

Indiana Historical Society

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The officers and members of the Indiana Historical Society, in the exercise of complete freedom in the use of this section of the *Indiana Magazine of History*, desire to express their gratitude to its retiring editor for his generous co-operation with the Society. In the thirteen years which Professor William O. Lynch has edited the *Magazine*, it has not only been the published product of work upon Indiana history in Indiana University, but the vehicle for publication of worthwhile articles written by others than professional historians and graduate students. The *Magazine* thus has greatly promoted interest in Indiana history outside university and college walls. Doubtless a majority of the readers of the *Magazine* are men and women not directly connected with academic life. All the members of the Indiana Historical Society receive the *Magazine* in return for the half of their annual membership fee which is sent to the University for this object. A very large proportion of the members not only receive but read the *Magazine*; they are constantly expressing to the secretary their interest in some part of it or in all of it.

The courtesy which the editor has shown to contributors and to those whose contributions for one reason or another could not be used in the *Magazine* has been noteworthy. No editor escapes criticism; Professor Lynch's equitable disposition has enabled him to give fair consideration to all criticisms without a trace of animosity toward the critic. The *Magazine* in both its pages and its management has reflected pleasantly the personality of the editor. He has been a most effective liaison officer between the University and the historically minded public. His many friends in the Society hope that he will continue to contribute to the *Magazine* and that they may enjoy association with him for many years to come:

The membership of the Indiana Historical Society on June 16 stands at 1111; five honorary members, eleven life members, eighty institutional members, thirty-two sustaining members, and nine hundred eighty-three additional annual members. Usually a number of applications for membership are received during the latter half of the calendar year. As the annual memberships run with the calendar year, the ar-

rangement prevails for such applicants to take membership for a year and half upon payment of a three-dollar membership fee. It is the expectation of the Society that the total membership at the end of 1941 will be well over twelve hundred.