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churches, leaving out of view the New School. When this church was organized, there were but two Old School churches in the Territory of Iowa. In 1842 the Presbytery with which this church connected itself embraced the whole Territory, and contained 7 ministers, 13 churches, and 323 members. Now there are in this State 2 Synods, 6 Presbyteries, 80 ministers, 128 churches, and 5,300 members. The number of Old School Presbyterians in this State exceeds that of the Congregationalist's some 500; of the New School some 3,000, and is I believe exceeded by no denomination except the Methodist.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

During the summer the Board of Curators have not regularly met.

The donations to the Library and Cabinet have, however, been constant and extensive.

The Board of Curators unanimously resolved to continue the publication of the ANNALS, the subscriptions to which have doubled within the last three months.

They also resolved to have the files of newspapers of the State bound for more convenient reference. These papers are particularly valuable for the many matters they contain elucidating the war history of our patriotic State.

Among the many contributors we may mention, in the way of books and pamphlets, the several Departments at Washington, Dr. Wright, Secretary of State at Des Moines, Hon. J. A. Raum, Secretary of Dakotah Territory, Profs. Parvin and Wells, Col. Henderson and Capt. Williams, of the 44th.

The following persons have contributed largely in the way of battle flags, war relics, and specimens for the cabinet of

natural history and curiosities, viz. : Gen. Baker, Col. Benton, Adj. L. A. Duncan, Maj. Pattee, Capt. D. J. Davis, L. B. Patterson, Esq., Masters Leonidas and Frank Boucher, (sons of Dr. B., of Iowa City,) C. M. Lee, Capt. Millard and H. N. Berry.

The Society's rooms are now quite an object of interest to the visitor.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Annals of Iowa.—The Society will continue the publication of the *Annals* during the ensuing year. The subscription price will be advanced to ONE DOLLAR. The high price of material and printing makes this a matter of necessity. The work has received the sanction of a large number of old settlers as well as new, and the edition of 500 copies for the present year is exhausted. An increased number for 1865 will be issued, and it is hoped that the friends of the Society will endeavor to extend its circulation.

Students' Company.—The Students who went out from the University, Cornell and Western Colleges, constituting Company D, 44th Regiment, Iowa Infantry, have returned, all of of their number enjoying comparatively good health, except Prof. Calver of the Military Department of the University, whose indisposition we hope is but temporary. The Boys having shown their patriotism and faithfully discharged their duties, many of them are prepared to resume their studies in the several institutions from which they went out. May they all

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