

*Progress and the Social Sciences*

The above title is used by Edward McMahon, Professor of American History in the University of Washington, for an extended and interesting article in the *Washington Education Journal* for December, 1934. He pleads for a "more intelligent attitude toward social change" and a better understanding of the social sciences, concluding: "it is impossible to develop a really scientific attitude toward social problems without some very definite appreciation of the content of the social sciences."

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*Chicago Historical Society*

This Society has just issued Volume I, No. 1 of its *Bulletin* with Douglas C. McMurtrie as editor. It contains some letters of Edward Coles, second Governor of Illinois, and citations of books and pamphlets printed in Chicago from 1835 to 1850, as well as ordinances of the village and town of Chicago. The frontispiece is a picture of the large and beautiful new building of the Chicago Historical Society.

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*Oregon Historical Quarterly*

Volume XXXV was completed by the December issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*. The leading article is "Snake River Fur Trade, 1816-1824," by W. T. Atkin, a graduate student at the University of California. William G. Morris has an article on "Forest Fires in Oregon and Washington"; Philip H. Overmeyer, on "Henry Villard and University of Oregon"; Nellie B. Pipes, "Journal of John H. Frost, 1840-1843." There is also the usual wealth of book reviews, news and necrology.

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*The American Historical Review*

The issue for October, beginning the fifty-first volume, has another important contribution by Professor Frederick Merk, of Harvard, entitled "British Government Propaganda and the Oregon Treaty." The winning over of an adverse English public opinion is thoroughly explained. Another delightful article is that by the veteran, Professor J. Franklin Jameson, prepared for the fiftieth anniversary of the American Historical Association.

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*National Historical Societies*

During the Christmas holiday vacation the American Historical Association held its fiftieth anniversary meeting at Washington City