

Prairie; one of the first tacks made in Wisconsin, by C. W. Dean, 1883, at Evansville, Wisconsin, from Mr. Dean, with his photograph; a framed looking-glass, eleven by seventeen inches, formerly owned by Isaac Brooks, of Fairfield, Connecticut, buried in the ground, in July, 1779, for preservation when the place was burned by the British at that time, presented by his grandson, W. B. Patterson, of Evansville, Wisconsin; a southern pike, made in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1861, called the "Marshal Kane pike," with a photograph of Confederate pikes and lances used in the Civil War in 1861-65, collected by Captain W. McK. Heath, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, presented by him; a copy of Vicksburg *Daily Citizen*, of July 2, 1862, on wall-paper—the last issue before the surrender of the place, from J. J. Donnellon, Chicago, Illinois.

The Society has made a purchase of 950 numbers of English and American periodicals, to complete the sets in the Library. Bishop C. F. Robertson, of St. Louis, has donated 22 volumes of the *Spirit of Missions*, to complete the set in the Library; and General E. E. Bryant, 3 copies Wisconsin Bar Association *Proceedings*, 1881. A complete set of proof specimens of the several series of postage stamps issued by the United States government from 1847 to 1883; also specimens of the current series of stamped envelopes, presented by the United States post office department. Copper coin, Island of Guernsey, one, two, and eight doubles, 1830 and 1834, from Peter Ozann, Somers, Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

The ninth volume of our Society's *Collections*, which should have appeared in 1882, was delayed, for the sake of perfecting its papers, till early in 1883. It contains a diversity of articles on our antiquarian and more modern history, notably that of Mr. Peet, on the "Emblematical Mounds of Wisconsin," and the narrative and journal of Capt. Thomas G. Anderson, touching events in this country at the beginning of this century.

During the year, the usual Library work has been performed by the librarian and his assistants, attending to the wants of visitors, and preparing for the new catalogue to