

of Mrs. C. L. A. Tank, of Fort Howard, Wisconsin, and was collected by her father, the late Rev. R. J. Van Der Meulen, of Holland, who was a clergyman of liberal culture, and during his lifetime accumulated this valuable collection on history, travels, science and theology. It reached us in good condition, in October, filling twenty-one large cases, the Legislature having provided for the freight expenses from Holland. Though in foreign languages, yet such a collection will prove a valuable acquisition to such a reference Library as ours, where the wants of our citizens of all nationalities must needs be provided for, so far as it may be in our power to do so.

This *Tank Collection*, numbering altogether 4,812 volumes, and 374 pamphlets, deserves a more special notice. It is rich in works in fine old vellum binding—having 111 folios, 264 quartos, and 404 in smaller size, making a total of 779 bound in vellum style. The total number of folios in this collection, in vellum, sheep and paper binding, is 269; of quartos in various bindings, 737. Many of these works are largely and richly illustrated.

Among this *Tank Collection* are the following: Suetonius' History of the Twelve Cæsars in Latin, printed at Antwerp, 1548; Marcobius' Commentary on Cicero, Lyons, 1560; Lucan's Pharsalia, Antwerp, 1564; a fine rare edition of the New Testament, Paris, 1568; a large folio Bible, in the Dutch language, with numerous large copperplate engravings, bound in heavy Russia leather, with heavy brass clasps, Gorinchem, 1748; a similar copy without engravings, Dort, 1729; another copy, small folio, with clasps, Amsterdam, 1796; also a 12 mo. edition, bound in morocco, with clasps, with the Psalms set to music, Dort, 1769; Calvin Opera Omnia, in 9 vols. folio, Amsterdam, 1671; Travels of Nieuhoff, De Bruyer Baldaus, and Montanus, in foreign countries, with fine copperplate engravings, in 6 folio volumes, 1671-'93; Dapper's Histories of China, Arabia, Palestine, &c., copperplate engravings, 5 vols. folio, 1672-'78; works of Josephus, copperplate engravings, folio, Amsterdam, 1772; Hubner's Geslacht Tafelen, in 4 oblong folio volumes, a valuable work on the genealogy