

THE ANNALS OF IOWA

The Indian Frontier of the American West 1846-1890, by Robert M. Utley. (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1984. pp. 325, illustrations, notes, bibliography, index, \$19.95 cloth, \$10.95 paper.)

This is one of the excellent volumes in the Histories of the American Frontier Series. The author, a well-known authority on Indian-white relations and former chief historian of the National Park Service, has written a very evenhanded account of the final half-century of conflict between the Native Americans and the progressive Anglo Saxon society. He recreates the events from both sides and provides an objective appraisal of their actions. In a broader sense, this work raises questions about cultural conflict, about perceptions and mindsets that speak to present-day problems in our society. It continues the tradition of excellence set forth by all of the volumes in this series.

Chicago in Story: A Literary History, by Clarence A. Andrews. (Iowa City: Midwest Heritage Publishing Company, 1983. pp. 500, notes, index, \$19.95 cloth.)

Andrews, noted Iowa literary figure and author of *A Literary History of Iowa* (1972), has given us a definitive study of the fiction, poems, plays, short stories, and films set in Chicago from 1830 to 1980. Nine years in production, this book is far more than an annotated bibliography. It discusses individual works and the milieu in which they were produced. Certainly worthy of the attention of literary historians and those having a general interest in the Windy City.

The Image of War, 1861-1865. Vol. V, The South Besieged, edited by William C. Davis. (New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc. for the National Historical Society, 1983. pp. 464, illustrations, index, \$39.95 cloth.)

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