

welcomed to supplement a few gaps in these displays. Pioneer housekeeping equipment is wanted too.

The department believes that a presentation to the state through this department of significant and illustrative historical materials for museum display enhances the value of the object many fold by making its story available to the countless number of visitors who annually visit the building in Des Moines.

SOME MUSEUM ACCESSIONS

Among some of the recent acquisitions of the past quarter worthy of note is the fully complete hand loom given the department by Mr. Clem Hootman and his sister, Mrs. Mary H. Bonnett, of Keosauqua, Iowa. Long in use in Van Buren County before the turn of the century, this loom will shortly be placed on exhibit in the department. Two hand sod corn planters from John and William Powell, of Eddyville, Iowa, and another hand corn planter of a later date, from Dr. S. H. Bauman, of Birmingham, Iowa, have also been received to add to the display of agricultural implements and materials.

Additional articles, including several photograph albums and scrap books of clippings relating to Admiral George Collier Remey and to Charles Mason, first Chief Justice of Iowa, have been received from the son and grandson, Charles Mason Remey, of Washington, D. C.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

Two memorial observances in the department building this past quarter were occasions for presentations to the department.

On November 23, 1940, the Iowa Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower, in celebrating the 320 anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact, presented a model of the Mayflower to the department, especially for the genealogical section of the historical library. Mrs. Charles H. Humphryes, Governor of the Iowa Society presented the ship, and Curator Williams accepted.

On December 27, 1940, the Kinsman Woman's Relief Corps, No. 24, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, presented a large three by four foot bronze plaque in honor of the

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