

Reminiscences of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. By REV. CHARLES MOSER, O.S.B. 1926. (Victoria: Acme Press. Pp. 193.)

In 1900 the Rev. A. J. Brabant, a pioneer missionary of the Roman Catholic Church, published his reminiscences, dealing with the principal events of his twenty-five years, 1874-1899, amongst the Indians of the west coast of Vancouver Island. The body of this volume is a reprint of that book, which has long been quite unobtainable. Father Brabant's successor, the Rev. Charles Moser, has added some sixty or seventy pages, including the diaries of the Rev. J. N. Lemmens and the Rev. Joseph Nicolaye, from August, 1883, to March, 1886, with an account of the work of the missions and of important incidents in the early days of the region.

Though written primarily to stimulate interest in the missions, the volume is well worthy of a place in the library of the historian. Here and there scattered through the diaries the reader catches glimpses of the primitive conditions on the west coast, the dangers that faced the pioneer missionaries and traders, and the flitting movements of the earliest sealing schooners that led the way to pelagic sealing. Chapter IX contains an accurate summary of the story of historic Nootka, with lengthy quotations from the journals of Crespa and Peña and a concise statement of the facts of the Nootka trouble. A few errors, mostly typographical, have crept into the work; for example, "1776" on page 146 is manifestly a misprint for "1876." The book contains about twenty-four illustrations principally of present day views in and around the various missions.*

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Institute of Pacific Relations. Proceedings of the Hawaii session, June 30-July 14, 1925, including its history, organization, proceedings, discussions, and addresses. (Honolulu: The Institute, 1925. Pp. 210.)

This book is a record of the proceedings of the Honolulu session of the Institute of Pacific Relations. The idea of such an institute was at first that of holding a Y.M.C.A. conference dealing primarily with the work and problems of that organization. The next step was to hold, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, a conference which should concern