

Coulter feels that both North and South failed to recognize the psychological factors in reconstruction, and that the South was too prone to feel that she alone had suffered. Radical Reconstruction did accomplish what four years of war had failed to do: the unification of the Southern people. The aims of the radicals, however, were not fulfilled, and political reconstruction was an "utter failure." The total effects might be summed up in one of the author's statements: "North might or might not be North, as it pleased; but the South would be South" (p. 183).

This volume bears evidence of discerning and discriminating use of extensive sources, but there seems to be an excessive emphasis on the newspapers of Georgia. The states of the upper South have been treated rather summarily since this is the story of the South *during* reconstruction, not reconstruction *in* the South. These shortcomings are minor. The style of the narrative is easy and clear; the well-known wit and humor of the author is sometimes transferred to the printed page through the medium of tongue-in-the-cheek remarks; the bibliography is selective and critical; the index is good; and the text is remarkably free from errors. The Louisiana State University Press is to be congratulated on an excellent job of bookmaking. The ten-volume history is well launched.

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*The First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Indiana.* By Herriott C. Palmer. (Greenfield, Indiana, Wm. Mitchell Printing Co., 1946, pp. xvi, 515. Illustrations, bibliography, and index. \$5.00.)

Franklin, Indiana, located about twenty miles south of Indianapolis, is the seat of Johnson County, and also the home of Franklin College, a liberal arts college sponsored by the Baptist church. The First Presbyterian Church of the community is one of unusual strength and influence considering the size of the city and the prestige of competing denominations. The author of the history, Miss Herriott C. Palmer, was for a number of years a professor of history at Franklin College, but a member of the Presbyterian Church and the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. It was fortunate that she was prevailed upon to write the history of her church.

For the first seventy-five years of the institution's history (1824-1899), Miss Palmer drew heavily on two manuscript histories. The first, covering fifty years, was completed in 1874 by Judge David Demaree Banta. He also wrote and published a history of Johnson County. The supplementary account was written by Robert Allen Brown. This was completed in 1899 and covered twenty-five years (1874-1899). Mr. Brown restudied the period covered by Judge Banta and found new material. Miss Palmer began her study in 1919, and, while she worked principally on the period since 1899, she also gathered new material on the preceding seventy-five years. The entire history as now published was written by her.

The plan of treatment includes a chapter on the general history of the Presbyterian church and a second chapter dealing with the founding and early years of the local church. These chapters are followed by six others. The headings of which are: "Pastors and Pastors' Wives," "Church Property and Church Houses," "The Sunday School," "The Music of the Church," "The Women and Young People," and "Sons and Daughters." The title of the ninth chapter is "Through the Years." To general readers, this will prove the most interesting and valuable chapter. It would have been possible to incorporate with the material contained in this ninth chapter everything included in the preceding chapters, thus making the whole book into a single narrative of something like nine chapters.

The tenth and last chapter is in reality no more than an appendix with two main divisions. In this chapter valuable records are printed and thus preserved and made accessible to all. Lists of pastors and church officials from 1824 to 1944 are included, and also both chronological and alphabetical rosters of church members for each of the years of the church's history (1824-1944).

As a whole, the volume will prove especially interesting and valuable to present members of the congregation of the church in Franklin. However, the book contains accurate facts about a large number of people and many of these will be of value to others as well as to persons principally interested in church history. The printing and binding of the volume are satisfactory, and it was prepared by a very competent author. All concerned with its publication have reason to feel a pride in the completed work.