

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.]

This account of the Illinois country under English control, though not bearing directly upon Indiana history, touches it at so many points and contributes so much to the correct understanding of conditions in Indiana settlements also that it is to be looked upon as a valuable addition to the history of this State. The worth of the monograph is attested by its receiving the Justin Winsor prize in 1908 for the best essay in American history submitted to the American Historical Association in the contest that year. It is a thoroughly scientific treatment of the subject, based upon a personal investigation of practically all the accessible original material, manuscript as well as printed. Perhaps the most important facts brought to light for the first time are those concerning the proposed establishment of a separate English colony in the northwest between 1763 and 1768, in which Benjamin Franklin and other prominent men were interested. Trade conditions and contests for trade are also for the first time described in a full and satisfactory manner.