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It is hardly necessary at this late date, to emphasize the great importance of the first ten volumes of *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, the result of Dr. Draper's editing. We have said that the enduring material therein might be condensed into four or five volumes; but these would be remarkable books, containing some of the most valuable sources of Wisconsin history—indeed, of general Western history. Gorrell's Journal and the reminiscences by Biddle and Whittlesey, given in volume i, could be spared from no collection. Each successive volume contained documents of marked value, generally of increasing importance—Draper's interview with Augustin Grignon, in volume iii, being perhaps his most important single contribution to the history of this region. Any original study of Wisconsin's development, or that of the West at large, must take careful note of these ten volumes, as foundation stones. It is a matter for general congratulation that legislative bounty has rendered it possible to place them before the public in new dress, and in number sufficient, it is hoped, to meet all legitimate demands.

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