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Some Rare Alaska Sketches

Dr. Frank A. Golder of Stanford University has recently presented to the University of Washington Library reproductions of fifteen original sketches relating to the discovery and exploration of Alaska. These sketches reveal the natives as first discovered by the Russians, showing their dwellings and illustrating their tools and mode of living. They include scale drawings of harbors, indicating the depth of water and showing the disposition of buildings on the land. These sketches have in part been described by Dr. Golder in his *Guide to Materials for American History in Russian Archives*.

Special Collections

The Pacific Northwest Library Association has issued a twenty page pamphlet entitled *Special Collections in Libraries of the Pacific Northwest*. This gives some indication of the holdings in this region of books relating to local history. Requests for copies should be addressed to the Secretary of the Association, Miss Helen Johns, Longview Public Library, Longview, Washington. Since this pamphlet was in print, and as a result of its compilation, the Boise, Idaho, Public Library has prepared a list of its books on Idaho and the Pacific Northwest. The list comprises some ten letter sized pages of closely typed material.

William Fraser Tolmie Manuscripts

John Hosie, Esquire, Librarian of the Provincial Library, Victoria, B. C., has just secured for that institution an important collection of letters and other manuscripts from the Family of Dr. William Fraser Tolmie. Much of the material relates to the Hudson's Bay Company business at Fort Nisqually where Dr. Tolmie was for many years in charge. It is of great interest in connection with the early history of the Territory of Washington. It is fortunate that this source material has become the property of the Provincial Library where it will be safely preserved and made available to students of history.

Whitman Correspondence Desired

Dr. Archer B. Hulbert of the Stewart Commission of West-

ern History is collecting for publication the correspondence of Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman. Original letters or authenticated copies suitable for this volume are desired and should be sent to Dr. Hulbert at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The publication is forecasted for issue some years hence as Volume 3 of the Commission's series on the Far West.

Northwest Historical Exhibition

Growing interest in the History of the Pacific Northwest is shown by the successful Northwest Historical Exhibition being held in the Frederick and Nelson Auditorium, Seattle, as this issue goes to press. Five members of the Washington State Pioneer Association formed a committee on plans and local libraries and private book collectors as well as pioneers lent generous aid in supplying material.
