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It is believed that the twelfth volume of the Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin will be found at least equal in interest and value to its predecessor.

The volume opens with a memoir and bibliography of the late Lyman C. Draper, editor of the first ten volumes of the Collections, and for thirty-three years corresponding secretary of the Society. "Papers from the Canadian Archives," covering the history of what is now Wisconsin, during the period of the Revolutionary War, were a prominent feature in the eleventh volume, and made it possible for the first time to construct that missing chapter in the history of our State. In the present volume, those papers are reinforced by many others from the same source, of equal importance, and ranging from 1767 to 1814,—a wide field of interest. The student of Wisconsin history has now at his command practically all the Anglo-Canadian documents bearing on the history of this region during the Wars of the Revolution, and 1812–15. Robert Dickson, upon whose adventures sidelights were thrown by the "Dickson-Grignon Papers," in the eleventh volume, is in this made the subject of a sketch by a Canadian historian, Ernest Alexander Cruikshank. Mr. Cruikshank has carefully traced the career of this famous fur-trade chief, whose name was for many years familiarly associated with Wisconsin woods and streams. In the roster of "American Fur Company Employees—1818–1819," are given the names, whereabouts, and compensation of the agents of this great corporation, during two important years—information valuable to the student of the early commerce of the West. "McCall's Journal of a visit to Wisconsin in 1830," is valuable not only as a hitherto-unpublished document bearing on an interesting event in the history of our native tribes,—the location of the New York Indians in