

Hon. A. R. Fulton and His Work

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his pastorate in that city, and the end is not yet. He is still laboring as of old with tongue and pen. Scarcely another man has contributed as much original work to elucidating the history of the Territory and State. His publications have followed each other at frequent intervals since 1863. His works are all marked by great thoroughness of research, with a lucidity and beauty of style which have kept them alive in the minds of scholars and the public from the date of their first appearance until the present time. His "Life of James W. Grimes" is unquestionably the most important book of Iowa biography that has yet appeared. Our pages bear abundant and frequent testimony that he is still writing history and biography with all the enthusiasm that has characterized any period of his life. And in the administration of his social and pastoral duties he has always borne a most distinguished part. No man in Iowa has ever possessed a wider circle of attached friends. In Burlington he is the best beloved man in the whole cityful. And although he is now in his 83d year he is still laboring assiduously for his congregation and for the people of the State.

HON. A. R. FULTON AND HIS WORK.

Twenty years ago Judge Fulton was one of the well-known citizens and journalists of Des Moines. He was an old-time Iowa editor, having been one of the founders of *The Fairfield Ledger* in 1851, in the publication of which he was afterwards associated with the late W. W. Junkin. He was an able, versatile editor, and a pronounced partisan—an old-time anti-slavery whig and later a republican. His paper was well-known and influential and his labors were widely appreciated. He died at his home in Des Moines, Sept. 29, 1891. Among his many useful labors was the preparation of a book entitled "The Red Men of Iowa," which Messrs. Mills & Co., stereotyped and published in

1886. The edition was a small one, but it was the hope of the publishers to bring out another, and they had been casting about after the author's death to find some competent person to edit the work. This would have involved but little labor, for it was impracticable to make many changes in the stereotype plates. The book gave a succinct account of each of the various Indian tribes which at one time or another had occupied portions of our territory. But while this subject of a second edition was pending the rooms where the plates were stored were looted by burglars, who carried off among other things, the stereotypes of this valuable work. As so frequently occurs the property was never recovered. It was supposed at the time that the plates were melted down and sold for old metal. At all events they have never been heard from.

"The Red Men of Iowa" has been out of print for many years and copies are seldom met with except in the second-hand book stores. It is now a very scarce Iowa book and often in request. The library is fortunate which possesses a copy. It should be reprinted for it contains valuable historical information which can only be obtained by searching through early Territorial and State publications, as well as many by the general government and by private individuals.

NOTES FROM SIOUX CITY.

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND LETTERS OF SIOUX CITY.

During the month of September, 1903, there was organized at Sioux City, and incorporated under the laws of Iowa, an Academy of Science and Letters.

The Davenport Academy of Science, which has done such excellent work in anthropology and kindred fields, served the organizers as a model. What this institution has done in and for eastern Iowa the Academy of Sioux City hopes to do for Northwestern Iowa.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, John H. Charles; Vice President, Geo. W. Wakefield; Secretary, Prof. H. C. Powers; Treasurer, John Amerland; Editor, Prof. A. N. Cook; Librarian, Prof. F. H. Garver; Curator, G. B. Healy.

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