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The Two Beggs

This note is to call attention to the fact that two authors of books on the Pacific Northwest have had the name of Alexander Begg. The first with dates of 1825-1905 is the author of *The Great Canadian Northwest* (Montreal, Lovell, 1881) and *Review of the Alaskan Boundary Question* (Victoria, B.C., Cusack, n.d.). The second and more prolific writer of this name is the author of "Dot It Down," *History of British Columbia, History of the North-West*, and many other volumes. He was born in 1840 and died in 1898.

Cataldo versus Morvillo

Another correction to be noted by users of the Checklist of *Pacific Northwest Americana* relates to the authorship of item No. 621, *A Numipu or Nez-Perce Grammar*. The authorship is there assigned to Father Joseph M. Cataldo, who as a matter of fact secured the copyright. Through the kindness of Rev. John Post in charge of the Indian mission at De Smet, Idaho, it is learned that this volume was prepared by Anthony Morvillo, S. J. The information was secured from Father Cataldo himself.

Kippis' Life of Cook

The new edition of the *Life of Cook* by Andrew Kippis calls attention to the remarkable vogue of this biographical work. The first edition was published in London by J. Nicol in 1788, quarto in size. The same year a one volume octavo edition appeared in Dublin and a two volume octavo edition in Basil, also a French translation in Paris in quarto. The following year the French translation was issued in both quarto and octavo editions and the work was published in Hamburg in German translation. A Spanish translation is reported to have been published in 1795 but the present writer has been unable to verify the correctness of this information. American editions have been issued in Boston (1830), Hartford (1855), Philadelphia (1863), and New York (1873). Harpers of New York also brought out an undated edi-

tion in the forties. The standard English edition for many years has been that of London, 1878. Interesting accounts of the Reverend Andrew Kippis are to be found in the *Dictionary of National Biography* and in the *Annual Register* for 1795, the year of his death.

Portland Acquisitions

Among recent acquisitions reported by the Portland Library Association are copies of Origen Thomson's *Crossing the Plains* (*Checklist*, No. 3979) and the "Gray" volume mentioned in this *Quarterly*, Volume 16, page 232. Of the latter but six copies were distributed to libraries and but three of these to libraries on the Pacific Coast.

Books on Western Life for Young People

As the result of a statement made by an eastern librarian that there were not good books on Western life to recommend to young people, President Walter E. Clark of the University of Nevada became interested in compiling a list of such books. With a tentative list of desirable books furnished by Mr. Abel of the United States Bureau of Education as a basis, Mr. Clark appealed to fourteen Western librarians for additional titles. From the suggestions thus obtained he has compiled a composite list of "Books on Western Life for Young People."

Chittenden Manuscripts

The University of Washington Library has recently received as a gift from Mrs. Nettie M. Chittenden a collection of material from the library of her late husband, General Hiram M. Chittenden. The collection includes books, magazine articles, manuscripts and typescripts, representing published and unpublished work of General Chittenden. Biographical material including pamphlets, newspaper clippings, letters and portrait adds to the value of the collection.