

Percy Gomery has been celebrating the beauties of British Columbia and other places in fiction travel articles in "Outdoor Recreation," "Canadian Motorist" and "Journeys Beautiful." He has also been contributing regularly to certain professional journals.

Stephen Golder has begun a series of special feature articles in the "Province," the first of which dealt with the Stamps of British Columbia, and the second with the Indian Village now being erected as a model of the Past, in Stanley Park. Reference should also be made to the booklet by the Rev. John C. Goodfellow on the Totem Poles in the Park, which has had a good circulation. A. M. Pound has an article on "Charles G. D. Roberts" in the magazine supplement of the "Sun."

Lionel Stevenson, now on the staff of the University of California in the "University Chronicle" of that institution deals with "The Significance of Canadian Literature."

To the *British Columbia Monthly* R. D. Cumming has contributed a series of short stories, "New Fables, by Skookum Chuck." In this magazine appears contributions by other members, the latest number including articles by R. L. Reid on "Charles G. D. Roberts, Poet and Novelist," and by Judge Howay on "The Origin of the Canadian Pacific Railway: A Political Retrospect."

Various verse by Western writers has also been given prominence by this representative western monthly which is now in its fourteenth year. I believe that for a purely literary publication this is a remarkable record for the West and Mr. D. A. Chalmers, its optimistic and enterprising editor, deserves great credit for the faith and idealism, which have enabled him so consistently to maintain not only its standard of quality but also the constructive outlook and impartial standing of its editorials on social and educational questions.

Along the line of history and biography, some excellent work has been done in the past year by certain of our own members, as well as others outside the Association. Judge Howay, the first president of our branch, delivered before the Royal Society of Canada as his presidential address, a monograph, "The Early Literature of the North West Coast," which has been published by the Society. Dr. McBeth has lately produced his "Romance of the Canadian Pacific Railway." The Ryerson Press of Toronto are bringing out a book containing a number of biographical accounts of the pioneers of this Province. Among those who are contributing to this work are Judge Howay, D. A. McGregor and R. L. Reid. This publication will be a distinct contribution to the historical literature of the Province and as it will be used for reading in the schools, it will have its due influence on the younger generation. Noel Robinson has been writing a series of articles on the pioneers appearing in McLean's Magazine. John Nelson had an article in Blackwood's Magazine on Sir Alexander Mackenzie, and has been invited to become a regular contributor.

A work of great value dealing with the history of the Pacific Coast has just been published by Mr. L. V. Denton, of Victoria, entitled "The Far West Coast."

Mention should be made of the biography of Marjorie Pickthall just published by Dr. Lorne Pierce of the Ryerson Press. This will have a special interest for us here in Vancouver.

In the line of humorous verse, Mr. Herbert Beeman's "F.O.B." has had considerable popularity and Captain Eassie has

ready for the press a book of humorous Western verse which deals principally with the men of the logging camps in this Province, and has a distinct British Columbia flavor.

A number of interesting books for juveniles will shortly see the light, one by Mr. B. A. McKelvie, to be published by The Ryerson Press, and one by R. S. Sherman entitled, "Mother Nature Stories." Mrs. Winlow's talent for this class of writing has not been idle and she has been writing short stories for children's publications.

In the field of drama, Captain Eassie, Sam Wellwood and other local playwrights have produced one-act plays at the Little Theatre. Mrs. Mackay has written a play and Mrs. Winlow received honorable mention and high commendation for a one-act piece submitted in a competition set by the Dramatic Group of the Authors' Association of Montreal.

On the whole, the outlook for literature in this Province appears to be very promising.

In concluding my report, I have to thank the members for their willing co-operation throughout the year and also the members of the Executive, especially Mr. Herbert Beeman, the Treasurer, whose duties are by no means light, and Mr. Stephen Golder, our efficient secretary, on whom has fallen the main burden of the Association's work and to whom is largely due the measure of success that has been attained.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Stephen Golder, secretary, in submitting his report, mentioned the activities of the Association during the past season. Twelve receptions or entertainments had been held during the term, and four executive meetings, or just double the number in the previous year. The report continued:

In conjunction with the Scottish Society we tendered a farewell dinner and presentation to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Douglas, the retiring librarian and an officer of our Association.

We had the honor of entertaining our National President, Mr. Lawrence Burpee, at the home of Mrs. L. A. Lefevre, and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Amy, of London, at the home of Mrs. Julia Henshaw.

Professor A. F. B. Clark, of the University of British Columbia, lectured for us at Glencoe Lodge, his subject being "Benedetto Croce and the New Criticism."

Dr. R. G. Macbeth lectured under our auspices at the Vancouver Institute on the "Romance of the Royal North West Mounted Police."

Our president, Mr. Robert Allison Hood, lectured at the Carnegie Library during Book Week on the works of Marjorie Pickthall. Mrs. Laura Rees-Thomas also lectured during Book Week at the Library on Pauline Johnson. During the same week Mr. Hopkins Moorhouse lectured before the Women's Canadian Club, and the Women's Press Club. The Association entertained Mr. Moorhouse at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton.

We were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett at their residence, Mr. Burnett exhibited his wonderful collection of South Sea curios and gave a very interesting talk.

Dr. Lorne Pierce was also entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reid.

Book Week was a great success. The president arranged with the Hudson's Bay Company and David Spencer Limited for a special display of Canadian books and the other book stores in the

city gave prominence. During the week addresses were given in the various city schools by our president, Mrs. Winlow, Percy Gomery, A. M. Stephen and Dr. R. G. Macbeth, and our new member, the librarian at Carnegie Library, put on view at the library a collection of books by Canadian authors.

During the season the following new members have been elected: A. M. Stephen, Lionel Stevenson, E. S. Robinson, R. S. Sherman and Miss Shannon. Mrs. Hamer Jackson and Mrs. Mary H. T. Alexander, from the Edmonton branch, having taken up residence in the city, have affiliated with our branch.

We have lost one member in the death of Mr. Donald Downie.

I wish personally to express my thanks to our retiring president who has at all times been ready to give much of his valuable time in assisting me to make the necessary arrangements for receptions, etc.

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