

BOOK REVIEWS

ECONOMIC BEGINNINGS OF THE FAR WEST. By Katharine Coman. (New York, The Macmillan Co. Vol. I. Explorers and Colonizers, pp. XIX., 418. Vol. II. American Settlers, pp. VI., 450. \$4.00 net.)

These volumes by a well known and competent worker and author in American industrial history are the outcome of four years' work under the patronage of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and bear abundant evidence of the Foundation's wisdom in selecting Miss Coman for the undertaking. The first volume is divided into two parts; the first opens with a short chapter dealing with the explorers and concludes with a much longer one tracing in broad outline the colonization of New Mexico, Louisiana, Texas and California. The second part of the volume is devoted to exploration and the fur trade. The story of Russian, Spanish, English, and American exploration is graphically and well set forth and particular attention is given to John Ledyard, Lewis and Clark, and Pike. Then follows an excellent account of the fur trade, in which separate chapters are devoted to Astoria, Fort Vancouver, and the rivalry of the American Companies. Volume two is made up of three sections, viz: "The advance of the settlers," "The Transcontinental Migration," and finally the struggle between "Free land and free labor." The settlement of Louisiana, Missouri Territory, the opening of the Santa Fé trade, and the colonization of Texas, are grouped under the first heading and nowhere else can the essentials of the economic beginnings be more readily found. The acquisition of Oregon, the Mormon migration and the conquest of California make up the Transcontinental Migration, and in these chapters Miss Coman makes a distinct contribution to our knowledge of these fields. In the last part, dealing with free land and free labor, more familiar ground is covered, but the elements of conflict are put vividly before the reader. The two volumes are very thoroughly done and western readers especially are deeply indebted to Miss Coman for an interesting, scholarly, and suggestive narrative wholly devoid of local prejudice and partisanship; a narrative which shows a mastery of local materials and color, but avoids the narrowness of provincialism. The illustrations, numbering nearly one hundred, are wisely chosen. Notes at the end of each volume cite the materials used and open the way for

the reader who wishes to pursue the story in greater detail. Typographically the volumes are up to the well known Macmillan standard.

EDWARD McMAHON.

NARRATIVES OF CAPTIVITY AMONG THE INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA. (Chicago, The Newberry Library, 1912. 120 pp. \$1.00.)

This bibliographical guide to narratives of Indian captivities comprises over three hundred titles of books and manuscripts on this subject in the Edward E. Ayer Collection of the Newberry Library. It serves as a valuable aid to research, since from sources such as these the historian gathers the details from which can be pictured the life of the American pioneer. The titles and collation are given with commendable fulness, particularly as contrasted with the inadequate descriptions often met with in similar lists. The work is arranged alphabetically by the name of author and an index is provided to the names of captives.

Several of the narratives in this list have a direct bearing upon the history of the Pacific Northwest. The richness of the Ayer Collection is shown by an exhibit of nine distinct editions of "A Narrative of the Adventures and Sufferings of John R. Jewitt, only Survivor of the Crew of the Ship Boston, during a Captivity of nearly three years among the Savages of Nootka Sound."

CHARLES W. SMITH.

ACADEMY OF PACIFIC COAST HISTORY, PUBLICATIONS OF. Frederick J. Teggart, editor. (Berkeley, University of California, 1909-1911.)

This Academy has the great advantage of working with the H. H. Bancroft collections, now a part of the equipment of the University of California. Until his death on December 1, 1911, the venerable geographer George Davidson was a member of the editorial committee. The others were: Henry Morse Stephens, chairman; E. D. Adams, Herbert E. Bolton, Frederick J. Teggart, and Porter Garnett.

Volume I. contains seven papers, as follows: The San Francisco Clearing House Certificates of 1907-1908, by Carl Copping Plehn; The Official Account of the Portolá Expedition of 1769-1770, edited by Frederick J. Teggart; Diary of Gaspar de Portolá During the California Expedition of 1769-1770, edited by Donald Eugene Smith and Frederick J. Teggart; The Narrative of the Portolá Expedition of 1769-1770 by Miguel Costansó, edited by Adolph van Hemert-Engert and Frederick J. Teggart; The United States Consulate in California, by Rayner Wickersham Kelsey; Diary of Patrick Breen, One of the Donner Party, edited