

The United Presbyterian Church of Princeton—History of a Hundred Years. Compiled by GILBERT R. STORMONT, Terre Haute, 1911. 115 pages.

In 1895 the United Presbyterian Church of Princeton celebrated its eighty-fifth anniversary. A number of papers, historical in character, were read on that occasion. It was resolved at the time to have these published in book form but nothing was done beyond collecting and preserving the papers. In 1910 the centennial of the church was celebrated. On this occasion other historical addresses were delivered and were added to the collection already in the hands of the committee.

The church was founded by Rev. John Kell. The committee was able to include in its volume portraits of each of the nine pastors except the founder. It is rather remarkable that the church should have had only nine pastors in a century, an average of over eleven years each. Rev. John McMaster served from 1846 to 1874. His father, Gilbert McMaster, preceded him, having served from 1840 to 1846; while his son, W. H. McMaster, followed him, serving from 1874 to 1881. Father, son, and grandson thus served the church continuously from May 5, 1840, to November 15, 1881.

The congregation built its first small log church in 1820. In 1836 this gave way for a square, one-story brick. In 1858 a more pretentious building with steeple and pointed windows was erected. Finally, in 1898, through the generosity of Mrs. Ann Eliza Woods Hudelson, the present building was constructed. Cuts of these churches are included in the centennial volume.

Legislative Bill Drafting is the title of Bulletin No. 3 of the Indiana Bureau of Legislative Information. It was issued December, 1914. The booklet of 36 pages deals in a general way with the forms, limitations and general requirements of legislative bills. First, the powers and fields of legislation reserved exclusively by Congress are pointed out. Second, are enumerated those powers which are exercised concurrently by State and Nation. Third, are those specifications laid down by the State Constitution, without which the bill if enacted will be unconstitutional. Fourth and last, under the headings of "Style" are some general directions, such as dividing the bill into paragraphs, writing proper headings, or captions, preamble, emergency clauses, repealing paragraphs, and en-

acting clauses. The booklet is useful not only to legislators but even more especially to citizens in general. It should be observed that these bulletins are written in a non-technical style that makes them especially suitable for school use.

THE *Proceedings* of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic has been received by the MAGAZINE through the courtesy of J. R. Fesler, Assistant Adjutant-General. It is a volume of 148 pages, containing a record of the last State Encampment together with the official report made at the time. It shows 312 Posts in operation with 11,121 members. The Roll of Honor shows that 592 were finally "mustered out" during the year 1913. The "Survey" would appreciate any of the back numbers of the *Proceedings*. They contain valuable statistics for State History, and a full file for the State University Library is desired.

FRENCH EXPLORATIONS OF THE NORTHWEST

Work along the above lines is being pushed at present by Illinois and Michigan. After a great deal of work had been done independently it was found best to unite the energies and means of all the States interested.

The first important co-operative work undertaken by the Western historical institutions, namely, the calendaring of the documents in the archives of Paris, is almost completed; and the question has arisen in two institutions—the Illinois State Historical Library and the Michigan Historical Commission—as to the methods of publishing these documents. These two institutions, without consultation, made plans some time ago to publish series of volumes on the French explorations and work thereon has been done on both. A difficulty has arisen as to the division of the field between them; and after several friendly discussions it seemed best that they should call a meeting of the persons directly in charge of the publication work in the various states equally interested to discuss a still larger question, namely, the possibility of one general collection of the French documents. This meeting was held at Chicago during the session of the American Historical Association.

PROFESSOR LAWRENCE GIPSON, of Wabash College, addressed the History Club of Indiana University at its last fortnightly meeting before the holidays. Professor Gipson took for his subject "The Influence of Thomas Paine in the American Revolution." The speaker accorded Paine a high place among the leaders of that movement. He pointed out that the odium that later attached to Paine's name was caused by his activities and writings in connection with the French Revolution. The Club was pleased to have Professor Gipson as its guest and a large crowd was out to enjoy his address.

CAPTAIN WALLACE FOSTER

In the *Volta Review* of September, 1914, is a brief biography of Captain Foster, known locally as the "Flag man," from his great interest in the National Flag. Captain Foster is deaf as a result of exposure in the Civil War. A full page portrait accompanies the biography.

In the same number of the *Volta Review* are two full-page pictures of Tecumseh, one representing him in the act of tomahawking General Harrison at the Vincennes Council in 1811, the other represents him on horseback tomahawking a defenseless prisoner. It is worth while to point out that neither picture represents any historical fact, and both are unjust to the character of the Indian chief.

THE *Zeta Telegram*, an occasional publication of the Zeta Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta, made its appearance January 1, 1915. It is a resume of the history of the fraternity, and especially of the local chapter that issued it, for the past year. R. G. Hastings, of Washington, Indiana, is editor.

THE *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly* for October, 1914, contains a detailed account of the dedication of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society Building recently erected by the State of Ohio on the campus of the State University. The Society was organized in 1876, Senator Allen G. Thurman having been its first president. This fine building puts Ohio in a class with Wisconsin, Kansas and Iowa in regard to the care taken

to preserve its historical materials. The building cost about \$125,000.

THE *Princeton Clarion-News* continues to publish articles by Col. Gil. R. Stormont on the early political campaigns of the Republican party. The articles are gaining in interest as the author warms up to his subject. It is to be hoped he will carry them down to the present, mixing in more and more of the local and personal flavor. A political story has perennial interest to Indiana readers.

THE *Register of the Kentucky State Historical Society* for January contains an account of the Battle of New Orleans by A. C. Quisenberry, with full page portraits of General Jackson, Governors Gabriel Slaughter, and John Adair, the former on horseback. The article is especially valuable for its biographical details.