

lines, the debate aroused not a little bitterness at the time. To an unprejudiced observer, a score of years later, when all four of these competent antiquarians have passed away, it would, with all kindness to the memory of Mr. Butterfield, seem that he had much the worst of the argument. The symposium is a substantial contribution to the history of the State, incidentally bringing out many facts of interest concerning the period of French occupancy.

We have in this volume several illuminating documents, reaching from 1794 to 1821, selected from the Lawe and Grignon Papers in the Society's possession; also some additional papers collected by Thomas G. Anderson, whose valuable Narrative and Journal were published in our volume ix. Of the same character is Father Crespel's account of De Lignery's expedition against the Foxes, in 1728; but this should be read in connection with the documentary resumé of the French regime in our volumes xvi, xvii, and xviii. Fathers Garneau and Ferland discuss the ever-interesting subject of Jean Nicolet, to which still further contributions are made in our volume xi.

Dr. Butler gives the earliest history of the Four Lake country (Taychoperah), especially on the French side. There are some minor contributions to the fruitful topic of the Black Hawk War. Col. John Shaw presents sketches of several Wisconsin Indian chiefs and pioneers. James Sutherland writes of early exploration and settlement in Wisconsin in general, presenting nothing new, but giving us a convenient compilation of facts already brought out in the *Collections*.

The paper on Col. Henry Gratiot, by Elihu B. Washburne, and Mrs. Adèle De P. Gratiot's Narrative, are both of them welcome additions to Wisconsin history. The Gratiots were from many points of view a highly interesting pioneer family; their story illuminates the annals of the entire lead-mine region.

Dr. Draper's careful and exhaustive study of autograph collections of signers of the American declaration of independence and of the federal constitution is hardly germane to the pur-