neys and destinations contrast with Mr. Faris' method, and throw
into relief his art of picturing for us whole sections of the country.

HELEN D. GOODWIN

The Plains and the Rockies: A Contribution to the Bibliography of
Original Narratives of Travel and Adventure, 1800-1865. By
174. $10.00.)

To students, librarians, and alike to buyers and sellers of books,
this new bibliography prepared by Mr. H. R. Wagner of Berkeley,
California, will prove most useful. It contains but 349 numbered
items but gives such full and scholarly annotations regarding each
title included that it will take its place as one of the standard bibli­
ographies of the West.

In scope, the work is limited to original editions of original
narratives of travel and adventure within the region from the Mis­
souri river to the Pacific Ocean. The author is an enthusiastic and
discriminating collector and he has drawn upon his own library for
most of the items listed, the remainder being taken from his list of
“Wants.” The result is a volume of great interest and value with
notes of unusual fullness and individuality.

The arrangement is chronological, a fact not readily apparent,
as the dates are made a part of the collation in ordinary type. Had
the dates been justified to left margin, preceding authors' names,
such provision would have facilitated the use of the book. Each item
is numbered and an author and title index is provided referring
rightly to these numbers in preference to page.

A goodly proportion of the titles relate fundamentally to the
Pacific Northwest and a few are rarities that are practically un­
known to the libraries of this region. The price of the volume may
prevent its purchase by the smaller libraries whose support is never
equal to immediate demands, but the more important reference li­
braries will gladly secure this important book. The value of a
bibliography must be rated, not by the page, but by its service as a
reference tool. Every possible inducement should be given to the
preparation of scholarly lists such as Mr. Wagner has furnished.

The volume was printed during the author's absence in the East
and a few copies distributed before his return. On discovering
numerous typographical errors, Mr. Wagner promptly suppressed
the edition and orders for the book are being held against a re­
printing under the author's personal supervision.

CHARLES W. SMITH

Here is a collection of thirteen important essays by one of the best loved members in the guild of American historians. It comes in the tenth year of his service at Harvard University. His early laurels were won while a member of the faculty at his alma mater, University of Wisconsin.

The title of the book is taken from that of the first essay: "The Significance of the Frontier in American History." That essay laid a secure foundation for Professor Turner's fame. It was read at the meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago on July 12, 1893. It was published in the Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, December 14, 1893, in the Report of the American Historical Association for 1893, and in the Fifth Year Book of the National Herbart Society. For a quarter of a century American historians have been drawing inspiration from that essay.

The later essays here collected will also be cherished and used. It need not be expected that they will surpass, or even equal, the scope or quality of the first great essay. However, they are of and by Turner and that means much to those who know.

Readers in the Northwest will be especially interested in "The West and American Ideals," to which the author has appended this footnote: "Commencement Address, University of Washington, June 17, 1914. Reprinted by permission from The Washington Historical Quarterly, October, 1914."

There is probably not a student or teacher of American history anywhere who will not in time come under the influence of this book.

Edmond S. Meany


The late Henry Villard assisted with money the study of the Indians of the Pacific Northwest. That among Alsea in western Oregon was undertaken by Professor Livingston Farrand. After the death of Mr. Villard the work was discontinued until Mrs. Villard provided funds to complete that part of the work initiated by her husband. The Bureau of American Ethnology and Columbia University cooperated and the study was completed by Doctor Frachtenberg. It is now published by the Bureau of American