

\$7,786.31, of which \$2,911.39 is for the upkeep of the reservation and the balance for the office at Indianapolis. The larger part of the report is taken up with a description of the reservation one mile north of Henryville in Clark county. This reservation of 2,000 acres was purchased by the State in 1903 and is used as an experimental ground for the problems of reforestation. Small tracts are planted to different kinds of native trees and carefully studied.

Twenty-eighth Biennial Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Year Ending July 31, 1916.
By CHARLES A. GREATHOUSE, Superintendent of Public Instruction. pp. 1040. Fort Wayne.

THE size of this report is due partly to the rapidly increasing activities of the department and partly to historical matter included in commemoration of the centennial year. The first 559 pages are historical, dealing first with the department then with the institutions of higher learning, with the history of the public schools by counties and last an account of the History Consultation service. There is not room here to say more concerning this part of the book than that it contains brief histories of the colleges of the State and of the schools of each county. Numerous engravings illustrate the advancement made in school architecture during the century. The second part of the volume contains the reports of the High School Inspector, of the Vocational Work, of the Consolidation of Rural Schools, of the State Teachers' Retirement Fund, of the Teachers' Licenses issued, of Accredited Schools, a list of persons holding Life State and Professional Licenses, and of the Distribution of the Funds. It is an interesting volume and contains a great amount of information both popular and professional.

Annual Report of Auditor of State for the Year Ending September 30, 1916. By DALE J. CRITTENBERGER, Auditor of State. pp. 1,860. (The auditor's report 100 years earlier consisted of two pages.) Fort Wayne.

THIS extensive volume is not paged consecutively but consists of six individual reports, paged and indexed separately. The first 52 pages are devoted to the office as a whole, containing the tables of receipts and disbursements of the State. The

total receipts for the year were \$13,154,310.27; expenses, \$12,046,637.13, leaving a balance of \$1,042,083.30. The Report of the Insurance Department occupies 428 pages; Building and Loan Department 419 pages; Bank Department 295 pages; Proceedings of the State Board of Tax Commissioners 547 pages; and the Biennial Report of Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners 119 pages. One of the most interesting tables is the Abstract of the Tax Duplicate for 1915, in the last report, giving value of lands, improvements, mortgages, and railroads for State and counties. The total real estate value is \$1,364,780,930; of railroads is \$219,496,631. Seven new banks and ten trust companies were organized during the year. There were 389 State banks, 201 private banks, 157 trust companies, 5 Savings Banks, 1 Mortgage Guarantee Company, with a capital stock of \$34,520,550 and over \$238,000,000 on deposit, and over \$203,000,000 loaned out. A list of banks by counties is given and a financial statement of each. A list of the insurance companies shows a capital stock of \$222,000,000 and resources of \$64,000,000.

Biennial Report of the Attorney-General for 1915, 1916. By EVAN B. STOTSENBURG, Attorney-General. pp. 1086. Fort Wayne.

THE first 32 pages contain a summary of the Attorney-General's work in the Circuit, Appellate and Supreme Courts. The remainder of the volume contains the official opinions of the Attorney-General given to the various State officials. These cover a field as wide as the combined activities of the State government. The opinions are gathered under headings referring to the department asking for the opinions, beginning with the governor and ending with the Legislative Visiting Committee. An index makes the material readily available.

Constitution Making in Indiana; A Source Book of Constitutional Documents with Historical Introduction and Critical Notes. By CHARLES KETTLEBOROUGH, Ph.D. In two volumes. Indianapolis: The Indiana Historical Commission, 1916; pp. CCXL, 530, XV, 693. \$1.50.

THESE two volumes by Dr. Kettleborough, prepared under the direction of the new Indiana Historical Commission,