

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Archaeological Investigations in the Aleutian Islands.* By WALDEMAR JOCHELSON. (Washington, D. C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington, Publication 367, 1925. Pp. ix and 145.)

There is no doubt in the mind of any modern anthropologist that the history of the American race begins with the migration of the ancestral Indians from Asia. But the precise time and route, their racial type and culture are still uncertain. Indirect and inferential evidence establishes a slow infiltration of small groups by the Aleutian chain, by Bering Strait, or over the ice about the time of the last great glaciation at the close of the Pleistocene period. These were of fairly homogenous racial character and with a culture comparable to that of late Palaeolithic or early Neolithic of the Old World. Dr. Jochelson set out to search the Aleutians for evidence of this early migration.

No traces of it were found. This is important, for it eliminates the Aleutian chain as a route, and in view of the thoroughness of his investigation, it is not likely that this verdict will be upset. In place of this we have the story of the California shell mounds repeated: All the remains resemble those of the historic Aleut with some slight development in the upper strata of the mounds. These heaps are deep, as much as 6.5 meters, evidencing a considerable antiquity for the culture. Dr. Jochelson does not attempt to estimate its age.

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*Autobiography of John Ball.* Compiled by his daughters KATE BALL POWERS FLORA BALL HOPKINS and LUCY BALL. (Grand Rapids, Mich: The Dean-Hicks Company, 1925. Pp. 231. \$3.00.)

Heralded through Michigan as a pioneer from 1836 until his death in 1884, John Ball's autobiography might not be deemed of much importance to Oregon history by casual readers or collectors. The error of such a conclusion would be instantly discovered by a glance at the contents where "Book the Second" is en-