

be apparent between his own editorial ability and that of his immediate predecessor. However, the writer flatters himself with the hope that the devotion of the novice may in some measure make amends for the absence of experience, and trusts that the present able corps of contributors, reinforced by others of like ability, will continue their labors in bringing to the light the early history of our State, so that at the end of the year none of us need be ashamed of the current volume of THE ANNALS.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Among the contributions for December to the Historical Society's Library, is Gen. T. J. Rodman's "Reports of experiments on the properties of metals for cannon and the qualities of cannon powder," published by authority of the Secretary of War. The work was presented to the Society by the author through ex-Gov. Kirkwood.

We hope to be able to begin in the next number the publication of the history of the Army of the North-west, written by a gentleman well qualified to do justice to the important subject.

In consequence of the change in the editorial management and in the place of publication of THE ANNALS, some delay in the issue of the present number, was unavoidable. We hope an apology of this kind will be unnecessary in future.

An official record of the war, compiled from orders, telegrams, dispatches, reports, &c., is being prepared by the War Department. It will comprize 30 volumes of 800 pages each.

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