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The four leading papers in this issue comprise a symposium of studies on the Pacific Rim. They constituted the main portion of the program of the twenty-first annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, held at the University of Washington on November 27 and 28, 1925.

The inspiration for the program came from the Institute of Pacific Relations held at Honolulu, Hawaii, during the summer. Professors Treat and Gowen were prominent participants in the meetings at both Honolulu and Seattle.

One study is missing from the present symposium: "Materials of the Nootka Sound Controversy in Mexican Archives," by Herbert E. Bolton, University of California. Professor Bolton, though speaking quite informally at the meeting, submitted abundant results of his extensive researches in the archives of Mexico. He pointed out the fact that the originals of hundreds of important Pacific history documents are carefully saved in Mexico. Copies of some of them, but not all of them by any means, are to be found in the more famous archives of Spain. He urged that those Mexican archives be studied and that the most important documents be copied in order that a more complete history may be written of Spanish influence on northern Pacific history.

In addition to the information appropriate for the occasion and its programs, the study deserves publication as a preliminary guide for any future researches by those seeking the prime sources of that interesting portion of history. It may be that the manuscript will be received for a future issue of this *Quarterly*.

The other four papers of the symposium are here given in the same order in which they were presented at the meeting: "Our Asiatic Nighbors," by Professor Payson J. Treat, Stanford University; "Canada on the Pacific: 1866-1925," by Professor Walter N. Sage, University of British Columbia; "The Movement to the Far West During the Decade of the Sixties," by Professor Dan E. Clark, University of Oregon; and "Should We Study the History of Asia?" by Professor Herbert H. Gowen, University of Washington.