

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-

ture and making explorations, he was cherishing a plan to examine the Columbia River "from snowflake to brine." He did that very thing and it is claimed that he is the first man to make the entire journey. His adventures, his descriptions of the varying features of the great river, his references to historic explorers of the past, all these combine to make his book a worth while addition to the literature of the Pacific Northwest.

The Mountaineer. Edited by MISS LULIE NETTLETON. (Seattle: The Mountaineers, 1921. Pp. 90.)

Mazama. Edited by MISS ELLA P. ROBERTS. (Portland: The Mazamas, 1921. Pp. 89.)

Mountain climbers in the Pacific Northwest await longingly each year for the appearance of these two books. Always the center of interest in each book is the record of the club's outing during the summer of that year. Other records of mountaineering are included and completed files of these publications are highly prized by librarians and other discriminating collectors.

In the summer of 1921, The Mountaineers visited Glacier Peak and Lake Chelan. The story of the outing is told by Robert Walkinshaw and the illustrations are from photographs by members of the party. Other articles include the following: "Some Birds and Mammals of Mount Rainier" by Walter P. Taylor, of the United States Biological Survey; "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes", by Rodney L. Glisan; "An Ascent of Mount Olympus in Thessaly", by Francis P. Farquhar; "A Mountaineer's Pilgrimage to Palestine", by William B. Remy; "Light Weight Commissary for Back Packing", by Stuart P. Walsh; "Annual Outing, 1922", by Fred Q. Gorton. Each year this book opens with a greeting from some prominent exponent of mountaineering at home or abroad. This year the club was fortunate enough to secure such a greeting from Captain Roald Amundson, discoverer of the South Pole, who wintered in Seattle preparing for his trip to the North Pole.

In *Mazama*, Jamieson Parker wrote the record of "The Twenty-eighth Annual Mazama Outing". His opening paragraph gives this fine summary of the outing; "In years past the Mazamas have visited each of the principal centers of mountaineering interest in Oregon—Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, the Three Sisters, Crater Lake, and