

NEWS DEPARTMENT

History of Alaska

Clarence L. Andrews, who has had years of experience in Government service in Alaska, has returned from a summer of research work in that Territory. He is preparing a work for publication. His last researches have been in the customs records to get accurate information about commerce and especially about the shipwrecks and other marine disasters along the shores. In addition to its historical value, his work will be useful to those who are seeking greater safeguards for shipping in those waters.

New Work on Jason Lee

Rev. John Martin Canse, formerly of Seattle and now of Bellingham, is carrying on researches for a book on the great Oregon missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Jason Lee. The scope of the book is to be greater than a biography of the one man. It will contain information about the early work of the Methodists in the Pacific Northwest. The author has prepared from his material an advance article which appears in this Quarterly.

Memorial Tablet at Point Defiance

The Mary Ball Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Tacoma, has erected in Point Defiance Park a beautiful bronze tablet recording how Point Defiance was named by the Wilkes Exploring Expedition. Impressive unveiling ceremonies were conducted on Saturday, September 25. The tablet was designed by the sculptor, Alonzo Victor Lewis, of Tacoma.

Volume of Historical Records

The Washington State Historical Society, with headquarters at Tacoma has published a volume of proceedings. It is called Volume II and bears a hyphenated date of 1907-1915. This is to tie it to a former volume published in 1906 giving particulars of the commemorative celebration at Sequelitchew Lake, Pierce County, Washington. The ceremonies were in commemoration of the Fourth of July celebration by the Wilkes Exploring Expedition at the same place in 1841. The new vol-