

interesting observations on the soil and general appearance of the wide Iowa prairies, saying among other things that "deer and elk range here in good numbers." He seemed to have an intuitive knowledge of the natural history of every region through which he traveled. The information contained in these large volumes has been most conscientiously edited and errors in former publications carefully corrected. To the student of Indian history and life they would seem to be indispensable. They should have a place in every public library. In addition to the map above mentioned the work contains several portraits of Father De Smet from about his 25th year until he was "aged and gray." A large bronze statue was set up at his birth-place, Termonde, Belgium, of which there is a fine illustration.

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*Proceedings of the Academy of Science and Letters, of Sioux City, Iowa, for 1903-4. Volume I. Published by the Academy. Perkins Brothers Co., Printers, Sioux City, Iowa, 1904.*

A Scientific Association existed for many years in Sioux City, but in 1903 it was determined to enlarge its scope and publish a volume of proceedings and original papers. The results of this action appear in a reorganization under the name of "The Academy of Science and Letters of Sioux City, Iowa," and the handsome volume which recently came from the Perkins' Press. This is an octavo of 191 pages which is clearly and beautifully printed, with many appropriate illustrations. Among the latter are excellent portraits of John H. Charles and Judge George W. Wakefield, both of whom recently passed away deeply lamented. No two other men had done more for the cause of science and letters in that portion of the State. The volume contains the constitution and by-laws of the Academy, lists of officers from the beginning of this work, details of the organization, biographical sketches of deceased members, with many scientific and historical papers. Among the papers, that of Hon. C. R. Marks, on the "Monona County, Iowa, Mormons," is especially interesting and valuable. The book is one which will often be referred to in the libraries fortunate enough to possess a copy.

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*Cleiocrinus, by Frank Springer, No. 2, Vol. XXV. Memoirs of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, January, 1905, pp. 91-114, with one plate.*

A history and description of the peculiar structure and stratigraphic position of certain unique fossils that have been found in the earliest beds of crinoids. The genus was established by a Canadian scientist in 1856, but has been a puzzle to crinologists. Mr. Springer has taken up the problem with his wonderful acumen and with his habits of close and thorough research, and elucidated the relation of this genus to the other forms of the same life that sported in the long ages of the palaeozoic world. This monograph shows the fine patience of his genius, and his

accuracy and precision of statement and exposition, which have given him an eminent place among men of science both in Europe and in America.

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*The Indiana Quarterly Magazine of History.* W. E. Henry, State Librarian, Manager; George S. Cottman, Editor and Publisher, Indianapolis. \$1 per year.

This is the first number of an ably edited monthly magazine, "devoted to the past for the sake of the present." The contents consist mainly of original articles, all of which are readable and historically valuable. It is devoted to Bibliography, Biography, Documents, History Studies, Reminiscences, and Family Records.

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*Biographical Sketch of James Bridger, Mountaineer, Trapper and Guide.* By Major-General G. M. Dodge, New York, 1905.

It will be remembered that in 1904 Gen. Dodge caused a monument to be erected in Mt. Washington Cemetery, Kansas City, to the memory of James Bridger, at which time his sketch was read by his secretary, Mr. W. N. Jones. This was published in the newspapers at the time. Gen. Dodge has just now published a revised and illustrated edition of this sketch in a neat pamphlet. It is a generous tribute to his friend, the distinguished mountaineer and guide.

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*Lippincott's Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology.* By Joseph Thomas, M. D., LL. D., Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1901.

*Lippincott's Complete Pronouncing Gazetteer, or Geographical Dictionary of the World.* Originally edited by Joseph Thomas, M. D., LL. D. New Revised Edition. Philadelphia. J. B. Lippincott Company, 1904.

These large volumes have long been standard works of reference in public and private libraries, schools, colleges and editorial offices—the Gazetteer for fully half a century. They have been frequently revised to keep pace with the changes which are so constantly occurring. These editions necessarily contain a great amount of new material, and the biographical work presents a new feature in fifty fine engraved portraits of illustrious personages of the past hundred years. Formerly each work was in a single volume, which was too heavy for convenient use. In these editions each has been divided into two volumes which have been superbly printed and solidly and handsomely bound. They thus become the amplest single works of reference in the book markets of these times. They are indispensable in every well furnished public or private library.

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