EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

icated by Mrs. Booth on the 24th day of October, 1902. It is not expected to be open for the reception of ex-prisoners before the coming spring.

THE IOWA HISTORICAL RECORD.

A printed slip in the October number of The Iowa Historical Record announced the discontinuance of that periodical. It is to be succeeded this month (January, 1903) by a new quarterly magazine under the title of The Iowa Journal of History and Politics. The Record has been published by the Iowa State Historical Society since January, 1885. Its successor, like The Record, will appear under the auspices of the Society. The Record, while its support has never been adequate to its merits, or sufficient to justify any but the most meager expenditures in placing it before the public, will be greatly missed by all who have read it from its commencement. Its eighteen volumes are a most valuable repository of the materials of Iowa history. It contains the writings of many of our representative men of the time during which it was published, the most of whom have passed away or removed to other regions. What they have contributed to its pages will remain an imperishable monument to their memories. The Iowa library which has secured and carefully preserved the volumes of The Record may be considered very fortunate, for they will long be consulted by the students of Iowa history.

The most flattering prospects would seem to greet the new periodical at the outset of its career. It will have abundant materials for its pages in the researches and writings of historical scholars in this State and elsewhere. The last legislature generously provided the Society with funds adequate to its needs. These forecasts of prosperity are very largely due to the untiring efforts of Prof. B. F. Shambaugh, who is to be congratulated upon the distinguished success he has fairly won.