

1779, and his later experiences as a prisoner in Virginia. He is especially severe against the French, the Kentuckians and Governor Jefferson.

The reviewer takes especial pleasure in recommending this book, at this time, to readers and librarians of Indiana.

*The Women Lincoln Loved.* By WILLIAM E. BARTON. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, 1927. Pp. 377.

The list as given by Mr. Barton is Lucy Hanks, Betsy Sparrow, Bathsheba Lincoln, Nancy Hanks, Sarah Bush Lincoln, Sarah Lincoln Grigsby, The Johnston Girls, The Girl in the Covered Wagon, Katie Roby, Caroline Meeker, Polly Warnick, Ann Rutledge, Mary Owen, Mary Todd.

The author says in his Introduction "This book undertakes to be a contribution to history," and he acknowledges authorship of a *Life of Abraham Lincoln* in two volumes.

The first sentence is characteristic of the volume "When Lucy Hanks was ten years old she learned that there had been a battle at Bunker Hill." There was a battle at Bunker Hill and likewise a mother of Nancy Hanks but that the mother was ten years old when the battle was fought or that she heard of it is conjecture.

Similar to this is perhaps eighty per cent of the volume. Lucy is thrown into probable contact with soldiers, she attended probable balls, made probable journeys along probable roads, saw probable sights, held probable amours with probable suitors and finally became the probable mother of a probable daughter by a probable man.

We are refreshed with human interest stories such as that of Jake Kuykendall and Barbara, of the "lovelorn fox hunter" Washington at the age of 16, of the birth room scene of Lincoln, of Lafayette, of good "Ann McGinty" who filed charges against several lewd women in Kentucky and may have against Nancy Hanks—all good stories not noticeably pertinent to the argument.

One might question the title of the volume outright—Did Lincoln love all these women or any one of them? He saw his grandmother Sparrow a few times when he was a small child. May never have seen his grandmother Lincoln, cer-

tainly not often enough to "love" her much; the girl in the covered wagon was a pipe dream of Lincoln—and he had many; Katie Roby was at a spelling match with Lincoln; Caroline Meeker was present at a trial where Lincoln was a party and perhaps sympathized with him, may even have told him so; Polly Warnick was one of the six daughters of Sheriff William Warnick for whom Lincoln worked as a day laborer. She was of marriagable age at the time—further evidence of love, none. That Lincoln exceeded in filial devotion all other boys born or reared in southern Indiana at that time is a reflection which thousands will resent; that thousands of other children were left orphans at a similar age in early Indiana is a commonplace; that Nancy Hanks was the only "Angel Mother" that ever inhabited southern Indiana is gratuitous; that Abraham Lincoln was more than ordinary as a courtier or husband is doubtful. Lincoln was great enough and Indiana glories in his greatness but such balderdash as the volume under review will not add to his fame.

*A History of the Jewish People.* By MAX L. MARGOLIS and ALEXANDER MARK. Philadelphia, The Jewish Publication Society of America, 1927. Pp. 752.

The authors, Max Margolis of Dropsie College and Alexander Mark of the Jewish Theological College, are two of the most distinguished scholars in the Jewish world. The period covered by the volume is "From Creation to the Present." That it is divided into five books and ninety-eight chapters gives one some idea of the details. Twenty-five pages of chronological charts in a way unites the vast expanse and sixteen maps in colors give some idea of the dispersion. There is no intention here of going into a detailed criticism of the book. It is done after the best standards of historical scholarship. It is a marvelous story of a gifted people but the final effect is extremely depressing. Persecution, massacre and dazzling prosperity follow in such swift succession that one must remember he is reading of civilized human beings. Bloody feuds, assassination go hand in hand with devotion, religion, patriotism and philosophy. One wonders what it all can mean and whether it is or has been worth while. Is their religion