

The Editor's Pages

Welcome, Howard H. Peckham

The *Indiana Magazine of History* joins with the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Indiana Historical Society in welcoming Howard H. Peckham to Indiana. We wish for him success in his new work and pleasant living in his new home.

For those unacquainted with Mr. Peckham, let us state that according to report he was born in Lowell, Michigan, on July 13, 1910, that he studied at Olivet College two years before attending the University of Michigan, where he received the bachelor's degree in 1931 and master's degree in 1933. He was an editorial writer for *The Grand Rapids Press*, 1935. He became Curator of Manuscripts at the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1936, and while serving in this capacity, he completed additional graduate work in the University of Michigan, contributed to historical journals, edited three books, taught American history in the university's military program, and offered courses in the library school and in the extension service. He was appointed University War Historian in 1943 and was charged with collecting the records of the university's war activity for publication. He now becomes (as of February 1) Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau and Secretary of the Indiana Historical Society.

His new position is one of responsibility and opportunity. Although Indiana has one of the oldest historical societies, it has scarcely kept pace in publication with the more forward of the Middle Western states as Wisconsin, Illinois, and Ohio. It is not a large society since it contains approximately 1250 members and of these approximately one-fourth reside in Indianapolis. Obviously there is opportunity for him in enlarging the program and the society. The opportunity should challenge Mr. Peckham, and Mr. Peckham's ability and leadership should challenge the people of Indiana to support him loyally in his new work. The *Indiana Magazine of History* welcomes him and pledges him its best cooperation in furthering the cause of Indiana history.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Society
Spring Meeting, April 26, 27, 28, 1945

Because of war conditions the Executive Committee of the society has cancelled the spring meeting which was to have been held in Bloomington, Indiana. Indiana University was anticipating with great pleasure the prospect of entertaining the society on the campus this spring and consequently regrets very much the necessity which led to this change of plans. It will, however, look forward to the return of peace when it can renew its invitation and hope for another opportunity of entertaining the members of this important historical society.

Southern Historical Society

The editor has been asked to serve on the membership committee of the Southern Historical Society and to seek additional members in Indiana. Since it will be impossible to contact many persons by mail or in person, perhaps a few words here may help. The Southern Historical Society is one of the younger sectional historical associations. It is devoted to the history of the South rather broader interpreted. It is made up of a fine group of persons who are interested in Southern history. No doubt there are many persons in Indiana who would like to belong to the society, to read the *Journal of Southern History*, and to attend its meetings when the war is over. The membership dues are \$3.00 per year. The secretary-treasurer is Professor James W. Patton, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina. Many articles of interest to Indianans have appeared in the *Journal* and it alone will repay the cost of membership. The editor will be glad to forward any applications for membership that may be sent to him.