

made of this significant undertaking by the Great Northern Railway Company. In this *Quarterly* for October, 1925, there appeared a review of eight beautiful pamphlets which had been generously distributed. Part of those pamphlets make up the bulk of this attractive volume. Its value is greatly increased by many illustrations from drawings by Charles M. Russell, well known as a western artist. Collectors, even those who have saved files of the original pamphlets, will be delighted to acquire the important record in the form of this substantial and intrinsically valuable book.

Asia, A Short History from the Earliest Times to the Present Day.

By HERBERT H. GOWEN. (Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1926. Pp. 436. \$3.50 net.)

Professor Gowen has again given evidence of his matchless industry and his abundantly acknowledged scholarship. The book teems with information clothed in beautiful and easily comprehended language.

The subject is, of course, enormous for treatment in a single volume, but, says the author in his foreword: "In the case of the following narrative it is hoped that the stimulus will be sufficient to prompt further research in volumes where the separate trees are of more concern than the entire plan of the forest." And again: "It is obvious that this history is written frankly from the Western point of view, and that therefore there is considerable reference to those incidents of European and American history which connect themselves with Asiatic affairs. To attempt a history of Asia from the Asiatic point of view would be to miss those interests which for the present furnish the bond between East and West."

Chapter XII., "The Dawn of the Pacific Era," will prove of particular interest to readers in the Pacific Northwest as there the author treats of the early development of this home region. Rapidly now the whole Pacific Rim is becoming more understandable; its multitudinous peoples are beginning to sense the duty of neighborliness. In the light of that fact this book will work its greatest good.

The table of contents, bibliographical appendix, chronological table and index are joys in their real helpfulness. There are nineteen illustrations and a general map of Asia.

Acquaintances of Doctor Gowen will know how highly he himself values this volume when they turn to the dedicatory page and read three words: "To My Wife."