

of the American Library Association and the editorial work assumed is in line with the policy of this Association to cooperate with publishers in securing reprints and inexpensive editions of worthwhile books.

The first four titles of the new series have been issued and are listed above. The most important of these four so far as the Pacific Northwest is concerned, is the *Route across the Rocky Mountains* by Johnson and Winter. This one has received the attention of the general editor and is a creditable reprint. Students may be disappointed at the small amount of information added by way of foot notes, but apparently it is not intended to furnish new editions, but rather to supply satisfactory inexpensive reprints.

Owing to the rarity of Johnson and Winter's narrative, it may be well to state that they left Independence, Missouri, May 25, 1843, and arrived at Oregon City on November 13 following. After an extended stay in Oregon and California, Johnson left Oregon City to return on April 19th, 1845, arriving at Westport August 29. The first part of the book was reprinted in the Oregon Historical Quarterly during the year 1906 (Volume 7, pages 63-104, 163-210, 291-327). The return to the states, pages 100-152, is now for the first time made generally available. It is precisely this part that contains data of the first importance with regard to Marcus Whitman, namely an account of his trial by the Indians to ascertain whether he was not worthy of death. So far as the present writer is aware, no contentent in the long drawn out Whitman controversy ever made reference to this dramatic trial attended by twenty or thirty chiefs and braves who finally warned Whitman that while they themselves would not disturb the missionaries, they could not help what their young men might do. The data of this book, written and printed before the Indian massacre of 1847, is important Whitman source material.

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History of the Pacific District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1888-1930. (Blair, Nebraska: Danish Lutheran Publishing Houes, 1931. Pp. 55. \$1.25.)

This volume has been issued in commemoration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the reorganization of the Pacific District on a delegate basis. The material relates largely to California but contains the history of the Congregations at Eugene and Portland, Oregon. Illustrations are furnished of churches and pastors.