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EDITORIAL NOTES.

— It is a matter of justice to the editor of the Annals, as well as to the author of the article on "the Iowa State Normal Academy of Music," begun in the previous and completed in this number, to say that "the secretary," by whom it was written, is the former secretary of the "Musical Academy," and not the secretary of the Historical Society, as some have supposed.

— Hon. S. C. Hastings, a sketch of whose life is published in this number, removed to California in the last year of his term of office as Chief Justice of Iowa, and in a few months afterwards became the Chief Justice of California. Thus he was Chief Justice of two states in the same calendar year—a fact probably unique in the judicial history of the country.

— We have received from Mr. W. L. Palmer, the compiler, a "History of Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa," which gives, in the form of a small pamphlet, information concerning the chief natural resources of that county, short pen portraits of her early settlers, the names of those who enlisted from Butler county during the rebellion, some account of the Indian scare of 1854, and other matters of interest. We hope to quote from it more fully in a future number.

— The prospectus of the Iowa Progress, the official organ of the State Board of Immigration, a new sixteen-page quarto monthly, promising the first appearance of the work at Des Moines on the 1st of June, has been received.

— We think we detect the graceful pen of Hon. Wm. H. Tuthill in "Antiquary's" papers, in course of publication in the Cedar Post. Judge, "why do you tarry, and why do you stay," when our readers are yearning for your sketches?

— Gen. Jonathan Emerson Fletcher died near Muscatine, April 6, 1872, aged 66 years. He was a native of Vermont, but settled in Muscatine county as early as 1838. He was a member of the convention that framed the old constitution of the state, and was appointed Indian Agent for the Winnebagoes by President Polk, and held that post for seven years. We hope to publish a more extended notice of his career in another number.

— The delay in the issue of the present number is provoking, but, as in the case of a railroad accident, or steamboat explosion, "no one is to blame." Explanations and apologies would be to no purpose. So all we can say is, look out for the July number in better season.

— It is hoped that every subscriber will respond promptly to the polite dun which will go to each who has not already paid for 1872. The Annals has reached a point in its history when its revenue must at least equal the cost of its own printing.