THE NEW COLLEGIATE HALL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

On the 7th day of June were held the formal ceremonies in connection with the laying of the Corner-stone of the new Collegiate Hall for the University of Iowa. Governor Leslie M. Shaw presided. The address for the faculty was given by Prof. G. T. W. Patrick. Hon. John P. Dolliver gave the leading address.

This new building, when completed, will be not only the largest but at the same time the most beautiful of the group of University structures. It will cost the State about $200,000.

The erection of this magnificent building at Iowa City, along with the erection of the Historical building at Des Moines, is evidence of the fact that Iowa will in the future deal more liberally with her literary and educational institutions. Today the State stands committed to the policy of making these institutions institutions of the highest order. It has taken years to establish this policy; but once definitely settled there will be no retreat therefrom. B. F. S.

SLAVE-CATCHING IN IOWA.

This was a business which did not thrive on our free soil. When the Supreme Court of Iowa Territory was organized in July, 1839, its first case, as our readers will remember, was that of the alleged fugitive slave, "Ralph," who was delivered to one Montgomery, his pretended owner, by the sheriff of Dubuque county, by virtue of a precept from a justice of the peace. The work of recovering this piece of "property" went on swimmingly until the proceeding was stopped by a writ of *habeas corpus*. It was then taken direct to the supreme court of the territory "by the consent of the parties." Ralph was discharged by order of the court and permitted to go free. The decision is published at length in THE AN-

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