

from Hon. H. H. Giles; 33 copies of Lapham Memorial, by Chas. Mann, from Wisconsin Natural History Association.

### Library Improvements

During the year, the cases and closets have been supplied with new locks—a much needed improvement. With a couple of ventilators, and some better protection from the occasional overflow of the water-tank on the top of the building from which our newspaper files have repeatedly suffered injury, the rooms would be in good condition.

No one entering our rooms, and observing the over-crowding of books, newspapers and pictures, need be told that the time is near at hand when more space will be imperatively demanded.

### Library Work

The librarian and assistants have discharged their duties with fidelity, and have been getting matter ready for a new *Catalogue*, keeping up exchanges, arranging serials for binding, and meeting the constant call for books by visitors. Mr. Isaac Lyon is attentive and unremitting in his courtesies (though now eighty-three years of age), as he was when he entered on the work of supervising the cabinet, over six years ago—and all this voluntarily and without pay.

### The Seventh Volume of Collections

The new volume of *Collections*, in press at our last annual meeting, has been largely used in effecting literary exchanges, and has met with much favor.

The Hon. Cyrus Woodman, an early settler at Mineral Point, writes from Cambridge, Massachusetts: "To me it is a volume of unusual interest. The articles from the pens of General Ellis, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Tassé and Judge Doty, are all of special interest. It is fortunate that so much light has been thrown upon the early history of Green Bay, and the remarkable men who have lived there."

### Manuscript Collections

Col. James M. Boyd, of Green Bay, has contributed a package of important papers relating to early Wisconsin history—mostly