

the Union. The story of this gentle and refined woman and her family is simply told. Such biographies are welcome, as students of history need to know more about the lives of people who were not public figures.

A new type of book has appeared that is of particular interest to teachers of the literature of the United States. It is also interesting to historians for it presents an anthology of purely literary works against the "magnificent panorama" of United States history as told in other important documents. The editors of this work, *American Issues*, are two members of the English staff at Princeton University, Willard Thorp and Carlos Baker, and Merle Curti, professor of history at Teachers College, Columbia. The first volume presents a series of selections from speeches, reports, pamphlets, letters and autobiographies, "which best elucidate the dominant issues at work in American Society." It is called *The Social Record*, although it might with equal appropriateness be called the historical record. The second volume, *The Literary Record*, contains somewhat longer selections from fewer American authors than the more usual work of its kind. It will be interesting to note the results of this closer coordination of literature and history.

HISTORICAL MEETINGS OF IMPORTANCE

During the next few months there will be held a number of historical meetings of interest to many readers of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. Two of these will be held in Indiana, two in neighboring states not far removed from Indiana, and another at a somewhat greater distance. At these meetings will gather historians and other interested persons, papers will be read and discussed, and friendships will be made and renewed. Individuals interested in history, particularly those who are teaching history in the high schools, colleges, and universities, should find attendance at one or more of these gatherings quite profitable. Northern Indiana is not far from Chicago where the American Historical Association, the most important organization of the historical profession in this country, will hold its sessions. Southern Indiana is also not far from Lexington, Kentucky, where the members of the Mississippi Valley Historical As-

sociation will assemble. This organization makes an especial appeal to persons interested in Western History. Indianans should take advantage of these and the other meetings described in the following paragraphs.

The Southern Historical Association will meet at Atlanta, Georgia, at the Biltmore Hotel, November 6 to 8, 1941. At the morning session, November 7, William O. Lynch of Indiana University, the retiring editor of the *Indiana Magazine of History*, will read a paper on "The South and Its History." George C. Osborne, of Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia, and Arndt M. Stickles, of Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Kentucky, who were granted doctor's degrees by Indiana University, will also read papers. The Association is primarily interested in the History of the South, but it is also offering programs on European and Latin-American History at this meeting.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies will assemble in Indianapolis, November 20 to 22, 1941, at the Claypool Hotel. This organization constitutes the official social studies department of the National Education Association and enjoys the cooperation of the American Historical Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the American Political Science Association. With the collaboration of the American Historical Association it publishes the monthly magazine, *Social Education*. The meeting in Indianapolis will be characterized by addresses on current topics by men of national prominence, discussion groups concerned with major areas of social studies instruction, and smaller seminar groups devoted to the study of classroom problems.

The Twenty-third Annual Indiana History Conference, which will be held at Indianapolis, December 12 and 13, is described by Doctor Coleman in his statement on pages 255-56. This will probably be of greater interest to members of the Indiana Historical Society than any of the other meetings.

The annual meeting of the American Historical Association is to be held the latter part of December at Chicago. Information of its program has not been received. Members of the historical profession from all parts of the nation will attend this meeting, which is usually attended also by many public school teachers in the immediate vicinity.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association will hold

its annual meeting at Lexington, Kentucky, in the spring of 1942. Further comment on this meeting may be made in a later number of the *Magazine*.

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