

Of Samuel Hancock's three adopted children, two survive. William died many years ago. Mrs. Virginia M. Herrmann is a woman of much property in Okanogan, Okanogan County, Washington. She has had experiences with Indians, as pioneer school teacher, cattle raiser, and business woman that would match some of the incidents recorded by her adopted father. Susan Hancock lives in Seattle. She has been sadly unfortunate in financial matters. She formerly possessed one of the original copies of her adopted father's manuscript and hoped to be its publisher. She will undoubtedly be surprised to learn that it is now published by another.

The scope and content of the book as now published may best be shown by the reproduced title-page of the original manuscript as follows: "The Narrative of Samuel Hancock. Being a description of his overland journey to Oregon in 1845: his adventures and sufferings: his escape from the Indians: his gold seeking expedition to California and encounters with robbers there: the wreck of the *Cayuga* and his near starvation: and his life as a trader among Indians together with an account of his captivity among the savages: a description of the war dances, marriage ceremonies, methods of house-building, medicinal practices, whaling, fishing, and other manners and customs and also a recital of the massacre of Whitman and the other missionaries, and of the facts connected with the proposed murder, by the Indians, of himself and Lieutenant Lawson's party. Originally written by Hancock in longhand at Whidby's Island and dated February 17th, 1860."

The overland route is shown by a valuable map entitled: "From a New Map of Texas, Oregon and California with the Regions Adjoining, compiled from the most recent authorities and published by S. Augustus Mitchell, Philadelphia, 1846."

In addition to the regular first edition of the book sixty-five copies have been printed on large paper, each of which is numbered and boxed and offered at \$15.00 a copy.

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The World Encompassed. Edited by N. M. PENZER. (London: The Argonaut Press, 1926. Pp. lxxv+235. \$6.23 postpaid.)

Sir Francis Drake's Voyage Around the World. By HENRY R. WAGNER. (San Francisco: John Howell, 1926. Pp. 543. \$10.00.)

Francis Drake and Other Early Explorers Along the Pacific Coast.

By JOHN W. ROBERTSON. (San Francisco: The Grabhorn Press, 1927. Pp. 290. \$15.00.)

Here is abundant evidence of a revival of interest in the geographical work accomplished by Francis Drake, "Sea King of Dover," otherwise and later known as Sir Francis Drake.

That this renewed spirit will not restrict itself to Drake's remarkable voyage is shown by announcements accompanying *The World Encompassed*. The Argonaut Press has been formed to reissue travel books of outstanding merit. The general editorship is in the hands of Mr. N. M. Penzer, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Drake's *The World Encompassed* is the first work in this proposed series. The narrative of the original work is preceded by "An Appreciation of the Achievement" by the distinguished British scholar, Sir Richard Carnac Temple, and is followed by eleven selected contemporary documents. The edition of this work is restricted to 975 numbered copies. The printing was done by Walter Lewis at the University Press, Cambridge, England. The nine illustrations mostly comprise rare and valuable maps. The well-made book is bound in quarter vellum stamped with gold. Libraries and collectors will quickly absorb the limited edition of this beautiful and worth-while volume. The agents are B. F. Stevens & Brown, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2, and 21 Pearl Street, New York City.

Henry R. Wagner, for many years devoted to the history and literature of the Pacific Coast, has devoted four years to the preparation of the book entitled: *Sir Francis Drake's Voyage Around the World, Its Aims and Achievements*. Perhaps the quality of his work is revealed in his own words in the preface as follows: "It has seemed advisable for readier reference to reproduce the English contemporary accounts of the voyage and such of those of Spanish origin as contain anything of real value. It would perhaps be a meritorious work to bring together all the documents bearing on the voyage, but they are so numerous and some so long that the task is beyond my resources. Besides this, many, especially the story of Drake's prisoners, contain the same statements and a mere accumulation of such means nothing; all the essential facts can be obtained from a few. An analysis of the cartographical documents illustrating the course of the voyage is included."

The work is lavishly illustrated. There are four portraits of Drake and sixty-nine reproductions of maps, charts and views. It is certainly to be hoped that the public reception of this large

volume will justify the industry and painstaking scholarship of the author and the daring of the far Western publisher.

It is rather startling to find San Francisco publishers issuing within a year of each other two important books with Francis Drake as the principal titles. John W. Robertson has added to the title of his book: *And Other Early Explorers Along the Pacific Coast*. He has divided his work into five sections, adding an appendix and an index. The sections bear these titles: "Cortes, the Discoverer," "Indians of the Californias," "Jesuit Survey of Baja California," "Drake's Voyage in the South Sea," "The Harbor of St. Francis." These section titles do not show a correct proportion of the material in the book. The first three sections occupy but eighty-four pages while two hundred pages are devoted largely to Drake. The appendix contains documents relating to Drake, such as "the six leaves surreptitiously inserted in the 1589 Hakluyt," extract from Drake's *The World Encompassed*, "First Declaration made by John Drake before Alonso Vera y Aragon in the City of Santa Fe, March 24, 1584," and "Second Declaration made before the Tribunal of the Inquisition at Lima on 8th of January, 1587."

The book from The Argonaut Press has reproduced the entire work by Drake entitled *The World Encompassed*. Henry R. Wagner tells the story himself but frequently inserts portions of Drake's original narrative and extracts from other documents. He has added seven appendices, copious notes to each chapter, a bibliography and an index. Mr. Robertson tells his own story with many quotations inserted. As indicated by the title, he holds his attention largely to that portion of the materials which are related to the Pacific Coast of America. All three of the books are larger than the usual books of the present day.

In passing these books in review, one is reminded of the earlier work of George Davidson of San Francisco. During his half century of work for the United States Coast Survey he published many works of historical value, including *Methods and Results, Voyages of Discovery and Exploration on the Northwest Coast of America from 1539 to 1603*, published by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1887 and *Francis Drake on the Northwest Coast of America in the Year 1579*, in the Transactions of the Geographical Society of the Pacific, 1908. Mr. Wagner cites both in his bibliography and adds another, *Identification of Sir Francis Drake's Anchorage on the Coast of California in the Year 1579*, published in San Francisco, 1890.