

The Massachusetts Historical Society is an American institution. It was founded in 1791. It has been a friend and a model for many other organizations. The present book, Volume LIV., is, like its predecessors, packed with useful information. Samuel Eliot Morison has a paper on "Boston Traders in the Hawaiian Islands, 1789-1823," covering pages 9 to 47. Mr. Morison has been a contributor to this *Quarterly* in that same field.

The Transition of a Typical Frontier. By WILSON PORTER SHORT-
RIDGE. (Louisville, Kentucky: The Author, 1922. Pp. 186.)

The extended sub-title of the book gives an idea of its scope and field—"With illustrations from the Life of Henry Hastings Sibley, Fur Trader, First Delegate in Congress from Minnesota Territory, and First Governor of the State of Minnesota." The author is Professor of History at the University of Louisville.

Propaganda as a Source of History. By F. H. HODDER. (Law-
rence, Kansas: The Author, 1922. Pp. 18.)

In this reprint from the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, Professor Hodder, of the Department of History, University of Kansas, has given his numerous friends a chance to read the scholarly address he gave at the annual dinner of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, held in connection with the meeting of the American Historical Association in St. Louis, December 27, 1921. He concludes that every age rewrites the history of the past from new points of view and says: "And I venture the prediction that when, after the mist of controversy has lifted and the poison gas of propaganda has rolled away, the history of the last decade is written, Woodrow Wilson will rank with Washington and Lincoln as a national hero and in world history will occupy a place not open even to them."

Early History of the Creek Indians and Their Neighbors. By JOHN
R. SWANTON. (Washington: Bureau of American Ethnology,
1922. Pp. 492.)

Northern Ute Music. By FRANCES DENSMORE. (Washington:
Bureau of American Ethnology, 1922. Pp. 206.)

These two books constitute Bulletins 73 and 75 in the well known and dependable series of monographs issued by the United States Government. They do not fall within the field of the *Washington Historical Quarterly*.