

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

END OF VOLUME TWENTY-THREE

With the April issue of *THE ANNALS OF IOWA*, volume twenty-three comes to a close. This change, which cuts in half the old two-year eight-issue volume, a change long desired by the editor, has been made further advisable by the adoption of the new and improved quality of paper on which the magazine has been printed since July, 1941. The old two-year, eight-issue volume would have been too unwieldy for convenient use. The editor hopes the change, together with the more frequent indexing of the volume, will make *THE ANNALS* of even greater utility to its readers.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

THE IOWA STATE ARCHIVES, long a victim of neglect and careless attention, and suffering from the dangers of dampness, heat, and dirt, have finally in the past eighteen months begun to receive the attention they deserve. The Forty-Ninth General Assembly amended and improved the state archival law. The same legislature provided the means for a more economical shelving of the stored documents of state, a plan, however, war production curtailments have caused to be postponed.

The most pressing demand of the Department in its care of the archives has been the need for added storage and working space. This need has been partially met by the renting by the state of a moderately sized brick constructed community hall, known as the "John A. Kasson Memorial Hall" at East Thirteenth and Des Moines streets, one block from the Historical Department. Little used in late years, the building has been rennovated and prepared for the storage and handling of the state records upon which the Historical Records Survey had been working. The acquisition of the

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