

## BOOK REVIEWS

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*Religion, Theology and Morals..* By HARVEY W. SCOTT. (Cambridge: Printed at the Riverside Press. 1917. Two volumes, pp. xxiv+351; xvi+403.)

The compilation of these volumes was made by Leslie M. Scott, son of the author, who has manifested a high quality of filial devotion in his work. On the title page there appears after the name of Harvey W. Scott the legend—"Forty years editor-in-chief Morning Oregonian of Portland, Oregon." In reality that gives the reason for publishing these books.

The preface says: "The compiler of Mr. Scott's writings has selected for this book the general subject of Religion, Theology and Morals, because this branch of study was the editor's favorite one and occupied his mind more continuously for a longer time than any other. His essays, as early as 1865, show the activity of his mind in this study; the earliest of those reproduced in this book he wrote in 1875. Up to the last days of his editorial activity in April, 1910, he was writing on religion and theology and the affiliated subject of morals."

Mr. Scott had a large share in the making and writing of the history of the Pacific Northwest. These books, evidently published privately, form a monument to one portion of a great man's mental product.

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*Guide to Materials for American History in Russian Archives.* By FRANK A. GOLDER. (Washington, D. C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington. 1917. Pp. 177.)

The Department of Historical Research in the Carnegie Institution of Washington has been publishing a series of manuals of this kind to aid historical investigators. This particular manual is of interest to readers of this Quarterly for two reasons. The subject relates to Russian activity in the Northern Pacific regions and the work was done by Professor Frank A. Golder of the Washington State College at Pullman.

In an introductory note, Professor J. Franklin Jameson, Director of the Department of Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, says: "Very few students of American history have ever made any researches in the archives of Russia. The contribution which the Russian archives can make to that history is nearly confined to

two fields, that of the diplomatic relations between Russia and the United States, and that of the exploration of the North Pacific and the settlement of Russian America, now called Alaska. But those two fields are by no means of small importance in our history, and for them the archives of Petrograd and Moscow are replete with materials of the greatest, indeed of indispensable, value. Accordingly Professor Golder, familiar with the Russian language and with the portions of history involved, and author of a notable work upon Russian Expansion on the Pacific (Cleveland, 1914), was invited to proceed to Russia and to make those examinations of archives of which the following book is the result. His period of sojourn in Petrograd and Moscow embraced several months of the year 1914, from the beginning of March until November, five months immediately preceding the great war, and three months after its outbreak. The data presented in the volume should be understood to be of that year, though in some matters it has been possible to secure later information."

At the present time much interest is being awakened in Russia. Here in the Pacific Northwest great expansion is taking place in commerce with Russia. One additional item was the placing of an instructor in the Russian language in the University of Washington through the helpfulness of Mr. Samuel Hill. These are evidences that Mr. Golder's book will come into use during the next few years. Interest in history and its sources is sure to follow the closer commercial relations.

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*Tsimshian Mythology*. By FRANZ BOAS. (Washington: Government Printing Office. 1916. Pp. 1037.)

This is the "accompanying paper" in the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology for 1909-1910. The first twenty-six pages of the large book are devoted to an administrative report and the balance of the volume is given over to this special study based on texts recorded by Henry W. Tate.

Doctor Boas says in his preface: "The collection here presented evidently contains the bulk of the important traditions of the Tsimshian." This large collection of materials is especially interesting to readers and students in the Pacific Northwest as the Indians studied are in British Columbia. The author says: "The Tsimshian, who belong to the northern group of tribes, inhabit the valleys of Nass and Skeena Rivers and the channels and islands southward as far as Milbank Sound. They are fishermen, who subsist partly on the salmon that ascend the rivers of the coast in great numbers; partly on deep-