Book Reviews

The author begins his work by tracing Vancouver's approach to the shores of the Pacific Northwest in 1792. His last chapter in Volume II., "The Explorers Complete Their Work," still deals with the Vancouver expedition. Between that beginning and ending, Mr. Woollen has woven the story of his own observations, of recent developments, and of records found in many other books. His love of nature crops out again and again as he discusses fishes, trees and flowers, streams, mountains and arms of the sea. The books will prove to be valuable for those who live in or near Alaska; they will also prove interesting to the more serious tourists who contemplate visits to that region. The books are much more than hand-books or guides. They are packed with information gathered by one who was anxious to render a real service.

Gray, Kamm and Allied Families. By Mrs. CAROLINE A. KAMM. (Portland, Oregon, for the Author, 1925. Pp. 706.)

This elaborate and handsomely bound volume, privately printed for Mrs. Jacob Kamm, daughter of William H. Gray, by the American Historical Society, Inc., will be highly prized by those libraries and individuals fortunate enough to receive the gift from Mrs. Kamm. The book is a beautiful monument to William H. Gray, a member of the famous Whitman Mission to the Oregon Indians.

The main portion of the book, the first 624 pages, contains a faithful reproduction of Gray's well known *History of Oregon*, which first appeared in 1870. This is followed by a reproduction of Gray's "Journal" reprinted from the *Whitman College Quarterly* for June, 1913. This Journal covers the time from December 28, 1836 to October 15, 1837, giving his observations among the Nez Perces, Flat Heads and other Indians while on a journey returning from Oregon to the States.

Beginning at page 681, the last portion of the book is devoted to biographical sketches of William Henry Gray, Author, Missionary, Humanitarian; Jacob Kamm, Public Benefactor; and other members of the two families. This part of the volume is illuminated with reproductions in colors of family arms and crests.

Among the illustrations is one facing page 702 or the Jacob Kamm residence, the first large residence in Portland, built in 1871. Another, facing page 684, shows the graves at Waiilatpu, near Walla Walla. The title says: "The shaft marks the grave of Mr.

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and Mrs. W. H. Gray; the slab that of Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman and other victims of the Whitman Massacre."

The copy of the book presented to the University of Washington Library is stamped in gold: "Presented in Memory of W. H. Gray, by his daughter, Mrs. Caroline A. Kamm."

Boys' Games among the North American Indians. By EDITH STOW. (New York: E. P. Dutton and Company, 1924. Pp. 126. \$1.50.)

With admirable clearness Miss Stow has described in a picturesque book some thirty of the games common to Indian boys. The snow games of northern tribes are represented but the Indian tribes still surviving in the Southwest seem to have furnished a large part of the material for this book. Many of the games described, as Shinny, Football and Stick races are the ancestors of our own favorite sports. This book is not intended for the student of anthropology but would be of interest to children and to those who have to do with the supervision of their games.

Boys' Own Book of Frontiersmen. By Albert Britt. (New York: Macmillan Company, 1924. Pp. 224. \$1.75.)

Every year sees several additions to the list of good books for the young, based on the more romantic periods and incidents in our history. The Book of Frontiersmen should class among the better type of books offering an interesting route to history by way of biography. The author has not written down unnecessarily for his readers nor has he divested himself of a quiet humor and a pithy manner of expression generally reserved for an older public. An effort has been made to separate truth from tradition, or at least, by the saving doubt, to avoid sending the young imagination scouting on unprofitable trails.

The period covered extends from the time of Sir William Johnson and Alexander Henry to that of Joe Meek and the settlement of Oregon. A chronological arrangement of the chapters would have added much to the effectiveness of the book.

The Territory of Washington, 1879 By FRANCIS H. COOK. Edited by J. Orin Oliphant. (Cheney, Washington: State Normal School, 1925. Pp. 39. \$0.60.)

This interesting pamphlet is a reprint of an article by Francis H. Cook which first appeared in the *Spokan Times* of July 4,