

1854, graduating there and at the Iowa Agricultural College, and who has become one of the foremost writers upon the glaciers of this country, in a letter to the Editor of THE ANNALS, says of Denmark Academy:

I hardly know what I could say that would be worth inserting concerning the Academy as I knew it. I am keeping track of its work right along, and know that it is maintaining and in some ways improving its standard. There are more persons going to college from it now than in the days when it had an attendance much greater than the present, which shows pretty clearly that it is not deteriorating. There is in such a school an atmosphere of culture which is rare in the public school and which tends toward good citizenship. I wish our public schools had more of it.

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### THE COMMISSION OF GOVERNOR LUCAS.

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The original document is in the possession of the State Historical Society at Iowa City. Gen. Robert Lucas was appointed first governor of Iowa Territory by President Van Buren. The commission bears the date of July 7, 1838. This precious document has suffered very much from the lapse of time and possibly from lack of care during earlier years of its existence. Wherever blanks were filled with pen-writing the ink has become much faded. In some instances even the printed lines are so worn that it is quite difficult to trace them. It was kindly loaned to the Historical Department for the purpose of enabling it to be reproduced in these pages. The result is shown in the facsimile which we print in this number. While the work is in some respects faulty it is certainly as good as can be produced without a better copy, which at this time is wholly out of the question. It shows as nearly as practicable what the commission was at the date of its issuance. We have made every possible effort to recover the commissions of Governors Chambers and Clarke, but up to this time without success. It is extremely doubtful whether either of them is in existence, and a matter of regret that they have not been preserved.

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