

## Review Notices

*Constitution Making in Indiana: A Source Book of Constitutional Documents with Historical Introduction and Critical Notes. Volume I, 1780-1851.* By Charles Kettleborough. *Indiana Historical Collections, Volume I.* Reprint. (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1971. Pp. ccxli, 530. Notes, index. \$7.50.) In 1916 Charles Kettleborough published a two volume history of constitution making in Indiana for the one hundred years from 1816-1916. Kettleborough stated in his preface: "The documents comprised in these two volumes are designed to illustrate and interpret the constitutional growth and development of the State of Indiana from the beginnings of its institutional history to the present. . . . an attempt has been made to include every document of a constitutional character" (p. vii). In 1930 the author added a third volume to the set, covering the years 1916-1930. Although long out of print these invaluable references are the standard works on constitutional development in the Hoosier State. The Indiana Historical Bureau is now reprinting Kettleborough's two initial volumes and plans to issue a revised and updated third volume. Volume I contains an excellent, comprehensive introduction and documents which range from those pertaining to the cession of the Northwest Territory to the Constitution of 1851. The Indiana Historical Bureau cannot be too highly commended for reissuing and updating these three volumes. *Lorna Lutes Sylvester, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Orange County Heritage.* Compiled by Arthur L. Dillard. (Privately printed: The author, 1971. Pp. vi, 240. Illustrations, notes. \$6.50.) Dillard and a dozen or so other authors have contributed to this volume which provides "a sampling of the economic, political, religious, and social factors that have been fundamental in the development of Orange County, Indiana" (Preface). Some of the articles are taken from previous publications, but this collection makes them available to additional readers in an appropriate and convenient way. Various of the sketches are unusually interesting and quite informative. The reviewer found those concerning Dr. William A. Bowles and the whetstone industry particularly fascinating. Individuals searching for a new approach to the writing of county or other local history should give thoughtful attention to this volume. Dillard merits commendation for having produced one of the most significant volumes concerning local history which this reviewer has seen in recent years.

*One Hundred Men: A Legislative History of Morgan County, Indiana.* By Judge Noble K. Littell. (Privately printed: The author,

1971. Pp. v, 135. Illustrations, bibliography, index. \$10.00.) Judge Littell has plowed some new ground in this compact volume which consists principally of biographical sketches of the approximately one hundred men who have represented Morgan County in the Indiana General Assembly. The author is to be commended for this interesting and resourceful approach to the study of local history. His account of legislators from Morgan County affords a valuable sample of the kind of men who have served in the Indiana General Assembly since statehood. As Littell's study indicates, Morgan County has often been a battleground between Republicans (and Whigs) and Democrats. Though lawyers have frequently represented the county in the General Assembly, farmers, merchants, ministers, and others have served also. As a group these men have indeed been "citizen legislators," including Littell himself, who was a member of the House of Representatives during the early 1960s. According to the Preface, *One Hundred Men* is a delayed contribution to the Indiana State Sesquicentennial of 1966. The Preface also suggests that the author is now at work on a history of Masonry at Eminence and also on a sketch of the Littell family tree.

*Seventy Years of First Church of Christ, Garrett, Indiana.* By Lois Cobler. (Garrett: Bartels Printing, 1971. Pp. 231. Illustrations, appendix, index of names listed. Paperbound, \$4.25.) Lois Cobler has written a sympathetic and profusely illustrated history of the First Church of Christ at Garrett, Indiana, for approximately the period 1900 to 1970. She details numerous facets of the church's activities, efforts, and achievements since its beginnings in the initial decade of this century.

*The Politics of American Labor: The Indiana Microcosm.* By Melvin A. Kahn. (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Labor Institute, 1970. Pp. xxi, 330. Notes, tables, appendices, bibliography, index, personal interviews. Paperbound, Free.) This book is apparently a reprint of a volume which originally appeared in 1964 under the title of *Labor and the Law-Making Process*. Though written by one who is openly sympathetic to labor and its basic aspirations, nonetheless it affords an informative and frank analysis of the organizational pattern, economic and political aspirations, personnel and other divisions, and basic trends within organized labor in Indiana of recent decades, with emphasis on the fifties and early sixties. Kahn insists that the political effort of organized labor in Indiana is a microcosm for organized labor nationally. Persons interested in achieving an increased understanding concerning recent developments in and the contemporary status of organized labor in Indiana will find this volume a helpful guide.

*Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness: The Illinois Legislative Years.* By Paul Simon. Reprint. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1971. Pp. xii, 335. Notes, illustrations, index. Clothbound, \$6.95; paperbound, \$2.95.) "This is the story of Abraham Lincoln's service in his first elective office, the public office he held longer than any other" (p. vii). Thus Simon introduces his volume covering Lincoln's eight years in the Illinois state legislature. Very little has been written about the Civil War President's legislative career in Illinois, and much which has appeared is open to question. Simon has attempted to present a scholarly account of Lincoln as a state legislator and—although an amateur historian—has closely approached his goal. The author's own career as an Illinois legislator, state officer, and politician provides background and understanding for his treatment of Lincoln. General readers will find this reprint volume interesting; scholars will find it useful. *Lorna Lutes Sylvester, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Kentucky: A Pictorial History.* Edited by J. Winston Coleman, Jr. (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, with the cooperation of the Department of Parks and the Department of Public Information of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, 1971. Pp. 256. Maps, illustrations. \$7.95.) Few pictorial histories have been better conceived and executed than this volume on Kentucky. Arranged both chronologically and topically the book presents an amazingly well balanced coverage of the Bluegrass State in subject matter—from politics and industry through education and crafts to sports and the horse; in time—from prehistory to Kentucky today; and in presentation—in photographs, maps, sketches, and text. The preface, written by Associate Editor Thomas D. Clark, perhaps best summarizes this beautiful volume: "Caught in the focus of the photographer's lens or on an artist's canvas . . . [Kentucky] stands revealed in its power, its starkness, sometimes in ugliness, but always in detail. . . . This volume is wide ranging in scope of space and time, institutional growth, in humanity, and, most of all, in portraying the changes of a dynamic society" (p. 7). *Lorna Lutes Sylvester, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Report of the Debates and Proceedings of the Peace Convention Held at Washington, D. C., February 1861.* By L. E. Chittenden. Reprint. (New York: Da Capo Press, 1971. Pp. 626. Notes, appendices, indices. \$25.00.) In February, 1861, a peace convention proposed by the Virginia General Assembly met at Washington, D. C., to discuss possible means of averting further secession and civil war. Although the convention's sessions were conducted secretly, Delegate L. E. Chittenden of Vermont in 1864 published the com-

plete proceedings of the conference based on his extensive notes. Chittenden did "not claim to have furnished a *verbatim* report" but asserted that his work provided "an accurate account of all . . . official proceedings," speeches, and propositions, "generally . . . presented . . . in the very language used" (p. 7). This reprint of Chittenden's volume provides a valuable supplement to recent works on the Washington Peace Conference. Hoosiers may also be interested in determining whether or not Indiana's delegates fulfilled the pledges made to Governor Oliver P. Morton prior to their appointments. *Lorna Lutes Sylvester, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Thurlow Weed: Wizard of the Lobby.* By Glyndon G. Van Deusen. Reprint. *The American Scene: Comments and Commentators.* Edited by Wallace D. Farnham. (New York: Da Capo Press, 1969. Pp. xiv, 403. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$15.00.) Van Deusen's biography of Weed, first published in 1947, has become recognized as an excellent biography of the Whig, then Republican, party leader and boss. It well merits a reprint edition.

*The Reinterpretation of American Economic History.* Edited by Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman. (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1971. Pp. xxiv, 494. Notes, references, tables, figures, charts, appendices, index. \$12.95.) Though principally intended for use by teachers and students in undergraduate courses in American history and economics, the some three dozen essays in this volume are worthwhile to those who have a special interest in American history. They give a heavy emphasis to research based upon the use of quantitative techniques to interpret varied facets of American economic history. The essays raise more questions than they answer, but if read with care, they will stir the thinking of and afford new insights to all save those whose academic arteries have hardened beyond repair.

*Alexander Campbell at Glasgow University, 1808-1809.* Transcribed with an introduction by Lester G. McAllister. (Nashville, Tenn.: Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 1971. Pp. 101. Illustration. \$3.50.) This book includes essays and related papers written by Alexander Campbell while a student at Glasgow University, Scotland, during 1808-1809. It and the editor's introduction give a helpful background for an understanding of the intellectual and theological baggage which Campbell brought with him when he came to the United States in 1809. This modest volume supplies considerable evidence that the spiritual father of the Disciples of Christ had a significant exposure to formal education. The issue of *Encounter*, in which this text was initially published, is available for \$2.00.