

APOLOGETIC.

The contraction in the size of the *Annals* from one hundred to eighty pages—a temporary measure very reluctantly resolved on by the Board of Curators for imperative pecuniary reasons—has crowded out several interesting papers which will appear in the next issue, and the unavoidable delays (for which no one is to blame unless perhaps the Editor) incident to a change of publishers have deferred the appearance of the present number somewhat after the time it was due.

We confidently hope that next year the Society will be able to restore the *Annals* to its late size, and that this is the last time we shall have to apologize, in the capacity of Editor, for being late.

HISTORICAL LECTURE.

The Hon. Charles Negus, of Fairfield, on the evening of January 27th, in the Chapel of the State University, at Iowa City, delivered an entertaining and instructive lecture before the State Historical Society and the public on "*The Indians of Iowa*," in response to an invitation from the Historical Society.

The lecturer was introduced to the large and critical audience of ladies and gentlemen that filled the Hall by the President of the Society, the Hon. William G. Hammond, who took occasion to congratulate the Society on the happy event, and to augur auspiciously from it for the future.

Although the subject chosen by the learned orator is not one calculated to enchain the attention of a promiscuous assemblage, yet on this occasion the attention given was marked, and the satisfaction expressed general.

This is the third public lecture which has been elicited by

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