

merged into that of the older concern. No Hudson's Bay Company work was done in the Pacific Northwest prior to 1821. All was done by the rival North West Company,—Mackenzie's first trip to the Pacific in 1793, Fraser's discovery of the river that bears his name, David Thompson's great geographical work on the Columbia and other rivers, the purchase of the American fort Astoria, and its change of name to Fort George, and many other transactions of historical importance.

Dr. Davidson has rendered a real service by gathering this material into a good usable book. Besides a full general index, he has added an index of geographical names. There are six valuable maps and notations and nineteen appendices. These give important documents in full or in part. One of the most interesting to readers of this *Quarterly* is "Bill of Sale of Astoria to the North West Company," pages 293-296. It was the finding of that document in the Public Record Office at London, where it had been sent by a former governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, which encourages Dr. Davidson in the belief that other North West Company papers may yet be made accessible to students of history. EDMOND S. MEANY.

*Catalogue of Materials in the Archivo General de Indias for the History of the Pacific Coast and the American Southwest.* By CHARLES E. CHAPMAN, Ph. D. (Berkeley: University of California Press. 1919. Pp. 755.)

The industrious and painstaking author has listed and prepared annotations for 6257 documents here catalogued. The first thirty pages are devoted to an introduction describing the Archivo General de Indias, the Native Sons' Fellowships which made possible the two years of searching in Spain by Dr. Chapman, and plans and rules of the work.

While the title correctly indicates that the greatest value is for the history of the American Southwest, the Northwest is also represented. Dr. Chapman says, page 39, that he had hoped to "find additional materials about foreign voyages to the Northwest Coast in the years covered by the correspondence, 1785 to 1795, and, in particular, some further light on the Nootka affair. In this respect, the *legajos* were disappointing." However, the index shows ninety-one references to the Northwest Coast, including Nootka.

The book is not for the general reader. It is a working tool for historians, who will not cease to be grateful to Dr. Chapman, to the

Order of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the University of California for its production.

*Legal and Political Status of Women in Iowa.* By RUTH A. GALLAHER. (Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa. 1919. Pp. 300.)

*James Baird Weaver.* By FRED EMORY HAYNES. (Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa. 1919. Pp. 494.)

*Iowa Authors and Their Works.* By ALICE MARPLE. (Des Moines: Historical Department of Iowa. 1918. Pp. 359.)

These three books are fresh evidences of Iowa's activity in the field of historical publications. The first two, published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, are issued under the general editorship of Professor Benjamin F. Shambaugh, long recognized as industrious and abundantly successful in that capacity. The Historical Department of Iowa, at the State's capital, issued the third volume. It has an introduction by Edgar R. Harlan, Curator. The author of the book is Assistant Curator. The Iowa authors are listed alphabetically. Some of them are shown to have been quite prolific. Professor Shambaugh's list is probably the longest. It includes sixty-three items, of which he was author or editor.

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*A Summary of Mining in the State of Washington.* By ARTHUR HOMER FISCHER. (Seattle: University of Washington. 1918. Pp. 124.)

Mr. Fischer submitted this work as a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science in Mining Engineering. It is edited by Dean Milnor Roberts of the College of Mines, and is published as Bulletin Number 4 of the Engineering Experiment Station Series.

Part I gives a summary of mining development and mineral resources in Washington. Part II comprises a list of the mining districts in the State. Part III contains an extensive bibliography of articles relating to mining and mineral resources of Washington.

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CERF, BARRY. *Alsace-Lorraine Since 1870.* (New York: The Macmillan Co. 1919. Pp. 190. \$1.50.)

CURTIN, JEREMIAH, and HEWITT, J. N. B. *Seneca Fiction, Legends and Myths.* (Washington: Bureau of American Ethnology. 1918. Pp. 819. Thirty-second Annual Report.)