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in selected lists are set forth in brief notes
by critics of authority*

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PREFATORY NOTE

"THE LITERATURE OF AMERICAN HISTORY," edited by Mr. J. N. Larned, and published in June, 1902, by Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Boston and New York, for the American Library Association, contained a few titles of works issued in 1900 and 1901. The pages which here follow complete a selection for those years on lines laid down by the parent volume. That work ended with section 4145: this supplement continues the enumeration.

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Adams, Charles Francis. [1807-1886.] Charles Francis Adams. By his Son. (American Statesmen Series.) Boston: Houghton. 1900. \$1.25. [4146]

Deals chiefly with the diplomatic career of Adams and his connection with the *Alabama* claims, with brief reference to his earlier political life, especially in the Massachusetts legislature and as Free-Soil candidate for the vice-presidency in 1848. The author has drawn largely upon his father's unpublished diary, and has used his rich materials and his familiarity with the period to the best advantage and with singular freedom from family bias. The leading questions at issue between the United States and Great Britain are comprehensively treated, but the book is weak, as biography, in its lack of full particulars on the diplomatist's personal traits. His extreme attitude on the question of the belligerent rights of the Confederacy, his underestimate of Lincoln and overestimate of Seward, are frankly set forth. Seward's dangerous tendency to resort to threats in diplomacy and his panacea of foreign war for domestic ills are severely but justly criticised, while the wisdom of Adams in perceiving the necessity of preventing a quarrel with England, and his tact, boldness, and discretion in dealing with Russell and Palmerston, are clearly shown. Condensed from *Nation*, 70: 224.

Adams, George B., and Stephens, H. Morse. Select Documents of English Constitutional History. N. Y.: Macmillan. 1901. \$3.25. [4147]

This useful handbook for teachers and students is designed to help those who are beginning the study of English Constitutional History by setting before them the most important texts. The editors carefully distinguish all rivalry with Stubbs, Frothingham, and Gardiner. They present 278 documents and dispense with introduction and prefaces thereto. They often resort to abridgment and translation. Documents before 1485 are the work of Prof. Adams, and those after that date of Prof. Stephens. Both editors have exercised the power of choice with great judgment. Condensed from *Nation*, 73: 493.

Alger, R. A. The Spanish-American War. [By the Secretary of War, March 5, 1897, to August 1, 1899.] With maps. N. Y.: Harper. 1901. \$3.50. [4148]

"An apology would be the better title for this exculpatory volume, whose preface disclaims presenting a full history of the war, and whose obvious motive is

to put on record a plea in avoidance in the hope of obtaining partial relief from popular censure. Its declared object is to note some of the conspicuous conditions affecting the active army, with an account of the administration of the War Department. . . . The ex-secretary lays just blame upon Congress for habitual neglect of the army in peace, . . . and places upon the President the discredit of such appointments as were objectionable. He extols the chiefs of the administrative bureaus as models of intelligence and energy, . . . minimizes the sanitary defects of the great camps, gives a rosy sketch (with no intelligent detail) of the situation in the Philippines, and appears to regard General Shafter as the highest expression of military efficiency. The convincing section is the one in which he allows General Miles to condemn himself out of his own mouth as a commanding general. . . . There is no concealment of General Alger's contempt for the commanding general as a military counsellor." *Nation*, 74: 134.

Amazons, Land of the. See Santa-Anna-Nery, Baron J. de. Sect. 4288.

American Statesmen Series. Edited by John T. Morse, Jr. Boston: Houghton. 1898-1900. \$2v. ea. \$1.25. [4149]

In this resume of a well-known series the editor adds a general preface, explaining the principles upon which selection has been made, and special introductions to certain of the volumes. It has been the intention to make this not only a new but a revised edition as well, and some volumes have been materially changed. In spite of claims of this nature, however, the changes do not seem to be extensive except in the volumes on Monroe, Jackson, Cass, and Seward. The index volume prepared by Prof. Theodore Clarke Smith is in two parts, an index of names and a topical index of the contents of the series. Its entries seem to be accurate and its selection of topics adequate. A select bibliography topically arranged follows the index, giving lists of the most useful books for the further study of the men and events treated in the series. Condensed from W. MacDonald in *Am. Hist. rev.*, 7: 792.

Ames, Axel. The *May-Flower* and her log, July 15, 1620, to May 6, 1621; chiefly from original sources. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1901. \$6. [4150]

This is a minute and exact study in which the author, after long investigation, claims to have made twenty-three new contributions or original demonstrations of more or less historical importance to the

history of the Pilgrims. Among these are the establishment of dates, correct list of passengers, vindication of persons hitherto under censure, addition of new names to the list of merchant adventurers, a more trustworthy description of the ship, and many facts not hitherto published as to antecedents, relationships, etc., of individual Pilgrims. In discussing the *May-Flower's* consort, the *Speedwell*, he denounces much of the dogmatism of Prof. Arber. The author is inclined to eulogize the Pilgrims. Condensed from W. E. Griffin in *Am. Hist. rev.*, 7: 367.

