

*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

and the Pacific Coast Branch of the same organization held its thirtieth meeting at Stanford University. There were important programs for each meeting.

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*British Columbia Archivist*

Historians in British Columbia and neighboring states were saddened last summer by the passing of John Hosie, Provincial Archivist. He was a gentle and lovable man as well as a remarkable collector of archives. His best success was the securing of the Donald Ross papers.

His successor, just appointed to that important post, is being greeted with cordiality. Dr. W. Kaye Lamb is a native son of British Columbia, his education there culminating in the master of arts degree at the University of British Columbia with his thesis in "Genesis of the British Labor Party." He carried that study forward at the University of London where he obtained the doctor of philosophy degree. His work brought him honors, a gold medal, and high praise from his instructors.

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*Professor Oliphant*

Professor J. Orin Oliphant, of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, has recently been elected a member of the editorial board of *Pennsylvania History*, the new quarterly magazine of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. For several years, while he was at work in the State Normal School at Cheney, Professor Oliphant was a member of the editorial board of the *Washington Historical Quarterly*.

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*Professor Leslie Spier*

The *Oregon Historical Quarterly* for September, 1934, has this note about one who was formerly a member of the University of Washington faculty: "Dr. Leslie Spier, associate professor of anthropology at Yale University, with a group of 12 scientists has been making an ethnological study of the Modoc Indians in Klamath County under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation and the American Laboratory of Anthropology at Santa Fe, New Mexico."

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*Founding of Fort Simcoe*

The foundnig of Fort Simcoe was discussed in the *Yakima Herald*, Sunday, July 8, 1934, by Mrs. Mary E. Greenwalt, a pioneer