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THE THEATRE

SHAKESPEARE IMPROVED. *The Restoration Versions in Quarto and on the Stage.*

By Hazelton Spencer. The Harvard University Press
\$5 9 3/4 x 6 1/4; 406 pp. Cambridge, Mass.

For nearly a hundred years after Shakespeare's death his plays were the sport of various playwrighting hacks and more eminent literati, who took great liberties with the original texts in presenting them to the playgoing public of their times. Professor Spencer, a member of the faculty of English literature at the State College of Washington, reviews the more important of these adaptations, paying special attention to those by D'Avenant, Dryden and Tate. In the last few pages of the book he considers the recent production of "Hamlet" in modern dress. He feels strongly against it: "To pronounce the modernized production successful . . . is sheer perversity. 'Hamlet' is Elizabethan, not modern; this age neither sees ghosts nor feels obliged to obey their vengeful orders. If this production of 'Hamlet' made the play modern, it did precisely what it should not, and was in fact a menace to the morals of all the youth who saw it."

IN THE VALLEY and Other Carolina Plays.

By Paul Green. Samuel French
\$2.50 7 3/4 x 5 1/4; 308 pp. New York

Herein are presented eleven one-act plays by Mr. Green. In addition to the title play there are "Quare Medicine," "Supper for the Dead," "Saturday Night," "The Man Who Died at Twelve o'Clock," "Unto Such Glory," "The No 'Count Boy," "The Man on the House," "The Picnic," "In Aunt Mahaly's Cabin," and "The Goodbye."

HISTORY

THE CONQUEST OF OUR WESTERN EMPIRE.

By Agnes C. Laut. Robert M. McBride & Company
\$3.50 8 1/4 x 5 1/2; 363 pp. New York

Miss Laut begins her study with the cruise of Captain Grey, who discovered the mouth of the Columbia River, and continues through the race overland to the Pacific made by Alexander Mackenzie, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, John Jacob Astor, and John McLoughlin. In spite of her enthusiasm for her subject, she has done only an indifferent piece of work. The book is lavishly illustrated, but lacks both an index and a bibliography.

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