News Department

New Edition of the Pickett Book

There are many persons in the Pacific Northwest who know that General George E. Pickett of Gettysburg fame was a young officer on Puget Sound just before the outbreak of the Civil War. His talented and lovable widow still survives, her home being in the national capital. Her fine book entitled "Pickett and His Men" was originally published by a house that met reverses. She now announces that a new and revised edition is about to be issued by the J. B. Lippincott Company. This is good news for readers of this Quarterly, as the book contains valuable chapters on Pickett's experiences in the Northwest.

History Student in Okanogan

William C. Brown, an attorney of Okanogan City, is an earnest student of the early history of the upper Columbia River country. He conducted the centennial celebration of old Fort Okanogan on July 4, 1911, and issued an important pamphlet in connection with that event. He recently spent several busy days examining manuscript records in the University of Washington collections.

History Lost in the Cheney Fire

Readers of this Quarterly will sympathize with a member of the Board of Editors, Ceylon S. Kingston, of the State Normal School at Cheney. He had prepared an article on "Family Budgets of Early Immigrants," covering actual expenditures made in crossing the continent by ox teams. Unfortunately that paper with all the notes, many manuscripts, and most of the professor's private library were destroyed in the recent fire, which burned the main building of that institution.

American Historical Association

The American Historical Association held its twenty-eighth annual meeting in Boston and Cambridge, December 27-31, 1912. The programmes were rich and varied. The Mississippi Valley Historical Association met with the larger organization. This gave a sort of western flavor, as did the participation by Professor H. Morse Stephens of the University of California and Professor Pphraim D. Adams of Stanford University. The president of the association for 1912 was Theodore Roosevelt. His presidential address was entitled: "History as Literature."

The Pacific Coast Branch

The tenth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at the University of California, November 29 and 30, 1912. Those who participated in the programmes