

There is the danger that anyone, however gifted, who writes a volume like *Hoosier*, will over-stress the crudities of the language and life of pioneers. Frontier communities were not stereotyped and there were always many fine people with some education and more fine people without education mixed in with the other elements of the population. Various elements made up frontier society and were in turn profoundly influenced by pioneer conditions. In the general picture, all types must appear, but there are those that have come all the way through unscathed. These have made Indiana, and upon them depends the Hoosier future. These truths, Mr. Bowman has tried to set forth, and he has achieved a large measure of success. All who read his story will enjoy it, and some who study it more reflectively will discover deeper things.

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The 1940 *Year Book of the Society of Indiana Pioneers* runs to eighty-five pages and contains, in addition to the names of officials, committees, and members of the Society, various reports and three articles. The first of the articles, "A Pewter Tea-and-Coffee Service of Pioneer Times," by Agnes McCulloch Hanna, is of unusual interest. The article carries a picture of the old Tea-and-Coffee Service, which was presented to President Andrew Wylie when he left the presidency of Washington College, Pennsylvania, to become President of Indiana University in 1828. The Service is now in the possession of Miss Madeline Wylie, a great-granddaughter of President Wylie. Mrs. Hanna not only gives a history of the Wylie Tea-and-Coffee Service, but presents matters pertaining to the old Wylie Home in Bloomington, Indiana, for some years the residence of Mrs. Hershey, widow of Dr. Amos S. Hershey who owned the Wylie place during the later period of his life. A second article, by Harry O. Garman, deals with "Northern Indiana Trails of Pioneer Interest." The third article, by Lee Burns, tells briefly the story of "Some Vanished Towns of Pioneer Days."