washington, D. C. Hundreds of the most interesting objects in that vast and well-filled edifice have been placed there, simply as loans, by their owners. The public are thus given the benefit of seeing a great variety of most precious objects, a fact which we know to be very gratifying to most collectors. There are very few men who make collections with the idea of hiding them away from sight. Nothing suits an old collector more than to have good listeners and opportunities to exhibit and expatiate upon his treasures. This brings us to what we wish to state in this place, viz.: That the Historical Department is the best place in Iowa to exhibit collections of such objects as books, maps, documents, coins, specimens in natural history, paintings, engravings, and other objects having literary or historical value. So far as museums are concerned, this becomes one of the most fruitful sources of

additions, for scores of collectors, once seeing their "hobbies" carefully housed and appreciated by visitors, choose to let them remain permanently. Just now the Department would especially appreciate collections of stone implements, coins and ancient books, old fire arms or other weapons which have come down from long ago.

NOTABLE DEATHS.

JUDGE S. C. HASTINGS, the third Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa, died on the 19th of February, 1893, at San Francisco, Cal., eighty-nine years of age. He was a native of the State of New York and came to Iowa when a young man, settling at Muscatine about the year 1838. He was one of sixteen young lawyers admitted to practice in the Supreme Court at its first term in 1838. The veteran T. S. Parvin is now the only survivor of the sixteen. Mr. Hastings was a member of the House of the first and second Territorial Legislatures, and a member of the Council of the fifth, sixth and seventh. In 1846 he was elected to Congress with Shepherd Leffler, the first Representatives after the admission of Iowa as a State, on the 28th of December, 1846. His term expired March 4th, 1847.

In January, 1848, Governor Briggs appointed Mr. Hastings Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, which position he held one year. Upon the expiration of his term Judge Hastings moved to California, and has been Chief Justice and Attorney General of that State.

DR. NATHAN G. SALES, who recently died at his home in Anamosa, Jones county, was a notable pioneer law-maker, politician and physician. He was born October 18th, 1813, in Ohio; came to Iowa in 1845, and located at Iowa City. He was an active Democratic politician, and in 1848 was elected to the lower house of the Second General Assembly. Upon the expiration of his term he was elected to the Senate from the district comprising the counties of Jones and Jackson. At the expiration of his senatorial term he was appointed Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Chariton. Dr. Sales was a leader

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