

Readers of "The Education of Henry Adams" will surely want to read this book. In a private letter, Brooks Adams says: "I am afraid you will hardly find the book alluring, as it is not optimistic." But he adds later, "Such as we are—we are." He thinks the "Letter to Teachers" is one of the ablest things his brother Henry ever wrote.

The Life of General Ely S. Parker. By ARTHUR C. PARKER. (Buffalo, N. Y.: Buffalo Historical Society. 1919. Pp. 346.)

This interesting addition to Americana is written by a great-nephew of General Parker. The author has achieved reputation as a scholar and writer. He is now State Archaeologist of New York. General Parker was the last Grand Sachem of the Iroquois and was military secretary of General Grant. He made a most remarkable link between the great race of Indians and their white neighbors. This book with its sympathetic records and collection of illustrations will prove to be a monument to one of America's admirable Indian characters.

Taxation in Nevada. By ROMANZO ADAMS. (Reno: Nevada Historical Society. 1918. Pp. 199. \$1.50.)

This little volume, well described by its title, is one in the Nevada Applied History Series, edited by Jeanne Elizabeth Wier.

Correspondence of the Reverend Ezra Fisher. Edited by SARAH FISHER HENDERSON, NELLIE EDITH LATOURETTE and KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE. (Portland: Miss Freda Latourette, 325 Chamber of Commerce Building. 1919. Pp. 492. \$3.50 net.)

Rev. Ezra Fisher was a pioneer Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Oregon.

The first twenty-nine pages are devoted to a biographical sketch of the missionary. His correspondence from the Middle West concludes on page 155 when he wrote on April 12, 1845, "We are now here (Davenport) on our way to Oregon." The last entry bears the date of March 31, 1857. That span of a dozen years was filled with important events in Oregon history and these pages of letters throw light that will be welcome by all who study the period. Like most missionaries he gained his living from the soil. In 1861, he left the region of Willamette Valley and moved to The Dalles.

He continued to preach and farm. He spent a short time in California for his health but returned to The Dalles and resumed his religious work. He preached his last sermon on October 18, 1874, and died at The Dalles, November 1, 1874. He was much interested in education. In his last letter to the American Baptist Home Mission Society he said: "Will you once more send us a man for Oregon City University? I write officially." His death resulted from pneumonia contracted while visiting the schools of Wasco County. This was counted an untimely end for a man of his vigor though he was nearing his seventy-fifth birthday.

The correspondence here reproduced was considered of sufficient importance to history for large portions if it to appear in the Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society.

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association (Tacoma: ELENA A. CLANCEY, Treasurer, care of Tacoma Public Library. 1919. Pp. 52. 75 cents.)

This volume contains the Proceedings of the Conference held in Seattle in September, 1918. It includes a selection from the papers presented at the Meeting, but the larger part of the volume is given over to the Minutes of the Conference and to reports of Committees. It is arranged in a serviceable and intelligible manner forming on the whole a model for institutional proceedings of its kind. An index covers the publications of the first ten years of the Association's existence.

The Seattle Conference was held a few months before the signing of the Armistice and reflects the active part taken by librarians to help in winning the War. The Pacific Northwest Library Association is to be congratulated upon its fine record and the care it has taken to safeguard the history of its contribution to the educational development of the Northwest. Such volumes have great historical value since the history of a democracy is largely the history of its institutions.

Transactions of the Forty-fourth Annual Reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association. (Portland: GEORGE H. HIMES, Secretary. 1919. Pp. 273-350.)

This pamphlet is three years late in its appearance. It is the record of the reunion held in Portland on June 22, 1916. The crowd in attendance numbered eight hundred. The tireless secretary collected the usual amount of valuable historical data. He