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In addition to patrons from Iowa and neighboring states, the Iowa Historical and Genealogical Library was visited this fall and summer by researchers from coastal areas, Alaska, British Columbia and the Caribbean. Student visitors have included a Drake University class in colonial history, under the direction of William D. Houlette, who came to acquaint themselves with the excellent Americana collection in this field.


Added to the manuscript division of the library have been 50 journals, dating from 1846 through 1896, by A. B. Robbins, early Congregational minister at Muscatine, Iowa. These were a gift of Guy W. Ade, Moline, Illinois. The Rev. Mr. Robbins was affiliated with the justly famous "Iowa Band," a missionary group in the state's pioneering era.