

schools and the play of the people enable the striking scenes of the narrative to be presented with bold strokes.

An appreciation of the importance of original sources, of the proper relation of contemporaneous events and characters with sources indicated, the citing of authorities and the arrangement of these in orderly fashion, all serve to give the "feel" of skill and an air of inherent capacity that add to our appreciation of this delightful contribution.

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*One Hundred Years Ago.* By H. W. CHADWICK. *The Brownstown Banner*, Brownstown, Indiana, 1928. Pp. 45.

This pamphlet narrates some of the experiences of the pioneers of Southern Indiana with Indians in the period from 1810 to 1815. It is a reprint of a series of letters written for *The Brownstown Banner* in 1877. The writer of the letters obtained most of his material from David Sturgeon who participated in the events and scenes of the years before and during the War of 1812 and described them to Mr. Chadwick.

When a young man Mr. Sturgeon made flat-boat trips to New Orleans. This was prior to the War of 1812. It was on one of these trips that he had his first encounter with hostile Indians, in which he narrowly escaped death. A short time afterward, he joined a company of rangers, recruited to patrol the district in which he lived. As a member of this organization, he had many hazardous contacts with red men, and saw much destruction of property and considerable loss of life.

In the latter part of the story, the writer takes up various phases of life during and after the War of 1812. He gives an account of the wedding of David Sturgeon and Nancy Hutchinson and describes a log-rolling along with other incidents of the pioneer life of the time. He discusses the beginnings of civilization in Jackson County where he lived. The booklet is interesting. It reveals the strong conviction of the early settlers that the Indians should be exterminated. The accounts of fights and massacres are particularly vivid. The descriptions of customs and habits are valuable to students of the history of the frontier period. The chronological sequence of events cannot be depended upon. Some of the statements in this connection are clearly inaccurate.

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