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*The Records of a Pioneer Lumber Mill*

Through the gift of Mr. Clarence B. Bagley, a well known pioneer and a contributing editor of this *Quarterly*, the University of Washington Library has received the donation of valuable historical material relating to the Washington Mill Company, one of the large pioneer lumber mills of Washington Territory. This company was organized in San Francisco in 1856 by Captain Marshall Blinn and William J. Adams. Mr. Adams kept the San Francisco end of the business; Mr. Blinn was in charge on Puget Sound. The mill was erected at Seabeck, Kitsap County, and began cutting logs in 1857, incidentally opening a store, buying and building ships, acquiring timber lands, and operating most of the business of the community. Its work was continued in Seabeck until 1886, when the mill was destroyed by fire, and the establishment removed.

Mr. Bagley's gift consists of thirty-nine bound volumes of letter books, day books, journals, ledgers, time books, stock books, specifications and invoices. Altogether it forms a unique collection of source material relating to one phase of the economic development of Puget Sound.

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*President Scholz*

Professor Richard F. Scholz leaves the history department of the University of Washington to become President of Reed College, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Scholz is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and was one of the first Rhodes scholars at Oxford from that state. He has had teaching experiences at the Universities of Wisconsin, California and Harvard before coming to the University of Washington. His colleagues in the guild of historians wish for him abundant success in the new field.

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*Valuable Prosch Manuscripts*

Through the kindness of Miss Edith G. Prosch, the University of Washington Library has received from the Thomas W. Prosch estate a collection of important documents and other materials relating to the history of the Puget Sound region. Most valuable of all are three manuscripts of unpublished books prepared by Mr. Prosch. One of these, a "Dictionary of the Chinook Jargon" was

ready for the printer. Another manuscript covering the history of Puget Sound with special reference to Seattle was practically complete. A third item left unfinished by the author's untimely death in 1915 was a large record book of memoranda, anecdotes and informal data relating to the history of Seattle. The collection contains also the manuscript originals of published books and articles of Mr. Prosch together with many documents collected for use in his historical work.

Noteworthy items also are some half dozen albums of historic photographs, all carefully identified as to names, places and dates; a scrapbook of documents relating to the affairs of the Washington Mill Company at Seabeck from 1857 to 1883; a scrapbook containing letters and telegrams relating to Seattle Fire Relief in 1889, and a similar volume giving the detailed history of the Seattle Totem Pole. In addition are many miscellaneous printed and unprinted items of great worth.

This priceless material now deposited for preservation and use in the archives of the University Library brings new evidence of Mr. Prosch's contribution to Puget Sound history and reveals how great a loss was sustained by the passing of this able and industrious worker.

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*The Doctorate*

The University of Washington has recently voted to expand graduate work so as to admit candidates for the doctor of philosophy degree in the department of history. This is the sixth department in the University of Washington to be thus recognized.