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Report of the Iowa Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1904. Compiled and edited by the Secretary, Freeman R. Conaway. The Register and Leader Company, Des Moines, 1905.

In this handsome volume of 418 pages, Mr. Conaway presents a very full and comprehensive report of the part taken by Iowa in the great Exposition at St. Louis. While his work has been largely that of a compiler of reports by others, he has collected a great variety of material which will be of the highest service in the writing of Iowa history. The volume is copiously illustrated with portraits and views of edifices and scenery. It possesses permanent value as an Iowa work of reference, and Mr. Conaway deserves the thanks of our people for the admirable manner in which he has discharged his difficult work.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN OMISSION CORRECTED.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA, Sept. 14, 1905.

EDITOR OF THE ANNALS: I have read with much interest the valuable contribution of Col. Charles A. Clark in THE ANNALS OF IOWA for July, 1905, entitled "Congressional Medals of Honor and Iowa Soldiers."

In giving the list of Iowa soldiers, and those who have long been citizens of this State but who served in military organizations from other states, to whom these medals have been issued, through mistake, one name has been omitted.

In justice to the gallant soldier whose name does not appear I hand you the following copy of letter, and extract from another, which, at my request, Mr. Kephart has placed in my hands:

THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1905. }

MR. JAMES KEPHART, Webster City, Iowa.

Sir: I am directed by the Acting Secretary of War to inform you that, in accordance with the act of Congress approved April 23, 1904, a Medal of Honor of new design has this day been issued to you to replace the medal awarded you April 25, 1899, under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1863.

E. R. HILLIS,
Military Secretary.

The following is an extract from the letter of the Adjutant General to Mr. Kephart advising him of the award of the medal which was replaced by the one referred to in the foregoing letter:

The Secretary of War has awarded to you a Medal of Honor for most distinguished bravery in action, at Vicksburg, Miss., May 19, 1863. At the assault on the Confederate works Mr. Kephart, then a private of Company C, 1st Battalion, 13th U. S. Infantry, voluntarily and at the risk of his life, when the battalion was about to retreat, returned, and under a severe fire from the enemy, aided and assisted to the rear an officer who had been severely wounded and left on the field, thereby saving him from capture.

Mr. Kephart informs me that the officer rescued was Lieut. Joseph L. Horr who commanded one of the companies in the assault. Mr. Kephart

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