

valuable work, and progress has been made in our efforts to complete our sets of serials and periodicals, and reports of the Adjutant Generals of the several States during the war. We have during the year, added something to our collection from the small and select editions of rare works on American history, issued by Munsell, Shea, Woodward, Dawson, Wiggins, Sabin, Dodge and others.

### Newspaper Department

During the year we have had 73 volumes of newspapers from our files bound, of which 57 were Wisconsin files; and 52 volumes have been purchased and donated, making the total addition of the year 125 volumes, and the entire number in the collection 1,421 volumes. Of the new additions, 6 volumes were published in the last century the *Independent Whig*, at Philadelphia, in 1721; two volumes of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, by Dr. Franklin, 1741-'46; *Pennsylvania Chronicle*, 1768, and the *North Briton*, 2 volumes, 1769. We have now 144 volumes of bound newspaper files, published in the last century. In the immense collection on American history which Peter Force was fifty years in gathering, and which he has recently sold to the General Government, there were 245 bound newspaper files of the last century—exceeding ours nearly two-fifths; while his collection in this century, was scarcely the half of ours. It is questionable, if, in all respects, a better collection than ours can be found in our country.

Seventy magazines, newspapers and serials come regularly to the Society, and all except five as donations. These are all bound as frequently as enough of a kind to form a convenient sized volume accumulate; if they were suffered to go unbound for a few years, the cost of binding would prove a matter of serious difficulty to meet.

### Map and Atlas Department

From the *Tank Collection*, and other sources, we have received some important additions to this department. Atlas