

School of Business Administration should choose for the first work in the "Harvard Studies in Business History" these two inclusive and elaborate volumes—*John Jacob Astor, Business Man*. The series is being edited by N. S. B. Gras, Straus Professor of Business History. Mr. Porter, the author, is Research Assistant in Business History.

A single pagination runs through both volumes. Twenty-four chapters are needed to cover Mr. Astor's world-wide record of commerce and business. Chapters VII and VIII have a peculiar Northwestern bearing, as they deal with "The Pacific Fur Company and Astoria," from 1808 to 1818. These cover pages 164 to 248, starting: "Late in January, 1808, John Jacob Astor confided to De Witt Clinton certain plans concerning the fur trade, which had doubtless been germinating in his mind for some time." The ending of this portion is: "I think it would hardly be extravagant to conclude that, much as Astor loved money and the power that money gives, he yet preferred the immortality conferred on him by the pen of Washington Irving. Surely he would rather have chosen to be remembered as a dreamer of empire than as 'the Landlord of New York'."

There are twenty illustrations including portraits of Mr. Astor at different periods of his eventful life. There are abundant notes at chapter-endings and an extensive index.

Excellent and dependable as is the narrative by Mr. Porter, it is quite likely that most reviewers of this work will commend as of greatest value his industry in gathering the remarkable array of documents. There are one hundred and sixty-eight of these beginning with "Letter from Astor to Washington Irving, November 25, 1836, describing Astor's first day in America" and ending with "The Will of John Jacob Astor." The other items include bills of sale, mortgages, memoranda, but mostly letters. Each item has its explanatory note. Surely historians will delve in this mine of wealth for years to come.

There should be added a word of commendation of the paper, type and binding of this fine pair of books. Certainly a high standard has been set for Harvard's Studies in Business History.

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*The Journals of Theodore Talbot, 1843 and 1849-52.* Edited by CHARLES H. CAREY. (Portland, Oregon: Metropolitan Press, 1931. Pp. 153.)

The editor and the publishers have co-operated effectively in

making this a beautiful as well as a valuable addition to the growing Pacific Northwest Americana.

Talbot was with the Fremont Expedition of 1843, to the records of which his journal makes a distinct contribution. His journal was kept for the entertainment of his mother to whom it was affectionately dedicated. He later came as an officer with the first United States troops to be stationed on the Columbia River in 1849. His observations then resulted in the second and third volumes of his journal. All three volumes are faithfully reproduced with an adequate preface, abundant notes and an index.

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*Addresses and Papers.* By FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES. (Albany: The University of the State of New York Press, 1931. Pp. 354.)

The author is President of the University of the State of New York and State Commissioner of Education. He was formerly President of the University of Washington from 1898 to 1903. His present position is probably the greatest educational office in America. These Addresses and Papers cover many topics discussed by him from 1926 to 1931. They are mentioned here on account of his many friends in the Pacific Northwest.

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*The Pictographs of Ashley and Dry Forks Valleys in Northeastern Utah.* By ALBERT B. REAGAN. (Reprinted from the Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science, 1931. Pp. 168 to 216.)

The work is adequately illustrated with attractive photographs of the rock-carvings studied. Beginning in 1905, Mr. Reagan was for some years in charge of the Quillayute Indian Reservation in the State of Washington. He is now located at Ouray, Utah.

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#### OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED

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COY, OWEN C. *California County Boundaries.* (Berkeley: California Historical Survey Commission, 1923. Pp. 335.)

EPPERSON, MRS. ELIZABETH WEAVER. *Epperson and Allied Families, Genealogical and Biographical.* (New York: The American Historical Society, Inc., 1931. Pp. 167.)

GRAHAM, GEORGE ADAMS. *Special Assessments in Detroit.* (Urbana: University of Illinois, 1929. Pp. 318. \$2.50)