

Reviews and Notes

The Land of the Potawatomi. By ELMORE BARCE, Fowler Indiana. Member of Indiana Historical Society. pp. 115. 1919. Fowler.

The readers of the Magazine are acquainted with the author, Mr. Barce. He has been interested for years in the history and legends of the Potawatomi who inhabited the prairies northwest of Lafayette, and the early settlement of this section by the White pioneers. The Indians themselves, their relation to the early British agents, their part in the Tippecanoe campaign, their later banditti life, Topenabee, their trails, the Chicago road, the old taverns, the Grand Prairie, the prairie fires, groves and plains and the first cattlemen are some of the topics the author has treated. While no footnotes are given the author has appended a bibliography showing that he has searched far and wide for all the evidence to be found relating to his subject. The author has a keen sympathy for the pioneer times and things and a good easy style of writing. These he combines to give us a gem in the little book under review. Besides preserving the bits of history now fast disappearing and the legends it is a literary treasure.

Centennial History of Illinois. The Illinois Centennial Commission of fifteen members, authorized by act of January 21, 1916 and appointed by Gov. Edward F. Dunne, besides other work of a celebrational nature, planned a history of the state, to be complete in five volumes. In commendable distinction from similar committees elsewhere this committee recognized that serious history writing was the work of specialists and assigned the actual work over to young men carefully trained in the best history seminaries in the country. The general supervision and direction of the work was placed in the hands of Professors Evarts B. Greene and Clarence W. Alvord of Illinois University. The commission has availed itself of the best historians of the state and has apparently assisted in plac-