Daw, since like that bird his weakness seems to be for ruins \*), acknowledged in writing but a couple of months before his nonsense was published, his indebtedness to our Historical Society for data furnished him in volumes worth many dollars, which he had been ineffectually seeking through other sources for years, and that the only return he has made us is a few odd numbers of his Magazine, including the one containing his sinister attack, his consistency and sense of obligation will at once be manifest.

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BIOGRAPHIES AND PORTRAITS.

We shall publish in the April number of the Annals a short sketch of the life of the late Rev. G. D. A. Hebard, whose death occurred at Oskaloosa last December. Mr. Hebard was a member, and at one time an efficient officer of the Historical Society, and took great interest in its prosperity.

We hope to be able to present to our readers during the current year memoirs and possibly portraits of the late John Chambers and James Clark, the second and third Territorial Governors of Iowa. If we succeed we shall be indebted to the Hon. Hawkins Taylor and the sons of Gov. Chambers for what pertains to the one, and to Gen. A. C. Dodge for what relates to the other, and shall feel that we have accomplished something worthy of commendation in being instrumental in placing in an enduring and accessible form the main facts in the lives of such important personages in the history of Iowa as her three Territorial Governors,—

\* Old towers and ruins are favorite resorts of the Jackdaw.-See works on Ornithology.

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Lucas, Chambers and Clark-and shall then be ready to begin on the State Governors of Iowa.

In the next issue we shall furnish our patrons with the likeness and an accompanying sketch of the life of one of Iowa's most devoted historians, the Hon. Charles Negus, of Fairfield, who has collected and written more of the early history of Iowa than any other person, and we shall be gratified to embellish the Annals with his portrait, not only on account of his good looks, but also because of his good works.

The portrait which adorns this number is a faithful likeness of Col. John A. Garrett, of Newton, and that it is worthy a place in our pages let none deny after reading the sketch of his life, so well written by his townsman, Mr. A. K. Campbell.

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