

trol were ordered to occupy the rooms to be thus vacated by the Historical Department and the Board of Health. These recommendations were carried into effect as rapidly as transfers could be made to the new quarters. The collections of the Historical Department were therefore removed to the new edifice, though a dozen men were still at work in the various rooms. It was a difficult job, but still undertaken cheerfully, and the transfer made as rapidly as possible. While the new rooms would have been voted unfit to become the receptacle of so much and such valuable property, it is believed that the work was performed with little damage to the articles so hastily removed to the new building. At this writing (March 15) the work of permanently arranging the museum materials—including the Landon Hamilton collection—is proceeding as rapidly as possible. Furniture and fixtures await the action of the legislature.

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AT THE BEGINNING of this year the Geological Society of London, the oldest, most honored and most honorable of all the geological societies of the world, elected Dr. Charles A. White, now of Washington, D. C., to a foreign-membership of that body. Dr. White, long a resident of Burlington, was State Geologist of Iowa from 1866 to 1870, and professor of natural history in our State University from 1867 to 1873. Later, he held the same position in Bowdoin College. He was connected with the three great geological surveys of this country and with that of Brazil. His works have given him high rank at home and abroad, and his bibliography runs up to 200 titles. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as of many foreign scientific bodies. Iowa College some years ago conferred upon him the degree of A. M., and the State University that of LL. D.

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