

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

number of manuscript documents from the library of the donors father, General Manning Force. Among these books are many early publications of American historical societies and the gift goes far toward completing important sets of which the Library was already in possession of the more recent volumes.

Among noteworthy single volumes, may be cited Robertson's "Oregon, our right and title," one of the rarest of all the books relating to the Oregon question, also such fundamental sources as Maximilian's "Travels" and McKenny and Hall's "History of the Indian Tribes of North America." Additional interest is drawn to these books from the fact that the donor is a grandson of Peter Force, compiler of the "American Archives" and a famous book collector of the early 19th Century.

Professor Golder in Europe

Professor Frank A. Golder of the Washington State College has been appointed special agent of the Hoover War Collection of Stanford University. He has already sent from London valuable additions to the Collection and he is now in France securing materials supplementing the large collection made there previously by Professor E. D. Adams. It is expected that Professor Golder will spend a year in this important work.

Professor Morris in London

Accompanying Professor Golder on the journey, Professor William A. Morris has gone to London where he is now at work in the British Museum and the Public Record Office studying British constitutional history. He is a member of the faculty of the University of California and is also well known in the Northwest from his work on the faculties of the University of Washington and Oregon. He is a native son of Oregon.

American Historical Association

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held in Washington, D. C., December 27-30. Two especially interesting portions of the programme were "General Session Commemorating the Pilgrim Tercentenary," with Professor Edward Channing, of Harvard, as chairman, and "Conference: