

written for the seventh and eighth grades. Necessarily only the important topics in the subject are noticed. It is divided into topics and each chapter has a list of suggestive questions and it is well illustrated. Professor Williams is a teacher of experience and it goes without proof that the subject is well handled in the brief space used. It should be found a most helpful little book for those teachers of the State who want a brief manual of the State's history.

THE *Memorial to the Pioneer Mother of Indiana* is the title of a small, thirty page pamphlet issued by a Ways and Means Committee of the Pioneer Mother Memorial Association and edited by Miss Charity Dye of the Indiana Historical Commission. It consists of a number of sentiments expressed by various Indiana authors. Its purpose is to aid in the collection of money to secure some kind of memorial to the pioneer mothers of the State. For sale by the W. K. Stewart Co., Indianapolis. Price 25 cents.

THE *Minnesota History Bulletin*, May 1916, has a detailed description of the new Minnesota Historical Society Building now in process of construction. The State of Minnesota appropriated \$500,000 for this building which, when completed, will hold about 50,000 volumes. The Society paid \$75,000 for the site. It is being built of granite and marble and is to be dedicated to the pioneers of the State whose historical remains it will house.

THE *Liberty Express* of June 15, 1916, is a Centennial number. It contains a number of valuable historical articles by Ellis Searles treating of the schools, agriculture, politics, statesmen, authors, transportation and various other phases of the State history. The edition is of 24 pages and printed in colors and interestingly illustrated.

THE *Commonwealth Review of the University of Oregon*, the second number of which was issued by the University, April, 1916, is a quarterly devoted to the discussion of State government and politics. It is non-political and most of its articles are written by State officers and members of the

faculties of colleges. Several attempts at this kind of thing have been made in Indiana but all have shipwrecked on politics. The general tone of the Oregon quarterly is not polemic or propagandist, but explanatory and historical. F. G. Young is editor.

THE *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for June 1916, has four important articles. The first by Verner W. Crane is entitled, "The Tennessee River as the Road to Carolina". This is a study of early explorations and fur trade. The second article entitled "Virginia and the West; An Interpretation", is by Professor C. W. Alvord; the third is a discussion of the history of agriculture as a field of study. This is by Louis B. Schmidt. The fourth and most valuable for workers in the field of history is "Historical Activities in the Old Northwest" by Arthur C. Cole.

THE *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* for March 1916, has a valuable study of the Indians as they were when the explorers first found them. The writer, Mr. O. B. Sperlin, has examined over one hundred records of the first visits of white men to Indian tribes. His conclusion is quite favorable to the Indians. Another article is by Harrison C. Dale, in which he maintains that the noted scout Ramsay Crooks discovered the South Pass long before John C. Fremont did.