

man. A number of men more or less prominent in social life and politics in southwestern Indiana are mentioned and brief sketches of their life and works given, but in most cases it is impossible to point out any immediate connection between these men and Abraham Lincoln. Movements of trade, family and persons in and out of Spencer county are noted. The unity of the article is broken by frequent references to the work done by others in collecting biographical material on the neighbors of the Lincoln family in Indiana and by editorial approbations of the same. There are practically no references to source material or documents in the paper.

Early Navigation on the St. Joseph River, by OTTO M. KNOBLOCK. Indiana Historical Society *Publications*, Volume VIII, Number 4. Indianapolis, 1925. 18 pages.

Early Navigation on the St. Joseph River by Otto M. Knoblock is published as No. 4, Vol. 8 of Indiana Historical Society *Publications*. This paper was delivered as the annual address before the Indiana Historical Society and the Society of Indiana Pioneers at South Bend August, 1925. Part of the material had previously appeared in 1895. The importance of the St. Joseph-Kankakee portage to the Indians, explorers, and fur traders is pointed out, and the development of boating from 1831 to the end of the century is discussed with some detail. The type of boats, details of construction, names of builders and early navigators, and particularly the technic of poling the boats up stream are described. First hand information on these subjects was furnished the author in 1895 by Mr. Lee P. Johnson, son of Peter Johnson, the first South Bend boat builder. As a boy of fifteen Mr. Johnson had taken a trip to the lake and some of the incidents connected with this trip impressed him sufficiently to be remembered sixty-four years later. A list of the names of the keel boats which operated in the carrying of trade after 1831 is contained in the pamphlet. The decline of the river trade due to the competition of the railroad after 1852, and its degeneration into excursion service is brought out. The author seems to have relied quite largely upon the recollections

of men well along in years and his references to source material are restricted because of this. A small map of the corner of Indiana accompanies the paper.

History of Catholic Education in Indiana, a Survey of the Schools 1702-1925, by SISTER M. SALESIA GODECKER, O. B. S. Copyright 1926 by the Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Indiana. 80 pages.

This painstaking and convenient pamphlet, after a short description of the geographic and ethnological background, gives a sketch of Catholic education in Indiana from 1702 to 1834, an account of the schools in the Vincennes-Indianapolis diocese 1834-1925 and in the Fort Wayne diocese 1857-1925, and a survey of the "Present status of Catholic education in Indiana." A very useful appendix contains a list of elementary parish schools in the state with their location, name, date of foundation, community in charge and attendance according to the 1925 *Official Catholic Directory*. There is also a bibliography.

The statement that priests ministered at "Port Vincennes" as early as 1702 (page 15), though often made, seems to be in conflict with the authoritative account of *Sieur de Vincennes* compiled some years ago by Pierre-Georges Roy for the *Indiana Historical Society Publications* and the results of the protracted studies of the late Jacob P. Dunn. If documentary evidence of the existence of "Port Vincennes" before 1732 exists it ought to be given wider publicity than it has yet obtained.

INFORMATION REQUESTED.

John W. Cravens, secretary of Indiana University, is preparing an article on the Trustees of the University. Due to the fires of 1854 and 1883 much of the historical material was destroyed. Mr. Cravens would like to have information concerning Franklin Sawyer who was a member of the board in 1840. Can any one give the name of the county in which Mr. Sawyer lived and furnish a brief biographical sketch?