

in the publication of similar volumes by Beard, Haworth, and Lingley. Professor Paxson's volume suffers in comparison because of an unfortunate literary style—or rather absence of style which leads to the conclusion that it was compiled in haste for he has previously given evidence of a singularly clear pen. It is marred also by what appears to be an universal horror of having any opinions so that it reads more like an enlarged chronicle than a history. On the other hand it differs favorably from the other volumes by the inclusion of valuable material not readily found elsewhere. Examples selected at random are religious colleges, women's education, education of negroes, Johns Hopkins University, Mark Twain, historical writing, Buffalo Bill, baseball, social workers, military education, British labor manifests. Many others could be given. These would seem to insure the book a definite place in the field.

EDWARD MCMAHON

Seventy Years of Progress in Washington. By EZRA MEEKER. (Seattle: The Author. 1921. Pp. 381. \$5.00.)

Mr. Meeker timed the publication of his book so it should appear on his ninety-first birthday, 29 December, 1921. Judson T. Jennings, Librarian of the Seattle Public Library, in praising the contents of the book says: "It is an amazing piece of work for a man of 91 years of age." Mr. Meeker is the best known pioneer of the Pacific Northwest. He has gathered here his reminiscences and his opinions. It is a remarkable compilation and will prove helpful to writers of the future.

As if the work of issuing such a book at such an advanced age were not enough, the author secured a copy of the rare pamphlet, "Washington Territory West of the Cascade Mountains" which he had published in 1870 and had it reproduced in facsimile to be inserted as an appendix in the larger work. Of course this adds much of historic value to the book.

All in all, the libraries, collectors and interested individuals throughout the Pacific Northwest will find Ezra Meeker's latest volume well worth while.

Down the Columbia. By LEWIS R. FREEMAN. (New York: Dodd, Mead and Company. 1921. Pp. 383.)

While the author was travelling in many lands, finding adven-