

TO THE READERS OF THE ANNALS.

Custom has long imposed upon those assuming the "chair editorial" the necessity of writing "a salutatory."

For one, and for once, we shall break over this custom. Our own history is thoroughly identified with that of the State. During a residence of more than a quarter of a century, we have been at times intimately connected with its executive, legislative and judicial departments; with its political, agricultural and educational interests, and from first to last working to collect and preserve its historical records, till our private collection has become of surpassing value and far more extensive than any other in the State.

"Working for nothing and feeding ourself," those who subscribe and *pay for* the Annals may rest assured that from "a love of the cause" we shall strive to give them at least the worth of their money, and aim at all times to promote the welfare of the Society and our patriotic State. And further deponent sayeth not.

T. S. PARVIN, Editor Annals.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

History of Scott County—is concluded in this number, a very full and interesting sketch by one who has helped to make the history he has written.

History of Davis County—will be commenced in the July number, and we are promised a portrait of its author, Capt. Hosea B. Horn, an old and influential settler of the county.

We shall not in the future devote so much space to any one county in a number, but strive to give each its portion in due season.

Numismatic Collection of A. Sanders, Esq. A well prepared article on this very choice "cabinet of coins" has been furnished us by its enterprising owner, and will appear in the next number. We had hoped to have inserted it in this, but it was a little too late.

Portrait of Gen. Roberts.—A friend of the General and of the Society has enabled us to give our readers, in a future number, the portrait of this distinguished soldier and citizen of our State, which we shall be happy to do at an early day.

Territorial and State Seals of Iowa.—By the help of our tasteful and enterprising publishers, we are enabled to present our readers with proof impressions of these Seals, to accompany our article on pages 264, 266, and we appeal to the good taste of the reader to sustain the correctness of our criticisms thereon.



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Original Articles.—This number has been gotten out in a hurry, having only occupied our new chair a fortnight, and we have had to resort to the old portfolio, which, by the bye, we shall not discard.

We are promised, however, various articles of interest, which we shall deal out in due time.

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