

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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— LET every subscriber in arrears to the ANNALS, to whom these presents shall come, immediately remit the amount of his indebtedness to the Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society, at Iowa City. The three numbers for this year previously issued have paid their own way, and it is very desirable, for many reasons, that the fourth should do likewise.

— INTO what remote recesses and into what diversified departments of business do not the influences of the Chicago fire penetrate? That leviathan calamity is our excuse for tardiness, and for sending this number forth unembellished with a portrait. The destruction of the Chicago printing establishments threw extra work upon our publishers, and the early October heats at Chicago scotched the plate of John Scott.

— A TITLE PAGE and index for volumes VIII. and IX. are printed with this issue, to enable those who have preserved their numbers for the past two years to commit them to the binder's hands, to be fashioned into more durable, comely, and convenient form.

— WE hope to be able to give our readers, in the next number, a portrait and biographical sketch of the Hon. Philip Viele, of Fort Madison, one of the oldest of old settlers, and one of the most honored of Lee county's citizens.

— OUR generous contributors, as our overflowing pages well attest, have obviated the necessity of dry and lengthy "Editorial Notes." May it be ever thus.

— BEFORE we let the curtain drop, let us suggest to our friends that if each paying subscriber will secure another, and see that both dollars are sent, the ANNALS OF IOWA will stand not only a permanent but an independent basis.

Another word in your ear. Let every friend of the Historical Society request the person or persons by whom he is to be represented in the legislature this winter to inform him or themselves as to the work done in the past and to be done in the future by the Society. So that when a just appropriation is asked for, members may be enabled to vote intelligently.

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