

it ought to be and do and too few know what it is and is doing. The department of education is right in recommending the *Year Book* as the best school text for the study of civics.

INDIANA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

When Dr. John W. Oliver resigned as secretary of the Indiana Historical Commission Prof. Harlow Lindley of Earlham, former state archivist, was selected to take his place. Besides carrying on the work already begun by Dr. Oliver, Mr. Lindley is making an effort to organize the different historical workers and agencies of the state to secure better co-operation. It is hoped to secure greater permanent results in proportion to the outlay in work and money. Beginning with November, the Commission will publish the *Indiana History Bulletin* in order to keep those interested posted in what the Commission is doing. Heretofore, the Commission has published occasional bulletins, containing announcements, programs, proceedings and papers. There is grave danger in too many kindred, disconnected publications. From the standpoint of the outstate historian this duplication of titles becomes confusing. Students of history regret, for instance, that the old *Pioneer and Historical Collections* of Michigan has been discontinued. The same is true with the publications in Illinois, Virginia, North Carolina and Iowa.

The Indiana Historical Commission has published during the past year four volumes all creditable to the state and the Commission. If this work can be kept up we will in time have a respectable historical literature of the state.

Indiana Historical Collections XI, Biographical Series I, *George W. Julian*, by Grace Julian Clarke. Indianapolis, 1923, pp. 456.

As a personal history of an interesting character this is a pleasing and valuable narrative. The style is plain and the story moves on at a uniform gait. There is little philosophizing, explanation or defense. It could hardly be expected that hostile criticism would be indulged in by the author. The