

REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

THE HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA.

Timothy E. Howard, formerly on the State Supreme Court Bench, has not ceased working for the State because he no longer holds office. "The History of St. Joseph County" is his latest service to the commonwealth. As president of the Northern Indiana Historical Society Judge Howard has kept alive his interest in literary and historical questions.

It is wise to prepare such a history before the pioneers have passed away and while many of the early written documents are in existence. The field covered by Mr. Howard is a very large one, as can be seen by the two large volumes and the topics discussed: The geology of the county; the early French explorers, Marquette and La Salle; the first settlers; the treaties with the Indians; the incorporation of the county; the history of South Bend; the schools; public improvements; the civil war, with lists of officers and privates; the manufacturing establishments; the biographies.

The most important portions of the history are the narrative of the early settlements, the lists of soldiers, the biographies and the account of the schools, including Notre Dame University. One criticism will stand against this, namely, that not enough consideration is given to the school history. Factories are important, but not so important as education. The part of the work on the biographies of citizens of the county makes up the largest portion of Mr. Howard's labors, and properly, too, because after all, everything centers in men, in individuals.

Mr. Howard has evidently done this work with a loving and sympathetic heart. He is in sympathy with the Indians, with the early settlers in their hard experiences, and with the younger generation in its efforts to improve the commercial and social conditions of the community. There is a good index. Two volumes. 1908: The Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago and New York.

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