

EDITORIAL NOTES.

— WE are glad to receive back, as a contributor, Mr. J. E. Griffith, late of the United States engineer corps, but now fallen back on his reserved rights as a citizen. Mr. Griffith is now in charge of the government locks in process of construction at Keokuk (a work which he formerly had partial control of as an army officer), under a much larger salary than he received as a lieutenant of engineers, showing in what high estimate his scientific abilities are held by the government he has served so gallantly and faithfully. His article on "*The Magnesian Limestone of Iowa*," of whose value he has a practical knowledge, has a peculiar interest at this time, when the capitol commissioners have under consideration the subject of building material for the new state house, and we commend his statements, as published in this number of the ANNALS, to their attention.

— WE most heartily welcome Hon. D. C. Bloomer, of Council Bluffs, and Mr. E. Booth, of Anamosa, to our constantly increasing corps of correspondents. The History of Pottawattamie County, which Mr. Bloomer commences in this number, will have more than a passing value. Mr. Booth's article, which we are compelled to defer the publication of for the present, will lose none of its interest in the July number on account of its reminiscence of Gov. Chambers, whose portrait will appear at the same time.

— WE present, as the frontispiece of this number, the excellent steel-engraved likeness of our friend and contributor, Hon. Charles Negus, of Fairfield, whose articles on "The Early History of Iowa" have imparted interest to the ANNALS for so long a time. The portrait would have appeared incomplete unaccompanied by a sketch of Judge Negus's life, and we only regret that his modesty prevented our procuring a fuller biography of him.

— A PORTRAIT and biography of the late John Chambers, the second territorial governor of Iowa, will appear in the next number of the ANNALS.

— SOME very objectionable typographical mistakes occurred in the January number, some of which are obvious, while others need correction. In the sketch of Col. Garrett, on line sixth of page 433, for *Huamarutta*, read *Huamautla*; on twenty-first line, same page, for *Hascala*, read *Tlascala*; seventh line from bottom, same page, "look upon" should read, look up; page 438, seventeenth line, for "Gen. *Cauley's*," read Gen. *Canby's*.

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