

Book Reviews

North Carolina Manual, 1925. Publications of North Carolina Historical Commission. By R. B. HOUSE, Sec. State Printers, Raleigh. Pp. 583.

This is the twelfth biennial volume of this publication and it seems to be filling a demand. The usual official reports are included but the long and often mischievous tables of statistics frequently found in *Year Books* are omitted. The historical touches make it generally valuable as a handy reference on state history. The political and biographical material will render it valuable for future historians. Its size makes it convenient and will tend largely to prolong its life. In most respects it is superior to the bulky volumes put out by some states.

Trail-Makers of the Middle Border. By HAMLIN GARLAND, New York. Macmillan Co., 1926, p. 426.

This is a semi-historical tale of a band of settlers from the White mountain district of Maine migrating to the western border of Wisconsin about the year 1850. The Grahams were typical Yankees, the McLanes, whom they neighbored with in the new home, were typical Virginians. The story is of the opening of new farms, lumbering on the Wisconsin and ends with the Civil War—Grant and Vicksburg. Though not so good perhaps as the author's *Son of the Middle Border*, it is an excellent addition to our pioneer literature.

Year Book of the Missouri Historical Society, 1926. By the SOCIETY, St. Louis, 1926, p. 184.

The principal fact in this annual report is the announcement of the consolidation of the Missouri Historical Society, organized in 1866, and the Louisiana Purchase Historical Association, chartered in 1916. The new charter dates from October 19, 1925. Thomas M. Marshall remains secretary of