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in the library, and it is the policy of the staff to comply with such requests on the day they are received. The efficient management of the library has been recognized throughout the nation for more than a half century, and the high standing accorded its supervising officials may be gauged by the fact that one of its librarians, the late A. J. Small, was one of the founders and first president of the American Association of Law Librarians, an association whose membership includes members of the staffs of state, institutional and university law libraries throughout the country. And in this connection, it is proper to pay tribute to the man whose extraordinary ability and self-sacrifice made possible the preminence in the field of law libraries which the Iowa library now enjoys—A. J. Small, who served as state law librarian for more than 41 years. To him this magnificent institution, which holds a place of importance in the legal annals of the state equal to that attained by the historic law libraries of the ancient world, is, indeed, a fitting monument.

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Arkansas had no distinctive part in the march of events which culminated in the war between the states. It was one of the southern states and within its borders and among its people had grown up political and economic conditions similar to those in other southern states. The people of Arkansas were loyal to the Union, in the majority and to the heart’s core. They loved the government that had been founded by their forefathers of the south and east, but they loved their state more because of its peoples’ prospect for advancement and prosperity; the conditions were more domestic and economic than political. In the days of readjustment the men who had worn the blue and the men who had worn the gray and who respected each other for the scars they bore, put dead issues under their feet and stood shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for American supremacy in its broadest sense.—J. A. Smith, in Arkansas Quarterly.