

The work bears on the Pacific Northwest, as there are a number of items in the descriptive list relating to Spanish maps of the coast north of Mexico and California. It would be wise for every library in the Pacific Northwest to secure a copy of this valuable reference book before it is marked "out of print," as happens all too soon with many such works.

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A JOURNEY TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN THE YEAR 1839. By F. A. Wislizenus. (Saint Louis, Missouri Historical Society, 1912. Pp. 162.)

This is a rare western item first published in German at Saint Louis in 1840. It is here translated by Frederick A. Wislizenus and there is added a portrait and sketch of the author's life.

While the whole journal is interesting to lovers of western history, chapter fourteen is of especial value to readers of this *Quarterly*. That chapter is headed: "The Columbia River—the Hudson's Bay Company." The author, though writing in 1839, shows familiarity with the palpable diplomacy of the Hudson's Bay Company in trying to hold all of Old Oregon and at the worst to them to hold the Columbia River as the boundary. He speaks of the value of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which the British would try to hold, concluding his remarks with: "But the United States will not submit to such an infraction of its rights, and again the problem of the Gordian Knot will not be solved without the sword."

He could not then foresee the diplomatic triumph the Americans were to win in the treaty of 1846, seven years after his book was written. The Missouri Historical Society has done a real service to make this rare book available in its present attractive form.

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DEDICATION OF THE BUILDING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. (Concord, The Historical Society, 1912. Pp. 132.)

This book is sumptuously printed on large paper and is beautifully illustrated, each plate on bevelled paper with tissue cover. The handsome and serviceable building was the gift of Edward Tuck, which fact is made prominent, but with becoming good taste and dignity. The contents of the book give the history of the building and its dedication, as well as sketches of the society and its work. Pioneer workers in the history fields of the Pacific coast rejoice over the good fortune of their distant colleagues on the Atlantic coast. It is perfectly natural also to hope that the Pacific centers may some time publish a book approaching this one from New Hampshire in purpose, scope, and beauty.