

Reviews and Notes

The First Century of the Public Schools of Tippecanoe County.
By BRAINARD HOOKER, County Superintendent, Lafayette, 1916.

THIS is a historic and pictorial review of school work of Tippecanoe county. The most attractive feature of the book to an outsider is the illustrations. First are pictures representing the past—a grist-mill, a saw-mill, Harrison Monument, Fort Ouiatenon, Soldiers' Home, Prophet's Rock, the Last Wooden Bridge, etc. Then comes a series of school-houses, first a log house, then a box house with the boards on end (French fashion), then the weatherboarded cottage style, then the red brick, and last are the pictures of eighteen modern buildings built since 1907. Sketches of the principal educators are given, as well as short accounts of the evolution of the various schools of the county. A set of maps shows the organization of the townships of the county. Altogether, it is a very appropriate little centennial volume—just about enough reading to explain the illustrations and just about enough pictures to illustrate the reading.

History of Hancock County, Indiana. By GEORGE J. RICHMAN, B.L. William Mitchell Printing Co., Greenfield, Ind., 1916. \$5.00.

THE author in this book has achieved what he states in his preface was his aim—"to trace the growth of the county from a wilderness to what it is today." Throughout the book the past is set over against and compared with the present. In the illustrations the old courthouse is pictured with the new; the old county seminary with a modern school; the old church with the new; the old Masonic temple with the new; the old pioneer with the modern descendant. The 815 large pages constitute an endyclopedia of information concerning