

long, snow-white beard, a patriarch in appearance as well as in his labors; and Samuel Storrs Howe, who lives in my memory from the stories he told me of Indian experiences; and then there was good old Father Roberts who walked from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids and began his sermon on Sunday, the next day, "I come before you this morning, brethren and sisters, with an enfeebled body and a sluggish mind"—and then preached the customary two hours. These pastors and itinerants were always welcome guests in our home and a benediction always accompanied their presence.

And so I come to the end of my narrative which I have confined to those early years when I was free of personal responsibilities. It is a very pleasant pastime at my time of life to recall the days of my youth, much more so than to remember incidents of later life when mistakes and errors of judgment becloud the memory with regrets and disappointments.

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## Library Notes

The pseudo and the scientific are well represented in the recent acquisitions of the past few months by your Historical Library. The pseudo came to us in the form of a copy of *Ayer's American Almanac for the Use of Farmers, Planters, Mechanics, Mariners and All Families 1869*. It offers up such rare gems of wisdom as, "Less than one-half of the females in this country have sound health. . . . I believe this condition arises from two causes: one is the lurking contamination of constitutional scrofula and the other is the fact that the Anglo-Saxon race is not yet acclimated on this continent. Time will cure the last; and the first should be remedied by . . . [Ayer's] Sarsaparilla."

The second and decidedly scientific acquisition is *Space Research*, the proceedings of the First International Space Science Symposium at Nice, Italy, January, 1960, which contains a paper presented by James Van Allen of the State University of Iowa on the "Origin and Nature of the Geomagnetically-trapped Radiation."

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