

later, by President Cleveland's appointment, a United States Civil Service Commissioner at Washington, and is now a New York State Civil Service Commissioner. He was associated with Mr. Cleveland from 1882 onward, and was always an esteemed and devoted friend.

Inquiries concerning the requests and suggestions made in this letter may be addressed to Mr. Rice at his residence, 135 Washington Avenue, Albany, or at the Capitol, Albany.

I am, very truly yours,

FRANCES F. CLEVELAND PRESTON.

Year Book of the State of Indiana for the year 1917. Compiled and published under the direction of JAMES P. GOODRICH, Governor. Indianapolis, 1918, pp. 883.

"The *Indiana Year Book* provided for by the legislature of 1917, and herewith presented, is the first attempt of this State to give to the people in simplified and brief form a report of the operation of the various offices, departments and institutions, together with such documents, facts and statistics as make up a general reference work for the State."

Of late the publication of the reports of the various State officers has come to be a serious financial burden. Moreover, no one cared to have his private library monopolized with the twenty to seventy volumes of annual and biennial reports. It is the purpose of the governor to give the people a simplified yet complete report of the State governmental business in a handy single volume. The movement is altogether commendable. The volume is well edited, well printed, on good paper and substantially bound. Such a volume can scarcely be reviewed. It is a political encyclopedia of the State and is without doubt the most valuable State publication so far issued by the State.

Reconstruction in Louisiana after 1868. By ELLA LONN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Grinnell College. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1918. Pp. vi, 538, \$3.00.

The field covered by Dr. Lonn's book is one of great difficulty. The partisan bitterness aroused by the struggle is still in the atmosphere. The documents on which the history must rest are all full of partisanship. The author has rightly preserved in her story enough of the contemporary expression to