Angell, Israel. *Diary of Col. Israel Angell, commanding the Second Rhode Island Continental Regiment during the Revolution, 1777-1781.* From the original MS., with biographical sketch of the author and illustrative notes by Edward Field. Providence: Preston, 1899. fl. map. \$3.50. [4151]

"Mr. Field adds to his numerous painstaking and authoritative Revolutionary works a transcription and annotation of (this) diary. . . . Col. Angell was a brave and capable officer, who served in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and in his native state with distinction. His diary throws some added light on important occurrences, such as the evacuation of Newport and Arnold's treason; records familiar routes of travel, civil and military, in his day, affords glimpses of army discipline, and of the genus 'patriot' in the service; is strong on the weather; . . . [and] genealogically alone was worth editing." *Nation*, 70: 143.

Ashley, W. J. *Surveys, Historic and Economic.* N. Y.: Longmans, 1900. \$3. [4152]

A collection of the author's minor writings. Less than one eighth of the volume is now printed for the first time. The section entitled "England and America, 1690-1700," opens with a lecture on "The Colonial Legislation of England and the American Colonies," printed in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November, 1899, arguing that the grievances inflicted upon the colonies by the Acts of Trade have been greatly exaggerated. This is now defended against its critics by a paper on "American Smuggling, 1690-1700," which argues, from the increase of American imports from England after the Revolution, that the restrictions prior thereto were not in fact burdensome. He fails to note that the increase was at a lower rate than in colonial times. He next takes up the illicit trade itself as evidence of the oppressive character of the Acts of Trade, and finds that it was small. Here his chief authority is Lord Sheffield's *Observations on the Commerce of the American States*, published in 1783, written in opposition to a treaty with the United States. Condensed from C. H. Hull, *Am. Hist. rev.*, 6: 793.

Aulard, A. *Histoire politique de la révolution française: Origines et développement de la démocratie et de la république.* Paris: Armand Colin. 1901. 12 fr. [4153]

"Americans will be pleased to find [in this volume] the measure of the influence [upon the revolution in France] exerted by the young republics of the Con-

federation, later by the new United States, more exactly explained, with adequate documentary references, than in any previous work." H. E. Bourne in *Am. Hist. rev.*, 7: 667.

Banking in the U. S. See Knox, J. J. Sect. 4241.

Benjamin, Park. *The United States naval academy.* N. Y.: Putnam, 1900. fl. \$3.50. [4154]

"Mainly a history of the Academy at Annapolis, though the earlier pages are devoted to a description of the life and education of midshipmen before the Academy was called into existence and definitely established at Ft. Severn and Annapolis, Md. It is to be regretted that the author has detracted so much from the dignity of his work by a flippant and affectedly quaint style for the sub-title and chapter headings. The book really is of importance and possesses substantial merit, and is by far the best extant upon its subject." *Nation*, 71: 139.

Bennett, Frank M. *The Monitor and the navy under steam.* Boston: Houghton, 1900. \$1.50. [4155]

Principally devoted to the development of the United States Navy, so far as ship construction is concerned, since the introduction of steam, and especially the many changes in naval vessels since the fight of the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack*. The review of the history of steam navigation combines conciseness with accuracy. The account of the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack* is full of detail and historical value. The author's training as a former engineer officer of the Navy makes him particularly competent to deal with this subject. He overrates the competency of monitors to operate successfully against fortifications. A succinct account is given of the development of the battleship from the *Monitor*. The book closes with a brief, but reasonably full and accurate sketch of the Spanish-American war. Within the realms of international law the author is beyond his depth. Condensed from *Nation*, 72: 85.

Bittinger, Lucy Forney. *The Germans in colonial times.* Phila.: Lippincott, 1901. \$1.50. [4156]

This is a narrative of the chief episodes of the history of the Germans in this country in the colonial epoch. It is a hasty compilation, loosely thrown together, made after a brief study in the literature of the subject, in no sense a scientific contribution to the history of the Germans in America. The sources consulted are mentioned at the end of the book without reference to their order of importance or publication. The bibliography is limited almost exclusively to American works and is even here incomplete. The style is rugged and obscure. Condensed from M. D. Learned in *Am. Hist. rev.*, 6: 813.

Bland, Richard Parkes. *BYANS W. VINCENT.* An American commoner: The life and times of Richard Parkes Bland. A study of the last quarter of the nineteenth century. With an Introduction by William Jennings Bryan, and personal reminiscences by Mrs.

