

The fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association was held in conjunction with the State Historical Society of Illinois and the North Central History Teachers' Association on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 17-20, at Chicago and Evanston.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Henry County Historical Society was held at Newcastle Thursday, April 27. It was largely a memorial service in honor of the late Benjamin S. Parker, a former honored and useful member of the society. Mr. Adolph Rogers is president of the society.

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### REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

#### A CENTURY OF INDIANA.

[By Edward E. Moore. Illustrated. pp. 266, lxxii. American Book Company, Cincinnati, 1911. 75 cents].

Senator Moore's book is entitled to high praise. It is an interesting, convenient and useful sketch of the history of Indiana. Largely taken up with political matters, and showing occasionally an inclination of undue friendliness for the Republican party, it gives considerable attention to the agricultural, industrial, social and educational progress of the State. The most serious omission, perhaps, is the absence of any considerable notice of churches and of religious developments, with the exception of an inaccurate notice (p. 42) on the first Protestant preaching service in the State, corrected in a footnote, and an appendix upon the socialistic experiments of New Harmony which touches upon the religious views of the Rappites.

The work is intended partly for use in schools and should be introduced into all school libraries of the State. It is elementary enough for use even in the grammar grades, and yet substantial and valuable enough for work in high schools. Its usefulness is increased by tables of statistics, and the present constitution of the State given in the appendix.

From a critical point of view exception must be taken to several points. Modern study seems to point to a common stock as the aboriginal race of North America, including the Mound Builders, who should therefore be classed as Indians and not as a distinct race. W. H. Smith's History of Indiana is drawn on extensively, though ordinarily classed as a very poor historical authority. The capture of Quebec in 1759 did not complete the conquest of Canada, as stated on page 48, but was followed by a campaign against Montreal, which did not surrender until 1760. Many other minor inaccuracies might be pointed out, but they do not prevent the book from being of great use as an introduction to the history of the State. It is not the highest authority upon the history of Indiana, but it is a very interesting sketch of its development.

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#### INDIANA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

The Yearbook of the Indiana Society of Sons of the Revolution is out for the current year. It contains the history, constitution, by-laws, instructions to applicants and a list of members. The officers for 1910-11 are: President, Hiram B. Patten; first vice-president, Horace C. Starr; second vice-president, George B. Lockwood; third vice-president, Albert O. Lockridge; fourth vice-president, Paul Comstock; secretary, Albert M. Bristor; treasurer, Charles Sumner Clancy; registrar, Mark Dennis; historian, Charles L. Barry; chaplain, Rev. Lewis Brown; chairman board of managers, William Allen Wood.