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Indiana—Her General Busi-  
ness Interests.

Book House of Merrill & Field.

In the rapid strides which every branch of business has made in our State in the past few years there are but few, if any, that have gone forward more rapidly than the book trade. In fact, nearly all others in a large degree have been affected by it, as through this channel much of the general intelligence and hence, much of the enterprise of our people have come; for we accept it as a rule that just in proportion as a people have education and intelligence, in that proportion they will be enterprising. The book trade therefore is of greater importance in its influence upon the people than it would seem at first thought. But, as with all other business, its growth has necessarily been gradual. It is fitting that in series of reviews of this kind we should devote an article to one of the pioneer houses of Indiana in this branch of trade.

About twenty years ago, when the population of Indianapolis was not more than four thousand, in what was known as Temperance Hall, Mr. Samuel Merrill (for several years deceased) commenced in the book trade. He soon found that his enterprise was success, and in a short time he moved his establishment to a room on East Washington street, about half a square east of Meridian. Subsequently the store was removed to a still more commodious room in Glenn's Block. In the year 1866, after the decease of his father, Mr. Samuel Merrill, Jr., formed a partnership with Mr. Chas. W. Moores, under the style of Merrill & Co. In the early part of the rebellion Mr. Merrill felt that his country demanded his services, and he accordingly entered the 70th Indiana Regiment from which, at the expiration of their term of service he retired as Lieutenant-Colonel. Mr. Moores also felt impelled to enter the army. He accordingly enlisted as a private, and during the summer of 1864 lost his life in Northern Alabama. In 1865 the store was moved to its present location, No. 5 East Washington street. After the death of Mr. Moores the house kept the name of Merrill & Co., until last year when Mr. Edward S. Field entered, when it took the names of Merrill & Field. Since the establishment of the house it has contributed largely to the reading public by the publication of a number of their own works. Especially have the legal profession found their publications valuable. They have published the Indiana Reports from the first to the twenty-second inclusive. They have also published Judge Perkins' Indiana Practice, as well as the Executor's Manuals, and they now have in press a new edition of Blackford's Reports. In addition to these valuable legal works they have also published "The Indiana Soldier in the War for the Union" written by Miss Kate Merrill, which besides giving an interesting history of the part Indiana took in the war, is handsomely embellished with engravings of the leading men of the State during the war. They have also published Clarkson's Quakerism, a work especially interesting to the society of Friends.

During the twenty years that the house has been in existence, it has absorbed a number of other book and paper houses in Indianapolis. Among these may be named those of Hood & Noble, James Perrine, Ross & Ray, Limbacher, and very recently the wholesale paper house of Chandler & Co.

For several years the house has made a specialty of law books, as may be inferred from the character of a number of their publications.

They design to keep a full supply of all the standard law works which the profession may need. But they do not confine themselves at all to this class of publications. They are dealing largely in theological works, bibles, hymn books, juvenile works and general miscellaneous works. One of the specialties of the house is school books. Of these they keep a large stock of various series which are mainly used in Indiana. It would be tedious to speak at length of the various articles which they keep in stock, such as blank books, diaries, inks and ink stands, pencils, general stationery, rubber goods, gold pens, portfolios, slates, music books, drawing books, photograph albums, copying presses, &c. Now that they have absorbed the wholesale paper house of Chandler & Co., they will be prepared to supply the trade with various articles in the wholesale paper line, such as book and printing paper, envelopes, twine, flat papers and writing papers. They will also continue to supply Messrs. Chandler & Co's, supply

four sacks. Their flour sacks they will make at their own manufactory, in connection with the wholesale paper store on Meridian street. Mr. Field, who came into the firm last year, is also the senior partner in the Caledonia Paper Mills, located at Indianapolis. From these facts it will be readily seen that they are prepared to do a large jobbing trade. They estimate that their sales will amount to \$150,000 per year.

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**The European War.**  
The battles which were raging in the vicinity of Sedan from the 30th of August to the 1st of September, culminated about noon on Friday, the 2d, by the surrender of General McMahon's army as well as the Emperor Napoleon. The Emperor having no command, gave himself up to King William, who has designated Magdeburg, Prussia, as his place of confinement during the continuation of the war. McMahon's army is reported to have numbered between 120,000 and 180,000, but the exact number surrendered is not yet known.

The three days' battles were unusually bloody, and the losses on both sides were fearful.

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It was moved that the one receiving the highest number of votes be the President. Under this provision Rev. John Kiger, the oldest Presiding Elder in the Conference, was elected, having received three more votes than Dr. Nutt.

Rev. Stephen Bowers, of Vincennes, was elected Secretary of the Conference by acclamation. Rev. O. H. Smith, of the State Normal School, and Rev. Y. B. Meredith, of Newburg, were chosen his assistants.

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