

in foreign collections. The most important in relation to the present group of the *Crinoidea* are those in England, Sweden, Belgium, and North Germany."

Concerning this great monograph several features stand out prominently. The forms described are the rarest types of ancient crinoidal life. Mainly for this reason they are generally little understood. By dint of industrious accumulation of materials the means are found to evolve a classification which seems to be widely acceptable to students. Thus we bring order out of confusion. The investigation as now recorded and made public clears up many doubtful points relative to the genetic relationships of this long little known group of organisms.

Accomplishments of this kind impress us that the large achievements of mankind are not all wrought in marble monument. Greatest strides of human progress are oft indited in simple character on perishable papyrus roll.

Marvelous circumstance is it that the one monumental production in a principal branch of pure science during a quarter of a century and of global scope, should emanate from the mind of an Iowan far removed from the usual centers of consultation and constantly occupied with business affairs of large moment. Our state pride could have no nobler outlet than when its intellectuality bursts provincial bounds and takes on world-wide aspect.

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We must beg the indulgence of our readers. Circumstances have compelled us, reluctantly, to devote a portion of our last two or three numbers to the benefit of a few humble Whig aspirants after fame. Having indulged their vanity by giving them the notoriety which they seemed to covet, we will now return to our regular and more useful employment.—*Territorial Gazette and Advertiser*, Burlington, Iowa Territory, August 8 1840. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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