

crowded lines that testify to years of stress and drought. If trees had memory we can be sure that they would reckon events as they befell before or after the 'hard times.' The World War of 1914-18 marked five such bands of waste and suffering across the life of nearly every nation in the world. No other recorded human disaster, not even the Black Death of the fourteenth century, so intimately touched each race of mankind or created so general a brotherhood or suffering.* * * For America, as for Europe, it closed one age and began another."

The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay. By ROBERT WATSON. (Winnipeg, Manitoba: 1930. Pp. 30.)

The author, Robert Watson, is editor of *The Beaver*, a quarterly published in the interest of those who serve the Hudson's Bay Company. In this little pamphlet he has compressed an account of the greatest trading company on the American hemisphere, from its royal charter in 1670. It is a marvel of condensation. One of the choice bits is the following: "The Hudson's Bay Company motto, *Pro Pelle Cutem*, is supposed to signify, in simple language, 'skin for skin.' In other words, 'the trader risks his skin in procuring the animals' hides.'" The last page contains a helpful list of the twenty-nine Governors who have served the Company from His Highness Prince Rupert, 1670-1682 to Charles Vincent Sale, 1925 to the present.

The Pacific Basin. By GORDON L. WOOD. (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 1930. Pp. 340. \$4.50.)

The author is an Australian economic geographer. Naturally, he gives the geographic background and then endeavors to describe the economic and other problems of each of the Pacific communities. The scope can best be visualized by the titles of the eight divisions of the book as follows: "The Pacific Environment: A General Survey," "Malaysia and the East Indies," "Australia," "New Zealand," "The Pacific Islands," "Asia," "North America," and "South America."

Many readers of this *Quarterly* have a maritime outlook. Such a book as *The Pacific Basin* will make a natural appeal to them, but each such reader will promptly test the author's capacity by judging the chapters embraced in "Part VII., North America." Again their prefatory vision will be aided by the author's titles. The