

Indiana Historical Society

The records of the Moravian Mission to the Delaware Indians on White River in the early nineteenth century are being prepared for publication for the Society by Lawrence H. Gipson, head of the Department of History, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A translation of the diary of the two missionaries has for many years been in the possession of the late Arthur W. Brady. Mr. Brady also collected other material, chiefly biographical, and planned to edit these records for publication by the Society. At the time of his death, however, the translation had not been entirely completed and none of the material was ready for the printer.

It is a fortunate combination of circumstances that Professor Gibson, formerly professor of history at Wabash College and a member of the Society, is in Bethlehem where the original records of the Moravian Mission on White River are on file in the archives of the church and that he has been interested in editing this material. It is hoped that this publication may be issued during the current year. It will be a valuable source of information about the Indians of Indiana and general conditions in the territory in the first decade of the nineteenth century.

Charles N. Thompson, Indianapolis, is completing a small volume upon John and William Conner, pioneers of central and eastern Indiana. Both of the brothers were prominent in Indian affairs, in trade, in the early settlement of the territory and state, and in its subsequent development.

The house which William Conner built on White River, below Noblesville, was one of the important centers of the New Purchase for many years. It has recently been restored and developed privately as a historical site by Eli Lilly, president of the Indiana Historical Society.

John Conner was the founder of Connersville. He participated in many public affairs and is among the leaders of early Indiana entitled to the designation of statesmen. A paper upon John Conner, with reference, also, to his brother William, by the late Mrs. Charles N. Thompson, read at the Indiana History Conference in December, 1925, was the first fruit of the work which Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were doing

at that time and which Mr. Thompson has developed more fully since then.

The plan of publication has not yet been determined but it seems probable that the volume will be issued within the next eight or nine months.

Douglas C. McMurtrie, Chicago, Illinois, has collected a large number of items concerning early Indiana imprints—a notable addition to the *Beginnings of Printing in Indiana*, compiled by Mary A. Walker, and published by R. E. Banta, of Crawfordsville. Mr. McMurtrie is engaged in the study of early imprints in most of the states in the Union and has compiled prolific publications on the subject in many of the magazines of state historical societies. We are looking forward to the publication of this list of additional early Indiana imprints in the not distant future. The early history of printing in this territory and state is one of the most interesting chapters in its development.