Book Reviews

We Must March. By HONORE WILLSIE MORROW. (New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1925. Pp. 427. \$2.00.)

Mrs. Morrow uses as a subhead for We Must March "A Novel of the Winning of Oregon." The heroine is the "goldenhaired, golden-voiced Narcissa," bride of Marcus Whitman, famous medical missionary to the Indians of the Oregon Country. It is made to appear that Mrs. Whitman respected but did not love her husband. The foil in the story is no less a character than Sir George Simpson, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The theme is the struggle for Oregon with Whitman's great ride used as heroics in a supreme effort to win the real love of his bride.

The story is interesting as a story but there will arise in the minds of pioneers who read it, the well known record of devotion of Whitman and his wife through their mutual struggles with savage surroundings up to the moment when both were hurled into death together at the Indian massacre. It will be hard to believe other intriguing at heartstrings though clever be the story in its telling.

In her "Foreword" the author lists twenty-seven books and authorities studied in preparing the manuscript. From the list are two important omissions one on each side of the great Whitman controversy. The two omitted works are Myron Eells: Marcus Whitman, Pathfinder and Patriot, and William I. Marshall: Acquisition of Oregon and the Long Suppresed Evidence About Marcus Whitman. A study of these works may not have changed the novelist's viewpoint but it is certain that a study of the Whitman case is no longer complete without those two publications.

The Distribution of Kinship Systems in North America. By LES-LIE SPIER. (Seattle: University of Washington Publications in Anthropology, 1925. Vol. I., No. 2, pages 69-88.)

An Analysis of Plains Indian Parfleche Decoration. By LESLIE SPIER. (No 3 of above, 1925. Pp. 89-112.)

Klallam Folk Tales. By Erna Gunther. (No. 4 of above. Pp. 113-170.)

The above publications from the University of Washington Press all bear the date of August, 1925. The first number in the volume, "The Whaling Equipment of the Makah Indians", by T. T. Waterman, covering pages 1-67 appeared in June, 1920. The present publications are well explained by their titles. They are

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