

Those Who Came First. By A. W. NELSON. (La Grande, Oregon: Nelson Press, 1934. Pp. 79. \$1.00.)

This volume is a compilation of Indian myths, legends and sketches relating to Northeast Oregon. The booklet is composed of brief chapters dealing with the early history of the region covered and is intended for general reading.

The Tramp Printer, Sometime Journeyman of the Little Home-Town Papers in Days That Come No More. By BEN HURLAMPMAN. (Portland, Oregon: The Metropolitan Press, 1934. Pp. 58.)

First printed as a three-part serial in the *Sunday Oregonian*, magazine section, these whimsical essays in story form which tell of the journeyman printer have been reissued in an admirably designed and illustrated edition of 500 copies, sponsored by members of the Craftsman Syndicate of Portland. Its historical value is suggested by Elbert Bede in the foreword: "In this volume there has been preserved for posterity, in a masterly and sympathetic manner, a species almost as extinct as the dodo and the dinosaur. It is well that this has been done by a contemporary writer, for future generations could not evolve a life history of the tramp printer by exhuming his bones, wiring them together and making deductions from the recreated skeleton." A collectors' item by reason of the quality of its style and form.

Early Schools of Washington Territory. By ANGIE BURT BOWDEN. (Seattle: Lowman and Hanford Company, 1935. Pp. 635. \$5.00.)

Mrs. Bowden has given diligent years to the gathering of materials for this book. She herself was startled at her enormous harvest of gleanings. After finishing her book she prepared the Foreword and instead of signing her own name used as signature the quotation: "The half has not been told—."

After a chapter on the general history of the Northwest, the author begins with Clark County and proceeds through each of the other counties. For that reason only specialists will be inclined to follow through, page by page. Others will want to pick out their own county or locality. In this they will be aided by the elaborate index (44 pages). Disappointments will be rare.

The long list of published works consulted was supplemented by diaries, letters, unpublished documents and interviews with pioneers. These references are merged into the author's straightforward style, giving to each page a feeling of authority. There are few footnotes.

Many pioneer families will be delighted with the cordial treatment of those who built and sustained the early schools as the wilderness developed toward a State.

Through Historic Years with Eliza Ferry Leary. By LAURA VIRGINIA WAGNER. (Seattle: Frank McCaffrey at his Dogwood Press, 1934. Pp. 93. \$2.00.)

With sympathy and cordial appreciation, Mrs. Wagner has here prepared a biography of her friend, Mrs. Eliza Ferry Leary, with equal sympathy and a perfect refinement of judgment Mr. McCaffrey has given the book its beautiful form.

The record passes through girlhood years to the experiences of young womanhood while her father, Elisha Peyre Ferry, was Territorial Governor of Washington, 1872-1880, and, later, first State Governor, 1889-1893. During the latter period of home responsibilities, or on April 21, 1891, she was married to Mr. John Leary and entered upon a decade of happy wedlock. The well known palace home in Seattle was constructed. There, during more than thirty years of widowhood, the most important phases of her life were experienced. These phases had to do with her participation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Red Cross, church and charitable organizations, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union and numerous other worthwhile undertakings. In 1905, she became chairman of the Statue Committee of Rainier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and continued as such to the end. This resulted in securing the Lorado Taft statue of Washington for the campus of the University of Washington.

Mrs. Wagner has told the whole story in fascinating language. She was gracious enough to accord to the present reviewer the privilege of writing an introduction for her book. This was based on a half-century of friendship with Mrs. Leary.

The book, making its appearance in the last days of 1934, added happiness to the last weeks of Mrs. Leary's beautiful life. The palace home was filled with friends bidding her farewell on Monday, March 11, 1935, at the funeral conducted by the Reverend Doctors H. H. Gowen and Mark A. Matthews.