

given attention. Thirty-one illustrations and five maps add a charm to the book.

By way of introduction, there is a quotation on "Training of a Traveller" from an address by the Right Honorable Viscount Bryce, former Ambassador of England to the United States.

The author has pleasant things to say about the cities mentioned as, for example: "Chosen bride of the North Pacific, Seattle has domain over the lesser Nereids of the inland Puget Sea."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. By Matthew Page Andrews. (Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Company, 1916. Pp. 368. \$1.00.)

This is another addition to the goodly number of text books designed for the seventh and eighth grades. There are a number of good maps and 151 illustrations. The Oregon country is treated accurately but with a too severe brevity.

SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS. By the State Department of History. (Pierre, State Publishing Company, 1916. Pp. 596.)

Volume VIII., like its predecessors, is largely the work of Doane Robinson, the tireless worker for history in South Dakota. He is secretary and superintendent of the South Dakota Department of History.

THE RUSSIAN OFFER OF MEDIATION IN THE WAR OF 1812. By Frank A. Golder. (New York, Ginn & Company, 1916. Pp. 380-391, being reprinted from the Political Science Quarterly for September, 1916.)

Professor Frank A. Golder of the State College of Washington is making himself an authority on Russian history as it touches America. In this case he has not only consulted American sources, published and in manuscript, but he uses materials gleaned in the archives at Petrograd while at work there for the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

He succeeds in the purpose of this special study, namely, to establish the uprightness of Chancellor Romanzoff, who has heretofore been more or less under a cloud of distrust. That cloud is here shifted to the shoulders of Czar Alexander I. The study is especially interesting just now while America is out of war and Russia is in.

Professor Golder concludes about Romanzoff: "The stories circulated about him by Lord Walpole are false in every particular, for which Alexander's double-faced method was largely to blame. The

documents in the archives prove conclusively that Romanzoff was truthful, frank, and honest with the American commissioners. That he was a friend of America and appreciated its problems, our envoys knew, but even they did not realize how earnestly he worked in their country's behalf and how much he endured in their nation's cause."

THE TERTIARY FORMATIONS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON. By Charles E. Weaver. (Olympia, Washington Geological Survey, 1916. Pp. 327. Paper covers, 40 cents. Address State Librarian, Olympia, Washington.)

This is Bulletin No. 13 of the Washington Geological Survey, under the direction of Professor Henry Landes, State Geologist.

It is an exhaustive report well printed and abundantly illustrated with half-tones and maps. Professor Weaver has given years of research and field work in the collection of materials.

Those interested in local history as well as those interested in geology should secure this work while it may be had at bare cost. It is sure to be in demand during the years to come. Everyone connected with the preparation and publication of this work of scientific scholarship is entitled to the gratitude and congratulations of the people of the Pacific Northwest.

THE PURPOSE OF HISTORY. By Frederick J. E. Woodbridge. (New York, Columbia University Press, 1916. Pp. 89. \$1.00.)

The three chapters are headed: "From History to Philosophy; The Pluralism of History; The Continuity of History."

The author's tiny preface gives the reason of the book as follows: "This book contains three lectures delivered at the University of North Carolina on the McNair Foundation in March of the current year. It expresses certain conclusions about history to which I have been led by the study of the history of philosophy and by reflection on the work of contemporary philosophers, especially Bergson, Dewey, and Santayana."

REVIEW OF HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO CANADA. Edited by George W. Wrong, H. H. Langton and W. Stewart Wallace. (Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1916. Pp. 224.)

The Northwest receives especial attention on pages 127-143. Among the publications complimented as of use and interest to Canadians are the Oregon Historical Society's Quarterly and the Washington Historical Quarterly. In a signed article, Judge F. W. Howay says: "The Washington Historical Quarterly is doing a work, the