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Archives of British Columbia

Students who are familiar with the scholarly series of *Memoirs* of the Archives Department of British Columbia will be glad to learn that additional volumes are now under way. Mr. John Forsyth, Provincial Archivist, writes under date of March 10: "We have two *Memoirs* in the press just now and expect these will be issued within the next two months or so. *Memoir* No. VI is on the early history of the Fraser River Mines, edited by Judge Howay, and the other deals with the Assay Office and the establishment of the Mint at New Westminster, prepared by R. L. Reid, K. C. of Vancouver." The earlier numbers of the series have been noted in this magazine. The last issue, *Memoir* No. V, was reviewed in the *Quarterly* for April, 1923.

Local Imprints

Those who are responsible for the preservation of historical materials need hardly be reminded of the importance of collecting local imprints. Librarians have a special duty in this matter because of the almost invariable tendency of individuals to throw away local material in preference to that which originates elsewhere. On the death of an old resident, an examination of the reading matter left behind usually reveals the fact that books of a general nature and magazines such as *The Century*, *Harper's* and *Atlantic* have been preserved to the exclusion of the local items which might become of priceless value to the historian.

"The Little Cabin in the Prairie"

One such item recently noted is a twelvemo pamphlet in blue wrappers issued in Salem, Oregon, by Sumter Craig in 1878. This little pamphlet of twenty-one pages was written by A. F. Davidson and bears the title: "*The Little Cabin in the Prairie: A Story of Woman's Love.*" It has been saved by the Oregon Historical Society altho nothing in the story has any direct bearing on Oregon. Doubtless it was printed to sell for ten cents or to give away with subscriptions to the *Willamette Farmer* which was at that time being published in Salem by Clarke and Craig.