

editorship of Philip H. Howell, a member of the Clallam Tribe. It is mainly devoted to news notes of the Puget Sound Indians together with English versions of legends and customs of the Northwestern Indians.

My Friend the Indian. By JAMES McLAUGHLIN. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1926. Pp. 417. \$4.00.)

That Colonel James McLaughlin did a good piece of work when he wrote and first published his *My Friend the Indian* is evidenced by this new edition sixteen years after the first one.

Colonel McLaughlin died on July 28, 1923, after 52 years of continuous service in the United States Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He had personal acquaintance with more Indians than was enjoyed by any other white man. His book is a valuable part of the literature of the West.

This new edition is enhanced by an appreciative introduction from the pen of George Bird Grinnell, the well known author of works about Indians. The book contains the Indians' version of the famous Custer Massacre and this new issue is in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of that battle.

The Indians Today. By FLORA WARREN SEYMOUR. (Chicago: Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., 1926. Pp. 235.)

Mrs. Seymour is the first woman to receive appointment as a member of the United States Board of Indian Commissioners. This honor came to her in 1922. Before that she had devoted a number of years to the Indian service. She has had abundant opportunity to learn the subjects about which she has written in *The Indians of Today*.

The book is intended for young readers in general but more especially as a supplemental reader for the upper grammar grades in connection with the study of geography and history. Here in the Pacific Northwest particular interest will attach to the chapter "The Nez Perce's" beginning at page 189.

The book is well printed, has a glossary and index, as well as fifty-five illustrations and two maps.

Indian Stories and Legends. By NELS BRUSETH. (Arlington, Washington: The Author, 1926. Pp. 21. Fifty cents.)

The author, while at work in the Forest Service and at times as a packer in the Cascade Mountains over a period of twenty

years, has had a chance to collect at first hand and from pioneers these *Indian Stories and Legends*, twenty-eight in all. This little "first edition" impresses one with the evident sincerity of Mr. Bruseth. The stories are well worth saving. He deserves to be encouraged to collect more legends from the original sources and publish them.

Indian Legends from the Land of Al-ay-ek-sa. By HARRIET ROSSITER. (Ketchikan, Alaska: E. C. Howard, 1925. Pp. 31.)

In transmitting a copy of her book, the author wrote: "I interviewed a great many Indians in order to get the information contained in the book as accurate as possible. The Indian names and their meaning I secured from perfectly reliable sources." As would be expected, totem poles and war canoes embellish these legends from Alaska. The little booklet gives promise of becoming a prized item among those who collect Alaskan.

Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1917-1918. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1925. Pp. 636.)

Fortieth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1918-1919. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1925. Pp. 664.)

These two reports in the valuable series carry the usual recapitulation of work by the Bureau in the first thirty pages and the bulk of each large volume is given to what is called the "Accompanying Paper." In the first one the special study is "The Osage Tribe: Rite of Vigil," by Francis La Flesche. The special contribution in the second volume consists of five papers by Truman Michelson discussing rites, customs and societies of Fox Indians.

Canadian History, A Syllabus and Guide to Reading. By REGINALD GEORGE TROTTER. (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1926. Pp. 162.)

Professor Trotter, now of Queen's University, was formerly a member of the faculty at Stanford University where he first prepared the syllabus from which this book has grown. Pages 109-115 contain the portion most closely applicable to the Pacific Northwest. Those pages contain subdivision XVII., entitled "The West Before Federation." The outline is followed by references to books and periodicals. Like other similar works, this one is