rectly, is misspelled seven times on page 66. George Mercer (p. 79, footnote) was appointed in London lieutenant governor of North Carolina but never really served in that capacity in North Carolina. "Captn Stroads" (p. 278 and footnote 12) and "Captn Strodes" (p. 180) both refer to Captain John Strode. That the glaring repetition of Washington's journal (p. 291) was made by him should have been indicated.

Such minor defects should not detract greatly from the value of the publication, whose merits are adequate. The author-editor deserves praise for the painstaking geographical and historical work done on the volume.

Alfred P. James


Here is one of the most helpful publications for researchers and scholars interested in early Indiana History that has ever been published. The work was begun in an effort to "combine existing bibliographies of Indiana imprints and to extend the range of inquiry to cover the first fifty years of publishing in the state." Making use of Mary Alden Walker's The Beginnings of Printing in the State of Indiana . . . to 1850 (1934); Douglas C. McMurtrie's Indiana Imprints 1804-1849 (1937); and parts of John G. Rauch's and Nellie Armstrong's A Bibliography of the Laws of Indiana, 1788-1927 (1928), the editors have added titles "found in the unpublished records of the Historical Records Survey and those kept on file by the librarians of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana University Library"; and they carry the listing through the year 1853. Also, they added two new categories of imprints — broadsides and sheet music. As a result of this enlarged project, the editors have listed approximately 2000 Indiana imprints that appeared before 1854.

It is interesting also to note the material that was excluded, namely magazines, newspapers, documents comprising the Documentary Journals, a so called catch-all, beginning in 1835, and a bibliography of state documents; the documents, in the opinion of the editors, are numerous enough to justify a separate volume.

To readers of this magazine, one of the most interesting collection
of imprints are the 33 items relating to the (New) Harmony Society in Indiana. Other imprints listed refer to important laws, legislative journals, political speeches, campaign broadsides, minutes of various religious groups, notably the Baptists and Quakers, proceedings of Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, canal and railroad imprints, college catalogs, Sons of Temperance, Thespian Society, sermons, debates between an atheist and a theist, a treatise on Daniel’s Visions and the Revelation of St. John, and several items relating to William Henry Harrison and the Battle of Tippecanoe, academies of science, and local and state medical societies.

From such samplings the reader will gain some idea of the usefulness of this important publication. Other state and local historical societies should undertake similar studies. They would be of great help to all researchers. If one wants to locate material relating to any important event in Indiana that occurred prior to 1854, he will first of all start with this volume. The same help should be afforded by other societies. Indeed, the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania should long since have published just such a guide. Few, if any, of our own members know the extent of the valuable collections of items hidden away in files of our own historical society library. Our good friend and scholar, the late F. F. Holbrook had set this project as his next task. No more valuable service could be rendered to historical scholars everywhere.

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