

Preface to Reprint Edition

While containing much that is now of slight value to historical students, volume iv, originally published in 1859, is notable for several interesting contributions.

John Y. Smith's annual address, on the "Origin of the American Indians," was a strong paper for its day; but of course modern scientific study has discounted most of the theories of the early students. Especially noteworthy are the personal narratives of those sturdy Wisconsin pioneers, Ebenezer Childs and Henry S. Baird, both of them men having a large share in the shaping of events in the territory and young state. Other narratives of eye-witnesses, that for the same reason have an enduring value, are Horace Rublee's "Early Times in Sheboygan County," and C. B. Chapman's "Early Events in the Four Lake Country." Morrison McMillan's account of "Early Settlement of La Crosse and Monroe Counties" is of similar character. Alfred Brunson's résumé of the "Early History of Wisconsin" is chiefly notable as one of the first studies of the subject. The Stockbridge and Brother-town Indians receive a somewhat detailed treatment, especial prominence being given to the career of that interesting personality, John W. Quinney, chief of the former tribe. I. A. Lapham's "Man-shaped Mounds in Wisconsin" is a valuable fragment from his larger study of our state antiquities. To the literature of the northeastern boundary controversy, there are contributed several documents worth preserving. Local