

music. The number of schools and the attendant interest in the sciences taught in them develops the scientific and literary tastes of the community. An evidence of musical taste is the Oratorio Society for the cultivation of classical music, which has maintained its useful existence since 1877, and has rendered, with distinguished success for the public benefit the difficult music of the great Masters.

Indiana and the Wabash once were associated with "fever and ague" in the foreign mind. The Wabash still flows in narrow stream or flood, according to the season, but the work of the ploughman and the axeman, the builder of levees and the layer of drain-tiles, has banished fever and ague, and malaria is no longer a Hoosier native. As a matter of fact and figures, Terre Haute is one of the exceptionally healthy localities of the United States, and while death rates and mortuary reports are not cheerful reading or study, the results which prove that our own home shows a smaller list of deaths per year than in any other city of the same size, are at least reassuring.

The summing up of the Prairie City would be briefly that it is a fair city, its people cultured and intelligent, unassuming and hospitable, its business men honest and thrifty, enterprising and successful, its schools and colleges an inestimable privilege, its charities, wise and far-reaching, its past history honorable and its future assured and flattering. On its records are inscribed many names famous in the annals of the country as legislators, soldiers, politicians, or in law, medicine and education, and as surely as their names have deserved to live, so will their successors, who to-day are honestly and zealously filling their allotted places in life, leave names worthy of association with those of the pioneers and builders of Terre Haute.

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