

Franchere, Falconer, McLeod, Hanson and others. The large folio work on the American Indians, by Hall and McKenney, in three volumes, with 120 beautifully colored engravings, taken mostly from the collection of the Indian Bureau at Washington, and embracing among the number several chieftains of the Ottawa, Chippewa, Winnebago, Menomonee, Sauk and Fox nations, is a valuable acquisition to our library. It was purchased at considerably less than the usual price. A large number of state, county and town histories and family genealogies, relating to various portions of the Union, and many of them gifts from their respective authors, have been added to the library, and serve a most valuable purpose in tracing genealogies, as well as facilitating general and local historical research and investigation.

Our newspaper files, so valuable for numerous purposes of reference, have been largely augmented. Fifty-eight bound volumes have been added during the past twelve months, of which thirty-three volumes relate to the period preceding the introduction of the printing press in Wisconsin, in 1833. The whole number of bound newspaper files now in the library, including Niles' Register, is 206, making almost a continuous series from 1784 to the present time. We have one prior volume, covering a portion of 1776 and 1777. We have Gen. Ellis' file of the *Green Bay Intelligencer* from its commencement, Dec. 11, 1833, to Sept., 1835, and then a gap occurs until the establishment of the *Wisconsin Enquirer*, by J. A. Noonan, Nov. 8, 1838; but this hiatus, we hope, will be amply supplied by the valuable files of territorial papers so considerably preserved and so kindly promised to our Society, by the Hon. George Hyer and the Hon. Joshua Hathaway, both early and meritorious pioneers of Wisconsin, and warm friends of our Society. Rev. Alfred Brunson, another early pioneer, has promised a file of the *N. Y. Advocate and Journal*, from Aug., 1832, to May, 1834, containing many of Mr. Brunson's communications relative to Western matters at that period; G. W. Bliss promises a full file of the *Mineral Point Tribune*, embracing 8 volumes; J. C. Cover, the *Lancaster Herald*, 1851-55;