

Book Reviews

There are other additions as new in name, and many descriptions of place names have been expanded.

As a reference book the "Dictionary" is valuable and the compiler's reputation for accuracy gives it authenticity.

CALIFORNIA CALLED THEM. A Saga of Golden Days and Roaring Camps. By Robert O'Brien. Illustrated by Antonio Sotomayer. McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc. New York. Pp. xv, 251 8vo \$4.00.

Those who have read Robert O'Brien's **THIS IS SAN FRANCISCO** will want to read and own his latest book, **CALIFORNIA CALLED THEM**, a book of history and anecdotes of the Mother Lode, the Shasta country, and the cross roads of the Sierra — Truckee.

Many books have been written on the Mother Lode country, fewer on Truckee, and but a very few descriptions either in book or magazine form have been written of Shasta or Yreka. Robert O'Brien, however, has done full justice to all these interesting localities in his new book and tells more about Shasta City and the Mount Shasta country than many of us have ever known.

His chapters on Columbia, Angel's Camp and Murphy's give much new material. One never tires of reading about Columbia or Murphy's Camp, and written in O'Brien's easy style, the new material we have here enriches the literature of the Gold Rush and the country it affected.

McGraw-Hill have done a nice piece of bookmaking. The book will be a valuable addition to any library of Californiana.

OBSERVATION IN LOWER CALIFORNIA. By Johann Jakob Baegert, S. J. Translated from the original German, with an introduction and notes by M. M. Brandenburg and Carl L. Bauman. University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1952. Pp. xx, 218, Index, Maps and Ills. 8vo. \$5.00.

When their missionary field was given to the Franciscans and Dominicans, the fifteen Jesuit missionaries, who had worked there, were expelled from Lower California, so often referred to as the "Mother of California." Among them was Father Johann Jakob Baegert. He returned to his native Germany, and at Mannheim, in 1771, published his "**OBSERVATIONS IN LOWER CALIFORNIA.**" This