

NOTES.

THE C. E. FULLER COLLECTION.

The Historical Department has received some very interesting and valuable materials from Mrs. C. E. Fuller of California. They were the property of her husband, the late Corydon E. Fuller, and are returned to Iowa for final care and custody because Iowa was the home of Mr. Fuller for most of his active life. He was of Connecticut stock and had preserved a number of interesting papers he received from ancestors. One is a mortgage in favor of Jonathan Trumbull, whom Washington called "Brother Jonathan." The entire "satisfaction" is in the handwriting of Mr. Trumbull and signed by him.

Mr. Fuller was a roommate of James A. Garfield at the Eclectic Institute, later called Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, and the affectionate relation then established never ceased while they both lived. Originals of the letters of Garfield, as published by Mr. Fuller in 1887 in his *Reminiscences of James A. Garfield*, and many others are in the collection.

Mr. Fuller's earlier profession was that of an editor. Files of his paper which we have received are mentioned elsewhere. He was one of the intimate friends and strong champions of Schuyler Colfax. The Fuller Collection will be found very helpful in the study of personal as well as public phases of these two great lives.

LIBRARY.

Our library, already rich in books and records of value in the study of genealogy and local history, especially of eastern States, is now making special effort to cover the States of Pennsylvania and of the South and Middle West. During the months of April, May and June the following among other books of this character were added: Dandridge, American

Prisoners of the Revolution; Dandridge, Historic Shepherds-town; Day, Historical Collections of the State of Pennsylvania; Keith, Provincial Councillors of the State of Pennsylvania who held office between 1733 and 1776, and Henry, History of the Lehigh Valley. O'Reilly's Sketches of Rochester, N. Y., 1838, with incidental notes of western New York, was received. Henry O'Reilly, the author, was the promoter and secretary of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company in 1856.

During the same period among Iowa material there was added: Andrews, History of Polk County, Iowa, and Reminiscences of Early Days, especially bound, presented by Mr. Lowell Chamberlain; Brindley, History of Taxation in Iowa; Iowa Daughters of the American Revolution, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Reports; Map of Cedar County; Atlas of Clinton County; Atlas of Johnson County; Handbook and Financial Report of Linn County for the year 1906; Financial Report of Monroe County for the year 1909; Financial Report of Lee County for the year 1909; Eighth Annual Financial Report of Madison County; Financial Report of Page County for the years 1908, 1910; Financial History of Poweshiek County for the year 1908; Financial History of Scott County for 1909 and the Financial Report of Worth County for the year 1909.

NEWSPAPERS.

During this quarter three files of newspapers were presented as memorials of former prominent Iowa citizens:

From Mrs. R. M. Green, in memory of her father, O. H. Schenck, a pioneer of Burlington, a file of the first agricultural paper published in Iowa, the Iowa Farmer and Horticulturist, 1853-1857, also, odd numbers of the Burlington Hawk-Eye and Burlington Gazette and other early papers of that city; also from D. H. Talmadge, of Salem, Oregon, in memory of his father, C. A. Talmadge, for many years editor of the West Union Gazette, a nearly complete file of the Gazette, 1868-1909; and from Mrs. Corydon E. Fuller, in memory of her husband,

Corydon E. Fuller, a prominent business man of Des Moines, volumes of Indiana papers, the Rochester Mercury, May, 1861-March, 1862, Rochester Chronicle, April 10, 1862-December 8, 1864, and South Bend-St. Joseph Valley Register, November 2, 1865-November 7, 1867.

We have also received by gift from Mrs. J. J. Hamilton, Des Moines, a file of the Des Moines News, 1881-1892, and parts of 1895 and 1896; also a file of the Bloomfield-Davis County Republican, 1879-1881, and odd numbers of the Keosauqua Republican, 1864-1887, from the children of the late George C. Duffield of Keosauqua, Iowa.

MUSEUM.

The Museum during the quarter received by gift some forty fossils from Mr. F. A. Brown of East Peru; a number of nests, eggs and skins of birds from Mr. Fred Beringhausen, Eldora, Iowa; two old and interesting mill-stones from the Flint Brick Company, Des Moines; some pocket gophers and a sparrow hawk from Gingery and Duff, Earlham; a large and valuable cabinet of birds' eggs from James B. Green, Des Moines; a silver haired bat from Frank Grimm, Des Moines; pair of screech owls, Albert Hausen, Des Moines; spinning wheel from A. L. Hobart, Centerville; fossil belemnite from Hon. O. H. Jacobson, Audubon; fossil corals and mollusca, G. A. Larson, Des Moines; a ground hog, Mrs. Kate Minniger, Osage, Iowa; some voles, rabbits and a pelican, F. C. Pellett, Atlantic; some specimens of marsh birds and eggs, W. M. Rosen, Ogden, Iowa; stone maul, Charles Sampson, Eldora.

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