

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF REV. O. E. DAGGETT, D.D.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR:—That so young a State as Iowa has a Historical Society is noticeable, but the sooner such operations are begun, the better. I was much pleased with that of Wisconsin, where I was, at Madison, in May, 1862. Though only eight years old, it had already done, what could not so well be done later, for the State, besides having some things of interest in all similar collections.

I enclose you two specimens from my Colonial and Continental money, for your Historical Society. See the motto of the latter.

Yours, sincerely,

O. E. DAGGETT.

Rev. S. S. HOWE, Librarian, etc.

[The Colonial Scrip, above mentioned, is of Connecticut Colony, dated: "Hartford, June 19, A. D. 1776," for "Two Shillings and Six Pence." The Continental is inscribed: The "United Colonies, Two Dollars," dated at Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1776. The motto above noted is on the design, which represents a hand threshing with a flail sheaves on a barn floor, with the Latin superscription *Tribulatio Ditat*, or threshing enriches, a very significant emblem for an agricultural country. These specimens are in an excellent state of preservation, considering that they are about eighty-six years old.—EDITOR.]

LETTER OF M. L. MORRIS, QUARTERMASTER.

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS, HOUSTON, MO. }
January 17th, 1863. }

Hon. J. F. Lee, President of the Curators of the State Hist. Society:

SIR,—I send you, by the hands of the Rev. Mr. Stiles, an ambrotype likeness of one of the most notorious desperadoes in the South-west. His name is W. A. Depriest. He was taken prisoner on Christmas day, by Capt. Reed of our Brigade. He is a fair specimen of the kind of animals we have to fight in Missouri. Give him a conspicuous place in your portrait gallery.

Yours, respectfully,

M. L. MORRIS.

[The portrait described above, by Mr. Morris, late Quartermaster in the army, bears this designation: "W. A. Depriest, a Guerrilla Chief of Mis-

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