

to their joy. And may the God of battles preserve and return them to their homes, the great rebellion being crushed, and peace and prosperity restored throughout the land. And may He bless the labors of the Adj. General and Provost Marshals, with all under their orders, in swelling the ranks of the grand army and navy of the nation, for a consummation so devoutly to be desired.

DAKOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Correspondence and exchange have been opened with this newly organized Society of Dakota Territory, instituted at Yankton. A map of the Territory, with the Indian mounds noted upon it, has been received. The Secretary of the Society, Mr. B. M. Smith, states that lectures are begun before the Association, and that they are to be published and furnished, with duplicate Indian curiosities, in exchange. Our Historical Society has already sent the Secretary at Yankton twenty volumes of Laws, Reports and Documents of Iowa, with sundry pamphlets.

The citizens of Dakota have not begun too soon to gather the history of their Territory; and they will do well to seek Legislative aid, to prosecute their historical collections with diligence and perseverance.

THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

The Essex Institute at Salem, Mass., is a most efficient Historical Association, with Henry Wheatland, Esq., as its accomplished Secretary. Historical collections are regularly published, in a Magazine form, and sent us, in exchange, for the Annals of Iowa. A large list of Laws of Massachusetts, Boston Almanacs and Directories, with numerous pamphlets, have been sent to our Society, in exchange for which twenty volumes and several pamphlets have been forwarded.

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