

train and elevate the average negro, while the exceptional one is at the industrial school or college, or studying for a profession; something which will check the prevalent reversion away from monogamic family life, and stimulate that life to develop steadily; something also that will impart to this entire mass permanent and strengthening in pulse to better its condition" (412). And finally, in order to give time for this something to take effect, the negroes should be given a State in the Union to themselves.

One note of weakness runs through the whole book, viz., an attempt to explain historical effects by reference to the will of the "fates," "fairies," "directors." Webster was designed by Providence to defend the Union, Providence arranged for the deaths of Adams and Jefferson on the same day that Webster might find a fit subject for his oration, "follow me while I try to show what the directors did in preparation for and in conduct of the brothers' war," * * * the directors induced Toombs to drink too much at a dinner in order that Davis might be President, and much more of the same order. Historical explanations should be given where possible and the balance left to the reader. Aside from this last defect the book is well done and will amply repay careful reading.

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Brief Notes.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has issued a carefully indexed volume of 200 pages, which contains a "Descriptive List of Manuscript Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Together With Reports on Other Collections of Manuscript Material for American History in Adjacent States."

An article on the "Financial History of Oregon," which Prof. F. G. Young contributes to the "Quarterly of The Oregon Historical Society" for December, is a scholarly piece of research which was prepared under the direction of the Carnegie Institution.

The fourth number of volume IV. of the "University of California Publications" is a monograph of 84 pages, written by A. L. Kroeber, and deals with "Indian Myths of South Central California."

"A History of the American Whale Fishery," by Walter S. Towner, has appeared as number 20 in the series in Political Economy and Public Law of the "Publications of the University of Pennsylvania." It deals with the origin, progress and decline

of the American whaling industry and gives attention to apparatus used in whaling and whale products in commerce.

"The First Religious Newspaper" is the title of the leading article in the journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society for June, 1907.

James Newton Baskett has contributed to the January issue of the quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association a "Study of the Route of Cabeza de Vaca."

"Provisional Report on a Course of Study in History" is the title of a pamphlet issued by the Committee of Eight of the American Historical Association. It is a suggestive outline for a course of study in history for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The leading article in "The Iowa Journal of History and Politics" for July is the concluding one in the series "Federal and State Aid to Education in Iowa," by Prof. Hugh S. Buffum of the University of Iowa. The same issue contains "A Bibliography of Iowa State Publications for 1904 and 1905," prepared by T. J. Fitzpatrick of the Iowa State Historical Society.