

years, and is its own best commentary on the growth of the collection. The four *Catalogue* volumes, embracing nearly 2,500 pages, with their direct and cross-references to titles, subjects and authors, render it an easy matter for the student or investigator to ascertain the strength of the Library on any given topic; and the books being grouped by subjects, are readily found when wanted.

The Library is in as good condition, save in ventilation, as could be expected, when its overcrowded state is considered. In the hopeful "good time coming," a collection so rich in nearly every department of American literature, and in general European history, will surely be provided with ample room for the preservation and safety of these precious gatherings.

Manuscript Collections

The additions to our store of materials for publication have been but few, yet valuable of their kind:

A sketch of the early adventurous missionary and explorer of the West, Jean Nicolet, by Benjamin Sulte, Ottawa, Canada.

Several original papers, presented by Lyman C. Draper, touching the Pontiac outbreak of 1763, and briefly relating to Fort Edward Augustus at Green Bay—some written by Edmond Moran, then engaged in merchandizing at Green Bay, representing Capt. Evan Shelby & Co., of Frederick County, Maryland, and showing their losses of goods, by the Indians capturing the fort there, at £1440, which seems subsequently to have been reimbursed by the British government.

Tradition of the Sac (or Sauk) Indians, by George Johnston, written in 1845.

The Pottawattomie Council at Chicago, in May, 1832, by Dr. Enoch Chase.

Incidents of the Black Hawk War, by Peter Parkinson, Jr.

Settlement and History of the Swiss Colony at New Glarus, Green County, by Hon. John Luchsinger.

In concluding our report, we must not omit to record the great loss we have sustained in the recent death of Prof. Stephen H. Carpenter, LL. D., who had, for nearly 25 years, an official