

proper shows the rapid growth of the Provincial Archives and indicates the provisions that are being made for the preservation and use of this material in the new quarters now being built. Three pages only are taken up with the administrative part of the report. The entire remainder is given over to the reproduction of important documentary sources. Most of the items relate to the common history of the Pacific Northwest regardless of the present international boundary line between Canada and the United States. Of particular interest to those on this side of the line are: 1. Papers relating to Nootka Sound and to Captain Vancouver's Expedition, twenty in number; 2. Letters of Sir James Douglas to Dr. W. F. Tolmie, thirty-nine in all, covering the years 1855-1857; and 3. Letters and Reports by David Thompson relating to the Oregon Territory. Of these latter there are ten items covering the critical years, 1842-1845.

The publication of original material in the form of bulletins is stated to be one of the pressing needs of the Archives Department "for it is only by such means that the resources of the archives can be made generally accessible." The present Report is an excellent beginning. Elsewhere in this issue is noted the initial number of another series to be known as the "Memoirs, Archives of British Columbia."

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A HISTORY OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, 1819-1841. By Thomas Maitland Marshall. (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1914. Publications in History, Volume II. Pp. xiii, 266. \$2.00.)

This scholarly monograph is another evidence of the rich legacy acquired by the University of California in the Bancroft Library. Doctor Marshall opens his preface with this statement: "Ever since the appearance of Justin Winsor's *Narrative and Critical History* and the monumental works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, scholars have been attracted by the richness of the Southwest as a field for historical investigation. The immense collection of manuscripts and rare books, known as the Bancroft Library, now owned by the University of California, the archives of the United States, Mexico, Spain, England, and France, and the published documents of the United States government, contain a vast store of materials relating to this field, much of which has not yet been appraised. Any work, therefore, for many years to come, must be temporary in its nature, a fact which none recognizes more fully than the author of this monograph."

In addition to a proper modesty, the author thus reveals at the outset

the fact that his work pertains mostly to the Southwest. However, the Northwest has an interest in the book. The author discusses Jefferson's ideas as to the inclusion of Oregon in the Louisiana Purchase (p. 14), the United States claims to Oregon (pp. 55 and 59) and Spain's admission to a claim to Oregon (p. 60).

The book carries thirty maps, Map No. 20, facing page 66, gives in graphic form the author's careful study of the boundaries sought to be adjusted in the Florida Purchase Treaty of 1819, by which the southern boundary of the Oregon country was defined.

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CALIFORNIA THE WONDERFUL, WITH GLIMPSES OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON. By Edwin Markham. (New York, Hearst's International Library Company, 1914. Pp. 400. \$2.50.)

Edwin Markham, the well known author of "The Man With the Hoe," is distinctly a western man. He was born in the Willamette Valley, Oregon, of parents who came overland by ox team in the year 1847. One of his earliest recollections is of being lifted up in the sanctuary of a church in Oregon City and of gazing down on the dead face of Dr. John McLoughlin, "The Father of Oregon." After forty years lived in the State of California, Mr. Markham is eminently qualified to write the present volume. Its appearance at this time is doubtless due to the high class publicity campaign that has been carried on by the management of the San Francisco Exposition. Some twenty pages are devoted to Oregon and Washington. The style is popular, but much attention is paid to the history of the country described.

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THE END OF THE TRAIL, THE FAR WEST FROM NEW MEXICO TO BRITISH COLUMBIA. By E. Alexander Powell, F. R. G. S. (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1914. Pp. xiii, 462. \$3.00 net.)

"See America First," as a slogan will be obeyed this year on account of the great war in Europe. This book is one of the kind that will stimulate that wholesome idea of greater appreciation for the charms of our own land. We, of the "Pacific Rim," feel that the book is devoted to one of the most beautiful and most attractive portions of the planet.

The book carries 48 illustrations and a map of the Far West. There is a serviceable index. There are fifteen chapters bearing such titles as "Conquerors of Sun and Sand," "The Inland Empire," "Where Rolls the Oregon," "Clinching the Rivets of Empire." The style is racy and the printing seems perfect. The author says he has "no desire to usurp