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We must next notice a very valuable contribution, which we cannot estimate too highly, from Edwin B. Quiner—eleven quarto volumes of mounted newspaper scraps relative to the important part Wisconsin enacted in the late war. These embrace hundreds, if not thousands, of letters, written by "the boys in blue" to their friends at home, and published in the various local papers of the State, and were used to only a limited extent, in the preparation of Mr. Quiner's elaborate work on the Rebellion. Arranged by regiments, and neatly mounted, they will, when properly indexed as our Librarian shortly designs doing, prove one of the very richest collections for historical reference on all matters pertaining to Wisconsin's part in the war for the Union, that we can ever expect to possess. Mr. Quiner has also been mindful of the Society's wants in presenting five other valuable works, and a nearly complete set of the serial work of Byrne's Dictionary of Mechanics. For all these contributions, as well as former gifts, the Society returns to Mr. Quiner its grateful thanks, mingled with sincere sympathies for his declining health.

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