

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—WE publish in this number the Address of the Hon. Henry Clay Dean, on the Philosophy of the History of the Louisiana Purchase, delivered before the Historical Society on the occasion of their last annual meeting. His speech, alternately lighted and shaded by gleams of humor and strains of pathos, thrilled with pleasure a vast audience, as the apt metaphor or learned illustration was drawn from the never-failing springs of his imagination or the exhaustless reservoir of his memory. It was, in short, a wonderful discourse, holding much in utterance necessarily lost in print, but which must stand, as here published, as great among the greatest of American orations.

—AN inquiry was published in these Notes, some months ago, asking the origin of some of the names of Iowa counties, among others that of Louisa. The Hon. Wm. L. Toole, in "Sketches and Incidents relating the Settlement of Louisa county," published in the January No. of the Annals for 1868, page 50, gives the explanations that the name was borrowed from a county of this name in the State of Virginia.

—JOHN CARROLL WALSH, of Hartford county, Maryland, has published in the *Dollar Monthly*, published at Hamilton, Illinois, a historical sketch of Fort Madison, Iowa, of which he was one of the earliest pioneers.

—WE acknowledge the receipt of the *Bulletin* of the Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences, a pamphlet of 150 pages, containing interesting papers on Ornithology, Geology, the Antiquity of Man, and Astronomy, published by the Academy of Natural Sciences, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

—MISS EDNA DEAN PROCTOR composed the dedicatory poem that was read at the fiftieth annual meeting of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

—The article on Fort Madison, by Mr. John Carroll Walsh, which appears in this number, is taken from the *Dollar Monthly*.

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