

on "Border Forays and Adventures," largely from original materials; to be followed by others on Sumter, Boone, Clark, Kenton, Brady, and their border associates and Indian-fighters.

Twenty-five years ago, Granville College, Ohio, conferred on Mr. Draper the honorary degree of Master of Arts; and, in 1871, the University of Wisconsin, that of LL.D., in recognition of his services in behalf of the historical literature of the country, and his unflagging efforts in building up a great public library in Wisconsin. He is either an honorary or corresponding member of the principal historical societies of the country.

Mr. Draper has been a man of much system and persistent industry, never getting wearied or discouraged in whatever he undertakes. "The frost-king," says F. A. Moore, "has been busy with his hair; yet his face and eye and step retain the freshness and elasticity of thirty. Seeing him now, it is hard to comprehend the secret force and energy that have inspired him through all these long and patient years; that have, again and again, sent him through almost every nook and cranny of the West and South in search of any old scrap of letter, paper, or relic, or to find the last man, woman, or child that could shed light upon the events and actions of the great pioneer period of the West." "Our wonder was," observes the well-known bibliographer, Joseph Sabin, "that a man of his slight physique could have accomplished a title of his work."

Such is a brief notice of the man of whose collections Jared Sparks expressed his amazement at their extent thirty years ago; and whom Col. John McDonald, himself a pioneer, and author of "Border Sketches," denominated "The Western Plutarch."

HON. MORGAN L. MARTIN.—He was born at Martinsburg, Lewis County, N. Y., March 31, 1805, and graduated at Union College, New York, 1824. He removed to Detroit, Mich., in 1826, and to Green Bay in 1827, where he has ever since resided. He was a member of the legislative council of Michigan from 1831 to 1835, a delegate to Congress in 1845, and a member of the legislative council of Wisconsin from 1845 to 1847. He was a member of the Second Constitutional Convention in 1848, member of the assembly in 1853, and of the senate in 1858-59. He was postmaster in the United States army from 1861 to 1865, and United

States Indian agent from 1866 to 1869. Mr. Martin is a lawyer by profession. In politics, a war Democrat, but has acted independently since the war. Supported Gen. Grant at the last election for the presidency. He was a successful candidate for the assembly in the fall of 1874, receiving five hundred and ninety-nine votes against five hundred and sixty for his opponent. But few are now living who have been identified longer or more prominently with the history of the State than has Mr. Martin; and none, perhaps, have discharged the duties of office or private citizen better than he. He is now in his seventieth year, hale and hearty as many a younger man.

HON. JOHN TABOR KINGSTON.—He was born in St. Claire County, Ill., Jan. 31, 1810. In the year 1820, his father removed to Central Illinois. In the spring of 1832, he removed with his family to Chicago, but, on account of the Sauk war, did not reach there until the spring of 1833. In the fifteenth year of his age, the subject of our sketch left home to seek his fortune in the Territory of Wisconsin. He came to Racine, made a claim, and built a house. After remaining there some time, he returned to his father's home. In March, 1833, he returned again to his claim in Wisconsin. In 1842 he removed to Grand Rapids, and, in 1848, to Neudah, his present home. He was elected clerk of the board of supervisors, register of deeds, and county surveyor of Portage County, in 1845; clerk of the circuit court in 1847; and elected to the State senate in 1850-60; was appointed a trustee of the Hospital for the Insane in 1870; and, in 1872, was appointed a trustee of the Northern Hospital for the Insane. He has held the office of town clerk, chairman of the town board, or president of the village, since the organization of the town of Neudah, in 1853. He was member of the assembly in 1874. Mr. Kingston is by occupation a lumberman.

HON. WALTER D. MCINDOE.—He was born in Scotland, March 30, 1819. He emigrated to this country in his fifteenth year, and for a time was a clerk in a large mercantile house in New York city. For some years thereafter, he pursued the same business in the cities of Charlestown, S. C., and St. Louis, Mo. Early in the history of Wisconsin, Mr. McIndoe settled within its limits, and became extensively engaged in the lumber-business. Being