

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.

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-

sea fishery, which is prosecuted on the codfish and halibut banks off the coast. At the same time they hunt seals and sea lions, and use the whales that drift ashore. The people of the villages along the river courses and deep fiords of the mainland are also energetic hunters, who pursue particularly the mountain goat, but also the bear and the deer."

There are three full-page plates and twenty-four textual illustrations. The bibliography covers fifty-eight items, seventeen of which are from the writings of Doctor Boas, himself. The appendix includes an index, a glossary, list of Tsimshian proper names and place names, a summary of comparisons, and Bellabella and Nootka tales.

A History of the United States. By EDWARD CHANNING. Volume IV, Federalists and Republicans, 1789-1815. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917. Pp. 575. \$2.75.)

The present volume by Prof. Channing is similar in style to the preceding volumes and continues the narrative from the organization of the new government under Washington down to the close of the War of 1812. In taking up a volume that covers a field traversed by McMaster, Schouler and in part by Henry Adams one wonders whether he is to find a new treatment of old material, or new material. Prof. Channing contributes both. Good use has been made of the newspapers and the footnotes and notes at the close of each chapter form a practically complete bibliography of the period. The chapters on High Finance 1789-1800, and The Revolution of 1800, which was not a revolution, are especially interesting. The volume is an excellent example of the very highest historical scholarship.

Librarian's Fifth Biennial Report. By JOHN HAILEY. (Boise: Historical Society of Idaho. 1916. Pp. 54.)

The report very naturally deals with finance and with accessions to the library and museum of the society. These show a wholesome and growing condition.

One article records business changes in Boise. A list is published of men who had entered business there during the sixties and who have passed away in later years. A much shorter list gives the names of such old-timers who are still living.

Pages 29 to 54 are used to record the "Early Reminiscences of 'Uncle' Tom Beall of Lewiston, Idaho." This old pioneer came to the Pacific Coast in 1853 and to Walla Walla in 1857. He was with