

*The Expansion Movement in Texas, 1836-1850.* By WILLIAM CAMPBELL BINKLEY. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1925. Pp. 253. \$3.50.)

The purpose and value of the work is pointedly suggested by this sentence in the Preface: "The fact that this story is here put together for the first time makes it possible to draw certain definite conclusions, not only concerning the activities of the Texans themselves, but also concerning some of the factors which were behind these activities."

This *Quarterly* has often praised the excellent works labeled "University of California Publications in History." This is Volume 13 in that series.

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*Eskimo Folk-Lore.* By D. JENNESS. (Ottawa: Government, 1924. Parts A and B. Pp. 90 and 192.)

The two parts comprise Volume XIII. of the *Report* of the Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1913-18. Part A contains "Myths and Traditions from Northern Alaska, the Mackenzie Delta and Coronation Gulf." Part B is devoted to "Eskimo String Figures." A subhead on the title page is "Southern Party 1913-16." Mr. Jenness, the author is attached to Victoria Memorial Museum, Ottawa, Canada.

Part B has many textual illustrations.

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*Lights and Shades of Pioneer Life on Puget Sound.* By GEORGE E. BLANKENSHIP. (Olympia: Privately printed, 1923. Pp. 90. \$1.75.)

The author of this interesting collection of anecdotes modestly disclaims any pretensions to writing history. The work is nevertheless well worth buying and preserving for the light it throws on the pioneer history of Olympia and its environs. Some of the topics covered are, "The first mail route," "A historical steamboat", "The first railroad", "Governor Stevens' arrival in the Territory", "Women in pioneer life", "The first circus", "Early political campaigns", "The first Catholic mission", "Early newspaper publications", and "Early musical organizations". The work is strictly a local product and can be had only by writing to the author.