

Robert C. Johnson, in his review of the book in the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, for September, 1934, says: "To the student of Oregon history the book will be a most interesting one and to others a stimulation to learn more of the story of Oregon. In the descendants of the pioneers it will inspire increased veneration for the heroic exploits of their ancestors."

Mrs. Dye's many friends throughout the Old Oregon region are sure to give a warm welcome to *The Soul of America, an Oregon Iliad*.

Boise, the Peace Valley. By ANNIE LAURIE BIRD. (Caldwell, Idaho: The Caxton Printers, 1934. Pp. 408. \$2.50.)

The book is a substantial and valuable addition to the surprising list of books issued by The Caxton Printers. It is packed with information about the Boise Valley beginning with prehistoric times and the coming of the whites and discussing the developments through the Indian and gold rush days to the present time of culture and prosperity. The book is beautifully printed, substantially bound and carries a helpful index.

Children of the Covered Wagon. By MARY JANE CARR. (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1934. Pp. 318. \$2.00.)

This book is intended for children. It is printed in large type and is plentifully illustrated. The sub-title is "A Story of the Old Oregon Trail." The start was made from Independence, Missouri, in May, 1844, and the destination was the Willamette Valley. Jim and Jerry and Myra were the three children in that overland party. Around them the interesting story is told.

The author was born in Portland, Oregon, and wrote her first poem when she was eight years old. She was overcome and thought she would never attempt another, but she did. By her writings she helped to pay her way through high school. After graduating from Saint Mary's College, Portland, she entered newspaper work in Portland. She has published many plays, stories and poems for children.

The Oregon Historical Quarterly. By NELLIE B. PIPES, Editor. (Portland: Oregon Historical Society, September, 1934. \$2.00 the year.)

The leading article in this issue is "Vancouver on the North-

west Coast," by Lalla R. Boone. It is part of the author's dissertation for the doctor of philosophy degree at the University of California. It is a valuable contribution to the literature of the Pacific Northwest. She cites an extensive bibliography in her footnotes. Many of the items are familiar sources but some are new references to archives in London, such as "Puget, Journal of the *Chatham*, page 27; Ms. in British Museum, Add. Mss. 17549," and several others to "Puget, Log of the *Discovery*, January, 1791-January, 1793, April 16, 1792. Ms. Admiralty, 57/27." She cites the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, but for some reason omitted citation to a number of original materials in the *Washington Historical Quarterly*. Publication of the entire dissertation would be welcomed.

The Pacific Historical Review. By THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. (Glendale, California: The Arthur H. Clark Company, June, 1934. \$4.00 the year.)

This is what is known as the "Proceedings Number." Most of the papers reproduced from the twenty-ninth annual meeting were devoted to British history. Among others they included: "The Duke of Newcastle, Ecclesiastical Minister, 1724-54" by Professor Donald G. Barnes of the University of Washington, and "The British Commonwealth and the Collective System" by Professor Walter N. Sage of the University of British Columbia.

The rich array of book reviews include three of particular interest to the Pacific Northwest: Henry R. Wagner's *Spanish Explorations in the Strait of Juan de Fuca*, by Professor John C. Parish, of the University of California at Los Angeles; E. W. Gilbert's *The Exploration of Western America, 1800-1850*, by Professor Dan E. Clark of the University of Oregon; and Constance Lindsay Skinner's *Beaver, Kings and Cabins*, also by Professor Clark.

The issue of the same *Review* for September, 1934, contains an article by John T. Ganoë of the University of Oregon on "Some Constitutional and Political Aspects of the Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy." Here is the concluding sentence: "In view of the fact that Ballinger made proposals more far-reaching than anything proposed by Pinchot, one is inclined to discredit the popular view of Ballinger in the controversy."