

fighting eloquently and forcefully for the retention of all of the Old Oregon Country. When the compromise boundary along the 49th parallel was accepted in the Treaty of 1846 he was so angry that he resigned the Chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and tried to induce the other members of the Committee—Cass, Archer, Sevier and Atherton—to resign at the same time. They refused.

Allen's speeches at that heated time are quoted and from this time forward he must be recognized more fully as one of Oregon's advocates during the fateful forties.

The Missouri Compromise and Presidential Politics, 1820-1825.

Edited by EVERETT SOMERVILLE BROWN. (St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society, 1926. Pp. 155.)

All western readers are interested in the Missouri Compromises. Here is a well documented treatise based on letters of William Plumer, Junior, Representative from New Hampshire during the stirring years involved.

This book gives promise of a valuable series whose publication is made possible by a fund donated by Willam Keeney Bixby, President of the Missouri Historical Society. Professor Thomas Maitland Marshall, well known in California, Idaho, Colorado and elsewhere in the west, is Secretary of the Missouri Historical Society and editor of its series of publications.

Shakespeare's Influence on Sir Walter Scott. By WILMON BREWER. (Boston: The Cornhill Publishing Company, 1925. Pp. 508. \$3.00.)

Though wholly outside the field of the *Washington Historical Quarterly*, mention is here made of the receipt of this book on account of its excellence as to form and content. When Scott's Waverly novels were first appearing a century ago reviewers noted his debt to Shakespeare. Dr. Brewer has produced the first extensive study to show Shakespeare's influence on Scott's life work. Future students of either author should not ignore this painstaking work of Dr. Brewer.

The North American Indian. By EDWARD CURTIS. Edited by FREDERICK WEBB HODGE. (Los Angeles: Edward S. Curtis, 1924. Volume XIII. Pp. 316. \$3500 for completed set of twenty volumes and twenty portfolios.)

Readers of former issues of this *Quarterly* are aware of the monumental character of this work on *The North American Indian* by Edward S. Curtis, formerly of Seattle, now of Los Angeles. Notices of appreciation were published in Volumes III. and IV. and in Volume VI. (July, 1915) an extensive review was published of Volume and Portfolio X. in which notice was also given of Volumes and Portfolios XI. and XII. One more big step has now been taken toward the ultimate goal of Volume XX.

The ground covered in this present volume includes the northern counties of California, the arid plains of Nevada and northward to the Klamath Lake region of Oregon. The tribes studied include the Hupa, Yurok, Karok, Wiyot, Tolowa, Tututni, Shasta, Achomawi and Klamath.

The first half of the book is devoted to the study of each of those tribes. Then follows a collection of stories or legends under the title of "Mythology." The last story is "Why There Are No Fish in Crater Lake." The appendix includes tribal summaries, vocabularies and an index.

Like its predecessors the book is a wonderful specimen of the book-making art. There are seventy-five illustrations, gems of the matchless Curtis skill. The accompanying portfolio contains thirty-six larger reproductions of similar artistic photographs made in the field.

The Oregon Trail. By FRANCIS PARKMAN. With an Introduction, Notes and Questions by Russell A. Sharp, A.M. (Boston: Houghton, 1925. Pp. 349. \$0.80.)

The present edition of Parkman's classic is issued as a text for school reading. It is well printed and bound and is issued with a map but no other illustration. This new edition calls attention once more to the sustained popularity of *The Oregon Trail*.

Other Books Received

AMERICAN IRISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. *Journal, Volume 24.* (New York: The Society, 1925. Pp. 368.)

BALDWIN, FRANCES ELIZABETH. *Sumptuary Legislation and Personal Regulation in England.* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1926. Pp. 282.)

DUFOUR, PERRET. *The Swiss Settlement of Switzerland County,*