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These additions of the year have been most important; secured among other sources, from the rich collections of Hon. Thos. H. Field and the late Samuel G. Drake—the largest ever made on Indian history and literature; and also from the collections of the late Hon. Thomas H. Wynne, of Virginia, and Capt. Wm. F. Goodwin, of New Hampshire, both efficiently connected with the historical societies of their respective states. These four rich collections, thrown upon the market, enabled our Society to secure many rare and important works, serving to fill up many a gap in our several departments.

Our newspaper files have received an unusually large increase—many invaluable ones of the last century, from 1720 to 1794, most of which it would be impossible to duplicate. Our department of directories, so important in tracing names for genealogical purposes, has received a large acquisition; and the same may be said of our Indian and American historical departments, as well as our collections on science, bibliography, genealogy, magazines and reviews, State documents, maps, and atlases. The valuable work on Wilkes' Exploring Expedition, with all its illustrative maps and drawings, finds a fitting place in our Library, transferred from the executive rooms, through Gov. Ludington's courtesy and kindness. Mr. Durrie's fine contribution of six unpublished folio volumes on Wisconsin history and topography, deserves, as it should receive, a special recognition.