Reminiscences of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. By Rev.
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In 1900 the Rev. A. J. Brabant, a pioneer missionary of the
Roman Catholic Church, published his reminiscences, dealing with
the principal events of his twenty-five years, 1874-1899, amongst
the Indians of the west coast of Vancouver Island. The body of
this volume is a reprint of that book, which has long been quite
unobtainable. Father Brabant's successor, the Rev. Charles Moser,
has added some sixty or seventy pages, including the diaries of
the Rev. J. N. Lemmens and the Rev. Joseph Nicolaye, from
August, 1883, to March, 1886, with an account of the work of the
missions and of important incidents in the early days of the
region.

Though written primarily to stimulate interest in the missions,
the volume is well worthy of a place in the library of the historian.
Here and there scattered through the diaries the reader catches
glimpses of the primitive conditions on the west coast, the dangers
that faced the pioneer missionaries and traders, and the flitting
movements of the earliest sealing schooners that led the way to
pelagic sealing. Chapter IX contains an accurate summary of
the story of historic Nootka, with lengthy quotations from the
journals of Crespa and Peña and a concise statement of the facts
of the Nootka trouble. A few errors, mostly typographical, have
crept into the work; for example, "1776" on page 146 is mani­
estly a misprint for "1876." The book contains about twenty-four
illustrations principally of present day views in and around the
various missions.*

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has kindly furnished a copy for simultaneous publication in the Washington Historical
Quarterly.—EDITOR.

Institute of Pacific Relations. Proceedings of the Hawaii session,
June 30-July 14, 1925, including its history, organization, pro­
cedings, discussions, and addresses. (Honolulu: The Insti­

This book is a record of the proceedings of the Honolulu
session of the Institute of Pacific Relations. The idea of such
an institute was at first that of holding a Y.M.C.A. conference
dealing primarily with the work and problems of that organiza­
tion. The next step was to hold, under the auspices of the Young
Men's Christian Association, a conference which should concern