

collector and went on horseback from house to house for that purpose. He married Miss Anna Harris Hinman, daughter of Capt. Asahel Hinman.

The history of the struggles with the wilderness, and the incidents narrated in the history of the Hinman and Brashears family are typical of the early Indiana pioneer life. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the pioneer families who prepared the way for present day civilization in Indiana.

The author himself, Ira Brashears, in a long life of 82 years, has taken no small part in the pioneer work of the nation, as a farmer, soldier and minister of the Gospel.

We wonder if Capt. Richard Brashears, who was left in command of Vincennes (then Ft. Sackville) by George Rogers Clark, 1779, belonged to this family of Brashears so active in our early State History.

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THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION reports progress in its work of preparing for the Centennial. Mr. Langdon, the pageant master, is studying the State history and acquainting himself with the situation. County agents are pushing the work in most of the counties. Miss Dye is editing a story page in the *Sunday Star* in order to arouse interest among and furnish material to the school teachers.

*The Home and School Visitor* for the current year is running some interesting historical articles. Benjamin S. Parker tells "The Story of an Old Highway"—a description of the National Road. Professor Bogardus of the State Normal is contributing a series of articles on the States involved in the European War. Dr. Esarey of Indiana University is furnishing a series of articles on different phases of Indiana History.

*The Missouri Historical Review* for October, 1915, contains an excellent article on the "Fathers of the State," by Floyd C. Shoemaker. It is a brief history of the men who constituted the first constitutional convention of that State. Several of these men attained some fame in Indiana before going to Missouri. Henry Dodge was born at Vincennes, October 12, 1782. John Rice Jones was attorney-general of Indiana Territory, 1805, and gave us our first code in 1807. Alexander Buckner practiced law in Indiana before he went to Missouri. He also helped organize the Masonic

Grand Lodge of this State. John Scott was also well known in Indiana Territorial History. It is one of the most suggestive articles that has appeared in the magazines lately.

THE October number of the *Catholic Historical Review* contains Bishop Flaget's Report of the Diocese of Bardstown to Pius VII, April 10, 1815. It is given both in the original Latin and in translation. The Bardstown Diocese included Indiana at that time. Bishop Flaget had been the missionary at St. Francis Xavier at Vincennes, 1793-1795, and his report is therefore of the greater interest. This paper will supplement to some extent the *Life of Bishop Flaget*, by Spalding.

*The Life and Military Services of Brevet-Major General Robert S. Foster*, is the title of Number 6, of Volume V of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications*. The pamphlet was prepared by Charles W. Smith. It is the story of a Hoosier soldier who entered the Union army at the outbreak of the war as a captain in the Eleventh Infantry and came out a brevet-major general. The Eleventh Indiana served in the East for a short time under Lew Wallace. General Foster then became an officer of the Thirteenth. He commanded the division which supported Sheridan's cavalry as it took the position in front of Lee's army at Appomattox, and had the honor of being the last body of troops to face the army of Virginia before it surrendered. By typographical error the name in the half-title is "Robert S. Porter."

*The Indiana Forum*, a weekly Democratic newspaper, made its appearance at Indianapolis October 10. It is published on Sunday morning. It has a good appearance and a good code of principles. Horace H. Herr, formerly editor of the *Times*, is editor and publisher. It represents what it terms the Progressive element of the Democratic party. On its front page are pictures of Wilson, Marshall, Kern and Bryan.

*The Tennessee Historical Magazine* for September has two valuable contributions to western history. The first is a discussion of the "Old Natchez Trace," by Park Marshall. The second is the concluding selections of the "Winchester Papers." This is the third number of the magazine and if it continues as it has begun it will be a very acceptable addition to the family of State historical

magazines. There is no field in the West which surpasses that of Tennessee in historical interest.

*The Iowa Journal of History and Politics* for October has a rather unique article, a History of the Last Iowa General Assembly. The article is by Prof. F. E. Horack of the Political Science Department of Iowa State University. While time may perhaps alter the perspective of such history there can be no doubt of the value of such a calm, dispassionate, sympathetic study of a State assembly. It should help to bridge the gulf between our assemblies and what we think they ought to be.

ROBERT J. LEONARD, Professor of Vocational Education in Indiana University, has issued an exhaustive report on the city of Hammond as a basis for a program of elementary industrial and vocational education. As a survey of the city the book has considerable historical importance. It is published by the school board of Hammond. C. M. McDaniel is superintendent.

Two new teachers have been added to the Department of History at DePauw this year. Miss Katharine S. Alvord, A. M., of Cornell, becomes assistant professor, and George M. Stephenson, Ph. D., of Harvard, instructor. Professor W. W. Sweet is head of the department.