

fortunate in having them translated by four members of the Moravian Church: Dr. H. E. Stocker, H. T. Frueauff, and Professor and Mrs. Samuel C. Zeller—all competent scholars. Thus, this volume emerges as the product of a number of minds. The real authors, those who faithfully penned the Diaries have long since died. Mr. Brady, too, has passed to his reward, as has Dr. H. E. Stocker.

On first thought, it might seem somewhat difficult to evaluate such a volume, representing the product of several individuals. But with the able editing that Professor Gipson has done, the task is not as difficult as it may appear. The *Diaries and Letters* will be indispensable in any study relating to the missionary work of the Moravian Church. For over two hundred years this church has devoted itself to mission enterprises in North and South America and in the islands of the sea. Much of historical information is gleaned from Professor Gipson's footnotes and editorial comments. Using the Diaries as a narrative, the editor leads us down numerous historical by-paths and reveals whole chapters of Indian history to the reader—chapters that almost over-shadow the events so meticulously described in the Diaries. Truth compels the statement that during the period of the Moravian Mission, from 1801 to 1806, little aid was given by William Henry Harrison, territorial governor of Indiana. No real effort was made for example to stop the liquor traffic. But, despite this lack of help, the Moravians carried on as best they could.

Many a reader of this *Magazine*, will want this volume in his library of Indiana History. It fills a gap—a brief one, it is true—but none-the-less a gap in Indian History that long since should have been filled. Two addresses of historical importance from Moravian missionaries, one to Governor William Henry Harrison, and one to Governor Arthur St. Clair are included. An excellent index of thirty-two pages concludes the book.

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The Rampaging Frontier. By Thomas D. Clark. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, 1939. Pp. 350 (xiv, 15-350), \$3.00.

The sub-title of this unusual volume is "Manners and Humors of Pioneer Days in the South and Middle West," and

the author has held closely to his subject. The story is well told by Dr. Clark whose own comment is often more refreshing even than the humor of the stories that he tells or the facts that he presents. The honesty and respect with which the people of the frontier have been treated squares with a statement made by the writer in his Preface:

At no place have I been guilty of laughing at the people who break through the mountain barrier to plant a new society along a new frontier. It has ever been my hope to march humbly in lockstep with them and to help tell their human story with as little prejudice as possible and no levity. I cannot refrain from being envious of them of their land and their fun. My enjoyment of their antics has been vicarious, but complete.

It is very difficult to write well of the rampaging features of pioneer life, but Dr. Clark has maintained his balance exceedingly well. He has treated the rollicking ways of those types of men who reacted to frontier conditions with vigor and rough humor with fairness and fidelity. He has selected and told many stories well, and has succeeded even better with dialogue, a very difficult form of composition. The titles of his ten chapters are intriguing, and whether he is dealing with, "Varmints," "Liars," "Fiddlin'," "Fool-in' with the Gals," or some other topic, his own comment is interesting and often keen. The book, as a whole, is a rich repository of lore and fact relating to important aspects of pioneer times that have not been well portrayed in the past.

The volume relates to the Middle West. As the author says in his "Preface," he has confined his story to the Trans-Alleghany region, included Tennessee and held himself below the "Yankee line in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois." Some material covers territory beyond the Mississippi to the western limits of Missouri and Arkansas, and excursions and forays have been made into Iowa, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Louisiana. Hoosiers who know something of frontier life in Indiana will find much to entertain and instruct them in *The Rampaging Frontier*.

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Documents and Readings in the History of Europe Since 1918. Collected by Walter Consuelo Langsam, Ph.D. J. B. Lippincott Company, Chicago, 1939. Pp. xxvii, 865.

In the foreword Dr. Langsam states that his object is