During the year 1928, the first three issues of the *Indiana Magazine of History* have each been mailed to subscribers some weeks late. For this, we are extremely sorry. The delays have been mainly due to changes in the editorial management. The present Editor indulges a strong hope that the current number may be ready for mailing before the Christmas holidays. The Business Manager invites correspondence from all subscribers who have not received all numbers of the Magazine to which they are entitled. We desire to keep the addresses of subscribers as nearly correct as possible, and ask that changes of address shall be promptly reported.

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Dr. A. T. Volwiler of Wittenberg College is at work on a life of Benjamin Harrison. The biography will consist of a single volume which will be the result of several years of careful research. Before writing, Professor Volwiler aims to exhaust the available sources, both printed and manuscript. He plans to follow the biography with several volumes of correspondence. These volumes will be made up of the most significant and interesting letters included in the Harrison Papers in the Library of Congress with some from other important manuscript collections. As much time as the other duties of a college teacher would permit, has been given to the project during the past two years. Perhaps a fifth of the necessary labor has been performed. A preliminary account of the early life of President Harrison was read before the Indiana State Historical Society at the annual meeting of 1927. The work which Doctor Volwiler has under way, will be eagerly awaited in Indiana.

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## Corrections

My dear Doctor Coleman:

Inasmuch as I note you edited the March issue of the State Historical Magazine which I have just received, I am writing for the purpose of calling attention to an unintentional error which appeared in Mr. Cottman's interesting article on "Lincoln in Indianapolis."

In his preface Mr. Cottman says that "this speech and visit dropped wholly out of sight until last year, no historian or biographer, so far as I can find, making any mention of it."

By reason of the fact that last year my volume on "Lincoln and the Railroads," published by Dodd, Mead & Co., contained a reference to this

visit, I am writing to call your attention to the source of my information.

In 1888 Allen Thorndyke Rice edited a volume on "Reminiscenses of Abraham Lincoln" in which appears an article from the pen of Hon Hugh McCulloch, one of his Secretaries of the Treasury. In this article Mr. McCulloch says "the first time I saw and heard him was at Indianapolis after the conclusion of his debate with Douglas" and then refers to the impressions made on his mind.

I am writing this merely as a matter of correction.

John W. Starr, Jr.

Millersburg, Penn.

Dear Mr. Lynch:

I am glad to have the within correction. You will note that I qualified my statement by the clause, "so far as I can find." My knowledge of Lincoln literature was not broad enough.

Sincerely,

Geo. S. Cottman.

Indianapolis.

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In the paper, "Ephraim Samuel Frazee, 1824-1896", which appeared in our September issue, the following statement occurs on page 187: "The land was covered with heavy forests, many of the large poplar, oak and walnut trees having trunks from ten to fifteen feet in circumference." In the original copy as submitted, the last word in the sentence was *diameter*. Since the assertion included the word *many*, referred to *poplar, oak* and *walnut* trees, and mentioned *trunks* instead of *stumps*, the *Editor*, supposing that an accidental error had been made, substituted the word *circumference* for *diameter*. A letter received from Mrs. Hamilton indicates that she intended to make the statement as it appeared originally. In justice to the author, we are glad to give to our readers the defense which she has made of her assertion:

The one correction you have made which I regret is where you question my statement in regard to the size of the walnut trees on my father's farm and use the word *circumference* instead of *diameter*. It was a subject talked of when I was a child, the remarkably large trees on my father's farm. However the only positive proof I can give personally is that of the stump of a walnut tree whose hollow my little sister and I used as a play house. This tree was thirteen feet in diameter. A ten-foot rail lay flat for years across the hollow center of this old stump. In my grandmother's yard were the stumps of two old walnut trees. One was

nine feet across and the other eleven. These trees were felled before I was born (1866), but the stumps remained until I was a young lady. A tree only twelve feet in circumference was not large enough for special comment in Rush County.

In a later letter relative to the size of the trees on her father's farm, Mrs. Hamilton with a highly commendable desire to be accurate, writes: "Since the 'tree' has lately been discussed in my family, I find that my original statement was more of an exaggeration than I thought. The *one* tree referred to as my childhood play-house, which was thirteen feet in diameter, seems to have been the largest of all those immense walnut trees on my father's farm." Perhaps some of our readers can furnish interesting facts relative to large trees that grew on the soil of Indiana. The *Editor* invites correspondence.

We take this opportunity to correct a peculiar typographical error which occurs in the seventh line, on page 186, of Mrs. Hamilton's paper. In the first portion of this line, ***but six*** should be substituted for ***by his***.