

GUARDIANS OF THE COLUMBIA. By John H. Williams. (Tacoma, Williams, 1912. Pp. 142. \$1.50.)

The present volume is the second of a series of books upon Western mountain scenery. It contains a collection of remarkable photographs relating to Mount Hood, Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens and the forests, valleys and rivers that lie between. While not purporting to be a history of the region described, it furnishes a most realistic background to the events that have here transpired. The photographic reproductions are of a high order of excellence and the work as a whole will be a serviceable guide to an understanding of the geographic conditions that have moulded the history of the Columbia-Cascade region.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE TERTIARY PALEONTOLOGY OF WESTERN WASHINGTON. By Charles E. Weaver. (Olympia, E. L. Boardman, Public Printer, 1912. Pp. 80+22.)

This is Bulletin Number 15 of the Washington Geological Survey, supervised by Henry Landes, State Geologist. Like the other bulletins, this one is of real and permanent value to those who would understand thoroughly the geologic history of the Pacific Northwest. While the work is technical, the descriptions are clear and easily followed. Professor Weaver has embellished the report with a preliminary areal geographical map, and with fifteen full-page plates illustrating one hundred and thirty-seven specimens, most of which are species new to science. Nearly all of the specific names selected for these discoveries are for geographical features such as Washingtoniana, Olequahensis, Cowlitzensis and Lewisiana. In a few instances personal honors have been conferred in the naming of species for such well known scientists as Professor Landes and Professor Trevor Kincaid.

The work will undoubtedly be received as a distinct and valuable addition to the scientific literature of the Pacific Northwest.

A DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF MAPS OF THE SPANISH POSSESSIONS WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1520-1820. By Woodbury Lowery; edited with notes by Philip Lee Phillips. (Washington, Government Printing Office, 1912. Pp. 567.)

This beautiful book from the Library of Congress, besides the high value of its contents, is a fine and deserved tribute to the late Woodbury Lowery. That ripe scholar gave his life to work in a relatively neglected field of American history and at death bequeathed valuable manuscripts, books, and maps to the National Library. This book is therefore an acknowledgment of the gift, as well as an effort to make the new riches more available to workers in the field concerned.

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.

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.

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.