

practically complete, set of this periodical is to be found in the Provincial Library at Victoria, B. C.

A New P. N. L. A. Bibliography

At its recent meeting in Olympia, the Pacific Northwest Library Association authorized the publication of a Select List of Titles relating to the Pacific Northwest. The new work will cover the most important items relating to the history of the Pacific Northwest. These will be chosen with special reference to the needs of the smaller libraries of the region. The principal facts regarding the books will be given, including prices of books in print and the range of prices on out-of-print items. The compilation is in charge of E. Ruth Rockwood of the Library Association of Portland. Miss Rockwood has built up the splendid collection in that Library and her adequate knowledge of subject matter will be drawn upon in giving critical annotations upon all important items listed. This brief list of best books will doubtless prove of great assistance to collectors and librarians of the smaller libraries.

The Tacoma Daily Ledger of September 9 carries a half column article upon the "Publishing Activities of the Pacific Northwest Library Association." The *Quarterly* refers to this article and joins in the sentiment there expressed, that "such publishing activities as these are destined in time to leave their mark on the cultural development of this entire region."

Hewitt's "Notes by the Way"

The University of Washington Library has recently received by gift a copy of one of the rarest pamphlet narratives of overland travel to the Pacific Northwest, namely, *Notes by the Way. Memoranda of a Journey Across the Plains from Dundee, Ill., to Olympia, W. T., May 7 to November 3, 1862*, by R. H. Hewitt. This item was unknown bibliographically until Mr. H. R. Wagner in his *The Plains and the Rockies* located and described the copy in the Bancroft Library, University of California. The Checklist of *Pacific Northwest Americana* later revealed another copy in the Library of the Oregon Historical Society. The present copy is donated by the son of the author, Judge Leslie R. Hewitt, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, California. Of the original published narrative of this important journey to the Pacific, there are now three recorded

copies, one in each of the Pacific Coast States. The following letter by Judge Hewitt illustrates the wise and generous public spirit which places fundamental historical records in trust in safe and accessible deposit within the borders of the commonwealth most concerned:

Los Angeles, California

August 17, 1922

Mr. W. E. Henry

Librarian, University of Washington
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Some time before her death, which occurred on May 7th this year, my mother handed me your letters to her, dated Jan. 17 and January 26. (1921) relative to obtaining copies for the University Library of the journal printed by my father, Randall H. Hewitt, (1863) entitled "Memoranda of a Journey Across the Plains" and of his book entitled "Across the Plains." My mother had no extra copy of either one, nor did I, but we were both very desirous of complying with your request. She did, however, finally get hold of a copy of the book, and requested me to forward it to you. Since her death, in searching among her books and papers, I have found a copy of the pamphlet, both of which I am forwarding to you under separate covers. I am very glad to do this, for these publications may have some value for those who have an interest in the "ancient" history of the North-west, and I know my mother was especially anxious to send them to you. Surely there is no more appropriate place to deposit these publications than in the University Library.

My father and mother came to Los Angeles in 1876, but I know that their first love was always the Puget Sound Country, and the "trek" across the plains to Olympia in 1863 was the one great adventure in their early lives that they cherished with increased delight as their years increased. I have some "sentimental" feelings on the subject myself, and am pleased to render, in memory of my parents, both of whom themselves now "gone west," this slight service to the University of the State of my birth.

Very truly yours,

(signed) LESLIE R. HEWITT.