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Under this head the October, 1908, number of The Annals contained a review of Vol. I of the Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion. That review described in detail the plan and character of the work. Vol. II has now been published. It is evident that the same painstaking care has been exercised in the compilation of this volume, and the high standard of excellence maintained, which characterized the initial number. About one-half the space in this second volume is devoted to the history and rosters of the four Iowa regiments which constituted the famous "Crocker's Iowa Brigade," which won great distinction during the war and whose survivors still maintain the old brigade organization in a semi-military way. The entire contents of the volume include the histories and rosters of eight infantry regiments, the Ninth to Sixteenth inclusive. Even a casual examination of the two volumes now published will show the immense amount of labor and patient investigation involved in the completion of this great work. The compiler now has the material for the third and fourth volumes in an advanced state of preparation and the work is being prosecuted as rapidly as the necessary care in making it as nearly correct as possible will permit. It is estimated that the completed work will consist of not less than eight volumes of the size of those already published, comprising over 1,200 pages each, or approximately 10,000 pages in all.

The persistent efforts of the lamented Charles Aldrich—extended over all the years since the great War of the Rebellion ended—to secure the publication of this work, are finally being rewarded. The State of Iowa has honored itself in yielding to his importunities and providing for the permanent preservation of the records of her soldiers and the military organizations to which they belonged.