

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Captain Cook's Voyages, with an Account of his Life During the Previous and Intervening Periods.* By ANDREW KIPPIS (New York: Knopf, 1925. Pp. 410. \$3.00)

*The Far West Coast.* By V. L. DENTON. (Toronto: J. M. Dent and Sons. 1924. Pp. 297. \$1.50.)

*The Sea, the Ship, and the Sailor.* With an Introduction by CAPTAIN ELLIOT SNOW. (Salem: Marine Research Society, 1925. Pp. 353. \$5.00.)

One of the outstanding features of the current book trade is the revival of the sea story. This may have resulted from the recent war or it may be due to the genius of Joseph Conrad or the discovery of Herman Melville. But from whatever cause the demand is here and it is cheering to find that it is being met by substantial works in history and geography as well as by numerous creations in imaginative literature.

As an indication of this new interest in the sea, one notes the appearance of a new edition of *Captain Cook's Voyages* by Andrew Kippis. Of all the lives of Captain Cook this has been the most popular. It first appeared in 1788 under the title of *Life of James Cook* and more than a dozen editions have since been published. All editions regardless of title have contained the essential parts of the three voyages told in the language of the original journals pieced together with the main facts of the Captain's life. The chief value of the work lies in the fact that it gives a convenient outline of the voyages following the official journals. The biographical data is interwoven with a lofty style after the manner of Addison. The accuracy of some of the statements of fact has been called in question, notably by Arthur Kitson in his *Captain James Cook* (N. Y. Dutton, 1907).

As a discriminating biography Kitson has superseded Kippis, but the work of the latter bids fair to retain its popularity for many years. The present edition appears without editorial notes, map, or index. It contains twelve illustrations, however, and from a mechanical point of view is an unusually satisfactory book.

*The Far West Coast* by V. L. Denton is a new work devoted to the maritime explorations and discoveries that brought to the world a knowledge of the Northwest Coast of America. The volume is devoted largely to a consideration of the voyages of Bering,

Cook, Meares and Vancouver. No claim is made to a presentation of new material but the new arrangement makes available in convenient and inexpensive form a connected account of events in the early history of the North Pacific Coast. The book is well illustrated and contains seven maps. It is particularly well adapted to school use but is worthy of a place in libraries, public or private.

Five tales of maritime adventure from log books and original narratives compose the volume entitled *The Sea, The Ship, and the Sailor*. Two are of special interest to students of the Pacific Northwest. One of these is a reprint of *The Life and Adventures of John Nicol* (Edinburgh, Blackwoods, 1822) a rare volume growing out of the voyage of Portlock and Dixon. The other is the first printing of a manuscript entitled: *Narrative of Events in the Life of John Bartlett of Boston, Massachusetts, in the years 1790-1793, During Voyages to Canton and the Northwest Coast of North America*. The narrative gives new information and its value is enhanced by notes supplied by his honour, Judge F. W. Howay.

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- Fort Union and Its Neighbors on the Upper Missouri*. By FRANK B. HARPER. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 36.)
- A Glance at the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. By GRACE FLANDRAU. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp.29.)
- An Important Visit, Zebulon Montgomery Pike, 1805*. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 11.)
- The Discovery of Marias Pass*. By GRACE FLANDRAU. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 23.)
- Chief Joseph's Own Story*. Reprinted from the *North American Review* of April 1879. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 31.)
- Program of Events, Upper Missouri Historical Expedition*. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 11.)
- Library List, Upper Missouri Historical Expedition*. (Saint Paul: The Great Northern Railway Company, 1925. Pp. 8.)
- John Fritz Medal Presentation to John Frank Stevens, 1925*. (New York: The John Fritz Medal Board of Award, 1925. Pp. 61.)

Here is a sheaf of important pamphlets giving evidence of