

developed. Cultural phenomena are an integral part of the process: they are regarded as "inseparable from the political and economic forces of which they were so largely both the expression and the products."

Another purpose of the book is revealed in its title: it is based on the assumption that, in view of inescapable limitations in time and space, the topics presented for study by American undergraduates "ought to be those aspects of the past of Englishmen that are also vital parts of the past of Americans and that the material to be studied ought to be organized from the point of view of an American rather than of a student of another nationality." With this latter clause the reviewer is not wholly in agreement; but that Professor Laprade's method has not led him unduly to sacrifice historical objectivity is shown by his rejection of Professor G. B. Adams's well-known estimate of the importance of Magna Charta on the ground that "This notion of a law superior to the government belongs to American rather than to English constitutional doctrine."

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Indian Sign Language. By WILLIAM TOMKINS. (San Diego: The Author, 1926. Pp. 77. Paper, \$1.00; Buckram, \$2.00.)

The present publication is a useful addition to the comparatively few works on Indian sign language. It is arranged in dictionary form and is fully illustrated. It has been officially adopted by the Boy Scouts of America and is admirably adapted to use by boys and girls.

Old Lewis County, Oregon Territory. By NOAH B. COFFMAN. (Chehalis: Privately Published, 1926. Pp. 28.)

Mr. Coffman prepared a careful address for the meeting of the Southwest Washington Pioneers held at Rochester, Thurston County, on August 12, 1926. This address he has strengthened with tables of statistics from old tax books and by a roster of pioneers. He has selected a few valuable pictures for illustrations and has put the whole into beautiful paper covers. It is just the kind of essay whose merit will cause it to be prized by all collectors of Northwest Americana. For many years Mr. Coffman has been esteemed as one of the most dependable and worth-while citizens of Washington.