

will get not only a great deal of valuable information about his city, but a great deal of entertainment in running over the pages of the History of Greater Indianapolis.

As to the advertising part of the work, the series of autobiographical sketches which comprise volume II, the least said the better. What can be said of publishers who insert a full-page plate of "Pop" June and give us no likeness of Senator Beveridge, Governor Marshall and Vice-President Fairbanks; whose only account of President Harrison is a passing reference under the title of Colonel Russell B. Harrison; who omit entirely such men of the past as George P. Julian and such men of this generation as Hugh H. Hanna—what but that they are out to make as much money as possible out of the vanity of our "prominent citizens." It is surprising how many prominent citizens we have. The reviewer is compelled to confess that, after a residence of some years in Indianapolis, he was not aware that the city possessed such a stock of patriotic soldiers, illustrious doctors, loyal and devoted citizens, remarkable business men, distinguished educators, men who have gained impregnable holds upon popular confidence and esteem, judges whose courses on the bench have been marked by great discrimination, fidelity and judicial acumen so that their official records stand to their perpetual credit, sons who have added laurels to the honored names of fathers, as here give an account of themselves.

#### PAST AND PRESENT OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY.

[By General R. P. De Hart. Illustrated. 2v. B. F. Bowen & Co., Indianapolis. 1909.]

Judge De Hart is well qualified to be the historian of Tippecanoe county. His work is well done. It contains excellent chapters upon the Indian occupancy and the battle of Tippecanoe (though overloaded with the speeches at the dedication of the Battleground monument), the city of Lafayette, Purdue University, and various phases of local development. Many of the chapters were written by collaborators of the author, S. Vater, Brainerd Hooker, Alva O. Reser, R. F. Hight, Dr. S. S. Washburn. There is not a great amount of new information in the work, but it is a convenient gathering together of a large mass of information concerning Tippecanoe

county and Lafayette, and will be of increasing value as the years go on.

The second volume is the usual eulogistic collection of fulsome biographies, subscription for which makes the county history profitable for the publisher.

#### HOME FOLKS.

[A Series of Stories by Old Settlers of Fulton County. Volumes I and II. By Marguerite Miller. Illustrated. 146 and 105 pages respectively. Published by the author, Rochester, Indiana. No date.]

These booklets are made up of stories of the personal experiences of pioneers of Fulton county. They were originally written for the *Rochester Republican*, and as an afterthought published in book form. The demand for them was so great that most of the copies were sold immediately upon publication. Miss Miller is to be congratulated upon her success in getting these stories and in putting them into such form as to bring them before the people. As far as possible, she has given the words of the pioneers themselves, preserving the originality and the individuality of the narrators. The stories make very interesting reading and add a good deal to our store of knowledge in regard to early schools, roads, conditions prevailing before the Civil War, and genealogy. The photographs published with the stories are also of interest and value. It is to be hoped that Miss Miller will continue her work, as her interview with Mrs. James Smith, age ninety-eight, published in the *Rochester Republican* of October 13, 1910, gives promise she will. It is to be hoped also that copies of these books will be preserved, even though they are bound in paper, as there are many things of value in them. If other volumes are published, it would be well worth while to give them a full table of contents and an index.

#### THE ILLINOIS COUNTRY—1763-1774.

[Clarence Edwin Carter, A. M., Ph. D., Assistant Professor of History in Illinois College. 223 pp. Published by The American Historical Association, Washington. 1910. \$1.50; to members of the Association, \$1.00.]