Richard Parkes Bland. Columbia, Mo.: Stephens. 1900. ii. \$3.50. [4157]

This story of the career of the noted Missouri Congressman, advocate of the free coinage of silver, and promising aspirant for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1886, presents a picture of him so lacking in intellectual individuality that we are forced to the conclusion that he had very little force or originality of mind. Excerpts from his speeches take up a quarter of the volume. Mrs. Bland's reminiscences give some notable examples of her husband's rigid pecuniary honesty and high standard of public virtue, traits which gave him his real hold upon his constituency and entitle him to respect and admiration. The book is less a biography than an ambitious attempt to give the author's views of the development and tendencies of American government and society during the last twenty-five years. He thinks "that the reality of American politics is the struggle for the control of government as a means of controlling the products of labor, either directly or through the control of the medium through which they are exchanged." He maintains that the idea that public matters should be decided or public work done by *fit* men is a delusion. Condensed from *Nation*, II: 322.

Boone, Daniel. MINER, WILLIAM HARVEY. A contribution toward a bibliography of writings concerning Daniel Boone. N. Y.: Dinklin club [110 E. 87th St.]. 1901. \$1. [4158]

"The introductory note is a valuable compendium of the sources of information about Boone, who is still sadly in need, according to Mr. Miner, of a thorough-going biographer. He inclines to the latest view that Boone was a native of Berks County, Pa." *Nation*, 73: 261.

Boundaries of the U. S., of the several states and territories. See Gannett, H. Sect. 4304.

Bourne, Edward Gaylord. Essays in historical criticism. (Yale bicentennial publications.) N. Y.: Scribner. 1901. \$2. [4159]

Most of the articles in this volume have appeared in journals. Five are concerned with the critical discussion of original sources. Of these "The Legend of Marcus Whitman" is the most important, and occupies one third of the volume. Its criticisms have been developed much beyond the form in which they were originally published, and the legend as to Whitman's saving Oregon is fatally damaged by the ability with which bits of evidence from sources the most diverse have been brought to bear upon the problem with telling effect. Of like kind are two essays upon Madison's authorship of several of the disputed numbers of the *Federalist*, arguing conclusively from internal evidence; one on Madison's studies in federal government; and another discussing the famous passage in Seneca long misinterpreted as hinting a westward voyage to the Indies. The volume also contains three pieces of carefully studied narrative: a capital study of Prince Henry the Navigator, defining his aims and methods; a thorough discussion of the demarcation line of Pope Alexander VI, and the other definitions of boundary between the colonial possessions of Spain and Portugal; and a highly instruc-

tive paper on the proposed absorption of Mexico in 1847 and 1848. There are also three critical estimates of historians: Ranke, Parkman, and Froude. Condensed from J. F. Jameson in *Am. hist. rev.*, 7: 745.

A discussion by William I. Marshall of Prof. Bourne's paper on Marcus Whitman, which forms the basis of his Whitman chapter in the volume reviewed above, will be found in the annual report of the American Historical Association for 1901; volume 1; pages 219-226. Mr. Marshall has combated the Whitman legend for many years.

A reply to Prof. Bourne's treatment of the Whitman legend may be found in the *Monthly review*, July, 1901: "How Oregon was saved to the United States; or Facts about Marcus Whitman, M. D."

Bradley, A. G. The Fight with France for North America. Westminster: Constable. N. Y.: Dutton. 1900. \$5. [4160]

"The story of the Seven Years' War in North America is admirably retold within the limits of a single handy volume. . . . [The author] shows himself everywhere the master of his materials, and his treatment of his subject is concise, accurate, judicious, and instinct with enthusiasm. He has a keen eye for what is known as 'local colour,' and his long residence in the United States and familiarity with backwoods life of the present day in the mountainous regions of Virginia and North Carolina have been helpful in the study of certain phases of the struggle, and have enabled him to describe the border men of the English colonies of that time with much felicity. Mr. Bradley forms a more favorable and probably a juster estimate of the ill-fated Braddock than most former writers. . . . [He] has written a book which . . . [is] a genuine contribution to the history of that time." E. Cruikshank in *Rev. Hist. pub. Con.*, 1900, p. 41.

Brady, Cyrus Townsend. Under tops'land tents. N. Y.: Scribner. 1901. \$1.50. [4161]

Mr. Brady, after resigning from the navy, ultimately became an Episcopal clergyman. In this capacity he served as chaplain in a Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers in the Spanish-American war. He describes this experience in the second part of his book. He was an eye-witness of the ravages of disease in the camp of Chickamauga. In the first part he describes the life of naval cadets at Annapolis and afloat. He has done as well for the American "Middy" as Marryatt did for his English prototype. The book is marked by a keen sense of humor. Condensed from *Nation*, 72: 477.

Brannon, Henry. Treatise on the rights and privileges guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States. Cincinnati: W. H. Anderson. 1901. \$4.50. [4162]

The importance of the fourteenth amendment is clearly discerned by the author, and nothing concerning it seems to have escaped his critical eye. He is an unqualified believer in it, though a Southerner and a member of a state judiciary. His work is marked by sagacity, caution, good sense and judicial mind-fulness, and he has lavished hard and patient work