

*The Mexican War Diary of George B. McClellan.* Edited by WILLIAM STARR MYERS, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History and Politics, Princeton University. Princeton University Press, 1917; pp. 97. \$1.00 net.

THIS little volume is a by-product of the author's work of the last four or five years on the biography of General McClellan. The writer of the *Diary* graduated from West Point in 1846, just in time to go to the front as a second lieutenant of engineers. He left school September 24, 1846, and the *Diary* ends abruptly after the Battle of Cerro Gordo, although the author continued on to the capture of Mexico and remained there for some time after the war closed. He landed in 1846 at Brazos and marched down the Mexican coast almost to Vera Cruz. The *Diary* in part seems to have been written from day to day and in part seems to have been composed some time, though never very long, after the events described happened. His observations about the volunteers and the general conduct of the war are about what one would expect from a young man just from the training school. A reader will be tempted to say he can see in the general's comments the beginning of the difficulty which prevented his success in the Civil War. A comparison of this with *Grant's Memoirs* will readily show the difference between the two men. The author has, by means of footnotes, made the *Diary* intelligible, so that aside from its historical value, the volume will furnish an evening's genuine pleasure to a red-blooded reader.

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THE Association held its tenth meeting at Indianapolis October 4 and 5, 1916. Nine papers were read besides the welcome address by Daniel W. Howe, president of the Indiana Historical Society, and the response by the president, Harlow Lindley. The papers were Speculation in the Thirties, by Prof. R. C. McGrane; The New Purchase, by Prof. James A. Woodburn; A Lost Opportunity, Internal Improvements, by