

NEWS DEPARTMENT

New Edition of Pacific Northwest History Checklist

Students of Western history are familiar with the "Checklist of Books and Pamphlets relating to the History of the Pacific Northwest" compiled by Charles W. Smith and published by the Washington State Library in the year 1909. That work was planned as a librarian's handbook for use in a cooperative development of the history resources of the libraries of the Northwest, but it proved so useful to bookdealers and students that it promptly took its place as a standard regional bibliography. A writer in the Boston Transcript has recently referred to it as "the most substantial bibliography of its kind."

Readers of this *Quarterly* will accordingly be interested in knowing that a new edition is now in press. Like the former work it has been prepared cooperatively under the editorial supervision of Mr. Smith. It lists more than 4,500 items representing the important books and pamphlets bearing upon the history of the Pacific Northwest. Each item regardless of its rarity is located in the various libraries containing it. The list constitutes in effect a survey of the historical resources of the region covered since it aims to catalog each and all of the Northwest books in fifteen leading libraries. The following are the libraries that have cooperated in the new edition: The Provincial Library of British Columbia, the state libraries of Oregon and Washington, the city libraries of Boise, Idaho, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Walla Walla, the libraries of the Universities of British Columbia, Montana, Oregon and Washington, and Whitman College Library.

The new edition is being published by the H. W. Wilson Company of 958-964 University Avenue, New York City, and is announced for early delivery.

The Force Collection

The University Library has received from Mr. H. C. Force of Seattle a collection of valuable books relating to American History and Archeology. The donation comprises some 450 volumes of choice Americana together with many pamphlets and a considerable