

can dig; writers can write; now and then one can do both.

Stanley Gray, the author, is an Indianian (Shortridge High School, AB Wabash College, 1925; AM Indiana University, 1928, where he was instructor in history, 1928-29; Harvard, traveling fellow in England, etc.) who is now a member of the history faculty at the United States Naval Academy. This is a first novel—of many, let us hope.

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Olive I. Downing, *Indiana's Poet of the Wildwood*. (Marion, Indiana, c. 1941, pp. xiii, 161).

This is a little book about one of Indiana's literary figures, Sarah T. Bolton. It contains a simple and uncritical tale of the life of the poet together with many of her poems. It is appropriate that it should appear, for the story and the poetry are worthy of preservation. The writings of this gentle lady made a contribution to the development of Indiana and to the state of mind that is characteristic of Hoosiers. Her poetry contains frequent references to the homely virtues, such as are expressed in the poem "Paddle Your Own Canoe," of which the following is the first stanza:

Voyager upon life's sea,
 To yourself be true.
 And where'er your lot may be,
 Paddle your own canoe.
 Never, though the winds may rave,
 Falter nor look back
 But upon the darkest wave
 Leave a shining track.

Though better known for this poem, it may be that such snatches as the following, each from different poems entitled "Indiana," have been more significant.

Home of my heart, thy shining sand,
 Thy forests and thy streams,
 Are beautiful as fairyland
 Displayed in fancy's dreams.
 Home of a thousand happy hearts
 Gem of the far Wild West
 Ere long thy sciences and arts
 Will gild the Union's crest.

Though many laud Italia's clime,
And call Helvetia's land sublime,
Tell Gallia's praise in prose and rhyme,
And worship old Hispania;
The winds of heaven never fanned,
The circling sunlight never spanned
The borders of a better land
Than our own Indiana.

Ollinger Crenshaw, associate professor of history at Washington and Lee University, has published in the *American Historical Review*, October, 1941, an article entitled "The Knights of the Golden Circle." It is an excellent presentation of the southern phases of that movement and will be read with profit by those who are interested in the Knights north of the Ohio River. It does not solve, however, the relations between the latter and the earlier and southern activity of the order. If Professor Crenshaw anticipates further publication along this line such will be eagerly awaited by those interested in Indiana History.

In the same issue of the *American Historical Review* appeared an article submitted by Dr. Joseph Shafer shortly before his death in which he raised considerable doubt about the generally accepted ideas that the German element of the population of the states of the Old Northwest was a decisive influence in the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

Two other books of interest to readers of the *Indiana Magazine of History* have been received. Their reviews have been omitted for reasons of space, but will be included in the next issue. They are: *Methodism and the Frontier, Indiana Proving Ground*, by Elizabeth K. Nottingham (Columbia University Press, New York, 1941); and *The Passing of the Frontier, 1825-1850*, Volume III of *The History of the State of Ohio*, by Francis P. Weisenburger (Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 1941).