

PACIFIC NORTHWEST AMERICANA

Brouillet versus Blanchet

Attention is here called to the fact that the anonymous booklet entitled *Dix ans sur la cote du Pacifique* (Quebec, 1873) was not written by the Rev. J. B. A. Brouillet to whom it has been frequently ascribed. This error in authorship was made in the compilation of the *Checklist of Pacific Northwest Americana* (item, no. 488) and on investigation it is found that of the three libraries reporting copies, two listed the book under Brouillet while the third gave a title entry only. The copy in the University of Washington Library contains a signed statement by the former owner, a well known student and collector, declaring Brouillet to be the author. The work appears to be similarly known in the book trade. It has been thus listed in *American Book-Prices Current* and so recently as December 1923 it was sold at the Anderson Galleries under the name of Brouillet.

Soon after the appearance of the *Checklist*, Mr. Soliday of Seattle pointed out to the present writer the improbability that this narrative was penned by Brouillet owing to the allusions to that gentleman made in the text. He suggested that internal evidence would indicate that Blanchet and not Brouillet was the "missionaire Canadien" responsible for the book. Definite confirmation of this view has been recently received from Father E. V. O'Hara, an authority on Oregon history, who shows that the author must have been Monsignor Francois Xavier Blanchet. One clear evidence of the author's identity is his statement on page thirty-nine of the text that he became pastor at Jacksonville in Southern Oregon and continued to be pastor in that territory. F. X. Blanchet, the author of *Dix ans*, was a nephew of the Archbishop, Francis Norbet Blanchet.

A New Oregon Bibliography

Miss E. Ruth Rockwood of the Library Association of Portland has practically completed an exhaustive compilation of Oregon State Documents. It has been accepted for publication by the State of Oregon as an official document under the title of *A Checklist of Oregon State Documents*. The list sets forth so far as possible all official and semi-official publications of the state of