

## EDITORIAL NOTICES.

After various hinderances, numbers one and two of the Annals are issued together. No one, who has never undertaken a new enterprise of this kind, can appreciate the difficulties in the way of prompt publication, especially in the commencement. The July and October numbers will be issued with more promptness. And, although the allowance from the State is limited, yet with the encouragement of subscribers and the low terms of this publication, the work may be considered a permanent, quarterly Periodical of the State Historical Society. The nature of the publication, however, will necessarily restrict it to biographical and historical matters, and exclude, to some extent, that variety which may seem to be essential to a popular Magazine.

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### EXCHANGE PAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

It is especially desired, that all Newspapers, hitherto or hereafter sent to the State Historical Society of Iowa, as well as Periodicals, be addressed as exchanges to the ANNALS of the State Historical Society. About fifty leading Newspapers, in this State, come uniformly to the Society; and Editors will please see that "ANNALS" be prefixed to the address.

The Committee of Publication express the wish that copies of all the Newspapers and Periodicals in the State may be sent as Exchanges; and they will be deposited in the Library, as heretofore those sent have been, and form most valuable materials for the future history of Iowa. In the Annals, something like an equivalent by exchange, will be found. Only one copy of each Newspaper is requested to be regularly sent. But, if any special matter needs attention in exchanges, or is desired to be copied into the Annals, an extra number should be sent, marked, as is usual, lest it should escape the notice of the acting Editor of the Annals.

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## PORTRAITS OF AUTHORS AND CITIZENS.

It has been thought best to insert portraits of writers for the Annals, and of others whose life-sketches are found in this work. But the Society is unable to be at much expense; and it will depend upon the generosity of the parties more immediately interested, whether each or all the copies contain them. Thus, far, only enough impressions for a part of the edition have been obtained, with some effort.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.—It is the design of the Publishing Committee, in future numbers to insert in separate pages from the body of the ANNALS, select advertisements, such as of Harper's Weekly and Monthly, and of Worcester's Dictionary, on the cover of this issue.

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ERRATUM.—In the January number, on page 48, Adjutant Duncan is attached to the 42d Regiment. It should have been the 40th.

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## STATE DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.

PROF. WM. E. IJAMS, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, at Iowa City, gives an exhibition, showing the method of instruction and progress of the pupils, on Friday evening, the 29th of May, in Metropolitan Hall. The audience will be highly entertained by exercises in reading, writing, arithmetic, algebra, geography, history, astronomy, and pantomime representations, consisting of dialogues, speeches and poems, closing with the Lord's prayer.

Sixty-three pupils have been admitted during the year, which closes, June 10th. The next year begins on the 23th of September.

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Commencement proper takes place on the 18th of June next, followed at the close of the exercises with the Baccalaureate address by the President, Rev. O. M. Spencer. The preceding week will be spent in written examinations of the students by the Professors. The public examination occurs on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 16th and 17th of June.

Jacob Butler, Esquire, of Muscatine, is appointed by the Faculty to deliver the annual address.

The next term begins on Thursday, the 17th of September.

The average attendance of students of both sexes and of all departments of the University proper, has been, for the year about to close, over two hundred.

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THE FLAG OF MAJ. GEN. S. R. CURTIS.—This large flag has been received, with a letter from Maj. H. Heath. The promise of a history of the Arkansas Campaign, through which it was borne, is the reason for deferring, at present, further notice of it.

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HILL'S SECOND BOOK IN GEOMETRY.--This small treatise is a sequel to "First Lessons in Geometry," and is adapted to persons "from thirteen to eighteen years of age." It is issued by Brewer & Tileston, Boston, who also publish Worcester's large, Quarto Dictionary, which is acknowledged by many eminent scholars to be "the best lexicon in the English language." The advertisement of it may be found on the cover of the *Annals*, and a copy may be seen at the office of the Editor.

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