

## Editor's Pages

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### Genealogy

Both correspondence and conversations have indicated that there is much interest in genealogy among the readers of the *Indiana Magazine of History* who are also members of the Indiana Historical Society. If the increase in population continues as anticipated—and especially if the number of persons in the upper age brackets continues to soar—presumably this interest in genealogy will likewise grow.

Genealogy and history are common interests for numerous individuals, but history of course encompasses far more than that embraced within genealogy. The editor does not consider himself adequately qualified to edit the usual genealogical materials, but he hopes to publish such items from time to time as has been done heretofore. He has had and is carrying on correspondence and discussions about possible arrangements concerning the pages in the *Magazine* which concern genealogy. If all goes well, either the forthcoming December or March issue will indicate the results of these efforts which it is believed will be in keeping with the traditions of the *Magazine* and also of considerable aid to those who have a particular interest in genealogy.

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### Indiana Historical Society

The membership of the Indiana Historical Society is at an all-time high, now approaching 2,400. There is reason for satisfaction in this achievement, but the total should be pushed above the 2,500 mark during the next few months. Then during the ensuing year the membership committee might perhaps strive for a membership of 3,000.

With the sesqui-centennial of statehood only about a decade away the achievement of a membership roster of at

least 5,000 should be an accomplished fact in advance of this sesqui-centennial in 1966.

Such growth in quantity should enable the Indiana Historical Society to increase its effectiveness and it should also make it possible for the History Department of Indiana University, which publishes the *Magazine*, to sustain and publish a quarterly which could gradually gain in quality and perhaps also grow in size as well.

But growth in membership makes it exceedingly difficult to estimate the run required per issue. In fact, the March issue has already been exhausted. If any of you no longer need your copy of this issue we would be grateful for its return for use in making copies available to libraries, to those who maintain a file of the *Magazine*, and to new members so far as this can be done. We appreciate the aid of the editor of the *Indiana History Bulletin* in indicating such needs and we acknowledge with thanks the copies already made available.

Members of the Indiana Historical Society automatically receive the *Indiana Magazine of History*, as well as other publications, including valuable books which the Society distributes from time to time. Memberships are receivable at the office of the Society, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. Annual dues are \$3.00, while those joining at mid-year are requested to pay \$4.50 for an eighteen months' period. Checks should be made payable to the Indiana Historical Society.