

let literature. According to the preface of a revised but unpublished edition now preserved in the University archives, Mr. Prosch states that "The first edition of this Dictionary—consisting of fifteen hundred copies—was printed in 1888, and came to the publisher early in the following year for sale. A few copies had been disposed of, when all that remained—more than fourteen hundred—were destroyed in the great fire of June 6, 1889". It is surprising to find that neither author nor publisher preserved copies. The copy in hand was secured by Mr. Davies from a friend and was donated to the University by Mrs. Davies shortly after her husband's death. The copy examined by Mr. Pilling may have been the one supplied to the Library of Congress in compliance with copyright regulations. Here is an example of a pamphlet issued in an edition of fifteen hundred copies so recently as 1888 of which but two copies are now known to exist.

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#### Auction Sales

Since the April issue of the *Quarterly* was printed, two sales of Americana have taken place at the Anderson galleries. On April 2 and 3, a collection of 632 items was sold bringing a total of \$5,071.00. Among the more notable items may be mentioned a copy of Milton and Cheadle: *An Expedition Across the Rocky Mountains into British Columbia*, issued in London in 1865. The price paid was \$280. This rare pamphlet of 37 pages is stated to have been issued in an edition of but 50 copies and to have been suppressed at the request of the Hudson's Bay Company. Wagner states (*Plains and the Rockies*, page 180) that he has not seen a copy and refers to it as a report preliminary to the well known *Northwest Passage by Land*, also issued in London in 1865. Another interesting item was the *Oregon Memorial*, reported by Mr. Deady of the Council from the Joint Committee to Memorialize Congress (8vo. Pp. 8. Salem, Oregon, 1851). The amount paid was \$37.50.

On May 6 an Americana collection from the library of the late William S. Lambert of Brooklyn was sold. The sum of \$5,147 was realized for the 362 lots offered. The most important item was a set of the *British Colonist*, volumes 1-8, 1858-1862, for which \$425 was paid.