

any minor points of difference. Each regiment is dealt with separately and very fully. There is first given a history of the organization, with a list of the battles in which it participated, followed by a full roster of the command, showing the date of enlistment and muster into service, the date and place of discharge, casualties, or death, of every officer and man. The same course is pursued in regard to service in the navy, or in the smaller organizations, as batteries, separate companies, the Veteran Reserve Corps, etc. Every fact required to be set down in the records of his State, showing the military history of the volunteer soldier, is here set forth. The histories which preface each regimental register or roster, while necessarily brief, were evidently prepared with the utmost care. Many of them embody facts which would otherwise soon have passed into oblivion. Each is a beautifully printed, large quarto volume, one making 863 and the other 1347 pages.

These splendid volumes seem to us to come near perfection as "soldiers' monuments." Every soldier gets full credit for his service, and the books are certain to have as long a life as the State or Nation. Others of the Eastern States have either published similar volumes or have them in preparation. While this, like all other historical work, has been most unaccountably delayed in Iowa, we are confident that it will be undertaken and carried out at no distant day. We cannot for a moment entertain the idea that any intelligent person will long oppose it. Pride in the heroism displayed by the soldiers of Iowa on so many bloody fields, will yet manifest itself in the completion and perpetuation of their records.

FORTY YEARS AGO.

Capt. W. H. Ingham, of Algona, Iowa, presents in our leading article his recollections of the Northern Border Brigade, in which he commanded a company, recruited and mustered into the service of the State, for the purpose of

protecting the northwestern frontier of Iowa from the incursions of the Indians. It is difficult to realize that our State, only forty years ago, was compelled to raise a military force, and place it within formidable stockades, to protect the lives of its citizens! All of the events of which he gives the reader so clear an account transpired scarcely longer since than the life-time of a generation—certainly within the recollection of thousands of persons now living. It is a marvellous transition from wide untenanted prairies to cultivated farms and smiling towns and villages, with peace and safety throughout our borders. This article is valuable not only as being the faithful report of an eye-witness, but as embodying all the important official reports concerning the Northern Border Brigade. Up to this time information relative to this military occupation of northwestern Iowa has not been accessible, but the present publication will result in placing it in our public libraries. Our illustrations include a fine steel portrait of Capt. Ingham, with half-tones of several of the officers and cuts of three important stockades.

NATIONAL HATREDS.

One who has lived over seventy years lately mentioned that he had known the existence and the passing away of many hatreds which at times filled the minds of the people. Away back in the thirties, and long before, most Yankees abhorred the name or sight of an Englishman. At that time there were still a dozen or more white-haired Revolutionary soldiers within his own county, and soldiers of the war of 1812 were in some regions almost as plenty as those of the civil war around us now. Our hatred of those "Britishers" was simply intense. We impugned their courage, having no doubt whatever that one American was a match for half a dozen of them. We indulged even a bitterer hatred of the "Tories"—now euphoniously called "Loyalists of the Amer-

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