

BAPTIST HISTORY OF THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO WESTERN WASHINGTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND ALASKA. By Rev. J. C. Baker. (Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society, 1912. Pp. 472.)

The author of this book was evidently well equipped for the large task. On the title-page beneath his name is this cross-section view of his career: "Sometime Sunday-school Missionary and Depository of the American Baptist Publication Society, Superintendent of Missions of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Agent of Educational Institutions in the Northwest, Editor of the 'Baptist Beacon,' and Pastor." With such an experience, it is not likely the author would overlook any important phase of his subject.

A review of the book was sought from an eminent member of the Baptist Church, but through the stress of the holiday season it has not arrived. The book is too important to remain longer unnoticed, so the editor will himself call attention to its purpose and contents.

Eight of the nine parts carry one hundred and eighty-five chapters. The ninth part is devoted to twenty-three personal sketches. There are seventy-two portraits.

The plan and purpose of the book are shown by the larger subdivisions. "Part I.—Conventions" traces the organizations from the first effort at Tualatin Plains in 1848 down to the thirteenth year of the Northwest Convention in 1900. Part II. deals with the Puget Sound Association from its organization in 1871 to 1888. Part III. gives the record of individual churches in one hundred and twenty-nine chapters. Part IV. has the Baptist history in British Columbia from 1874 to 1900. Part V. is devoted to auxiliary organizations, such as the Baptist Young People's Union and Women's Foreign Mission Society. Part VI. is devoted to education. Part VII. deals with the Publication Society and Part VIII. with the Home Mission Society.

The tenderness of spirit in which the extensive work of research and compilation has been done may be judged from this conclusion of the author's introduction: "All honor to these pioneer men and women, and to their worthy successors, living and acting in the twentieth century!"

CIVICS FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. By George Chandler. (New York, American Book Company, 1912. Pp. 418. \$1.00.)

The author has prepared this textbook in the "belief that instruction in civics is the best preparation for fitting the youth for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship." Those who have used his book declare he has justified the belief in which he prepared it.