

Indiana Historical Society

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The exasperation experienced upon failure to find in newspapers, whether current or old, the outcome of incidents to which attention is called in an earlier issue leads me to announce that the long-heralded book by Charles N. Thompson, Indianapolis, *Sons of the Wilderness, John and William Conner*, was published by the Indiana Historical Society on November 6. It constitutes Volume 12 of the *Indiana Historical Society Publications* and is a sizable volume of 283 pages. Paper-bound copies have been distributed without charge to members of the Society. They are for sale to the public at the office of the Society in the State Library and Historical Building at \$1.50 for paper-bound copies and \$2.00 for cloth-bound copies. (See Reviews and Notices).

The Society, with other organizations, is sponsoring the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Indianapolis next spring, April 28, 29, and 30. This is the first time the Association has met in this state since it helped celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the capture of Fort Sackville by George Rogers Clark in the 1929 meeting at Vincennes. As all states, any part of which drain into the Mississippi Valley, are included in the Association, the larger part of the United States is represented. The attendance is usually smaller and more homogenous than that at the meetings of the American Historical Association; which for many make the Mississippi Valley meetings pleasanter if not more profitable. The American Historical Association meeting this year being more remote (at Philadelphia), Indiana should contribute generously to the attendance at the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting at Indianapolis in April.

A Works Progress Administration project of interest to historical societies is a state-wide project for museums, approved early in November. It is now being set up in various museums and parts of the state by Mrs. Naomi Whitesell, state field supervisor of professional projects. Her office is at 1202 Kentucky Avenue (telephone, Lincoln 2431), Indianapolis. Sixty-eight thousand dollars have been allotted to the project. Museums of county historical societies and other museums

supported in any part by public funds, by arrangement with Mrs. Whitesell and the W.P.A. district supervisor, ought to be able under this project to secure competent help for cleaning their rooms and collections and keeping them open during regular office hours.

The first fruits in the way of publication of the W.P.A. Historical Records Survey, supervised by Samuel J. Kagan, is in the press at the time of writing and will undoubtedly be published before this number of the *Magazine* is distributed. It is the *Inventory of the County Archives of Indiana, No. 6, Boone County (Lebanon)*, prepared by The Historical Records Survey Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Works Progress Administration. The volume is being published by the Indiana Historical Bureau with a subsidy from the Governor's Commission on Unemployment Relief. It is the hope that this volume may be an example and a model for the inventories of other counties and that many others will be published by the counties concerned. The present volume sells for \$1.00 and the sale is expected to defray the expense of publication. These publications will save endless time and trouble for everyone who uses county records.