

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Early Catholic Missions in Old Oregon, Volume I.* Edited by CLARENCE B. BAGLEY. (Seattle: Lowman and Hanford Company, 1932. Pp. 238. \$5.00).

The present volume contains a faithful reprint of two noteworthy publications relating to the history of missions in the Pacific Northwest. The first is the *Historical Sketches of the Catholic Church in Oregon, 1838-1878*, by Father Francis Norbet Blanchet, a volume which originally appeared in the *Catholic Sentinel* of Portland, Oregon, in 1878. It was issued the same year in a limited edition published by the Catholic Sentinel Press. Later it was serialized in a religious magazine known as *Glad Tidings* and on completion was reissued in book form at Ferndale, Washington, in 1910. Both printings are now practically unobtainable. The second title is Father J.B.A. Brouillet's *Authentic Account of the Murder of Dr. Whitman and other Missionaries, by the Cayuse Indians of Oregon, in 1847, and the causes which led to that horrible catastrophe*. This volume although now very rare has also had two previous printings, the first in New York by Cozans in 1853, the second edition, now reprinted, having been issued in Portland, Oregon, by McCormick in 1869.

Aside from an occasional footnote and an explanatory preface to each volume, the works are reproduced without comment or interpretation. Each preface bears the signature of the late Clarence B. Bagley, and the dateline of January 1, 1932.

Mr. Bagley will be remembered for his unflagging interest in the history of Oregon Missions. The posthumous publication of William I. Marshall's monumental work, *The Acquisition of Oregon and the Long Suppressed Evidence about Marcus Whitman*, was directly due to his efforts. The present volume, planned during his later eighties, was nearing completion at the time of his death. A companion volume on Catholic missions also planned by Mr. Bagley, is expected from the press during the summer or fall. This will contain an English translation of the *Notice sur le Territoire et sur la Mission de L'Oregon* (Bruxelles, 1847) and will bear the imprint of Lowman and Hanford of Seattle.

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