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Forthcoming Books

Pacific Books plans to bring out in the early fall a new edition of "Old Monterey," the book written by Laura Bride Powers, according to word received by the History and Art Association from the late Mrs. Powers' daughter, Mrs. George P. Applegarth of San Francisco. This new version will be updated to include developments of historic interest which have taken place since the original publication 30 years ago.

Mrs. Powers was a well-known newspaperwoman who spent a great deal of time on the Peninsula after her retirement and became the first curator and restorer of the Old Custom House after that building was taken over by the State of California. She also made the first suggestion that the Monterey History and Art Association should be formed to protect the historic sites and buildings in Monterey from destruction. With Colonel Roger S. Fitch, then commander at the Presidio of Monterey, she won her point, and the association was started in December 1930.

Mrs. Powers wrote "Old Monterey" during the early 1930s . and it was published by the San Carlos Press, San Francisco, Serra Year, 1934. A first edition of "Old Monterey, California's Adobe Capital," is now a collectors' item and very difficult to obtain, so a new edition will be welcomed. The late Dr. Herbert Bolton of the University of California wrote the foreword for the first edition which is well illustrated with Monterey scenes and old adobe buildings.

Of special interest to members of the History and Art Association will be a new chapter on the history and accomplishments of the society with pictures of the Merienda and Casa Serrano.

With an issue of "New Arrivals in California," the California State Library begins a quarterly publication which will list acquisitions of the California section of the State Library. Book and new periodical titles added to the California section during the preceding quarter will be listed in spring, summer, fall and winter issues. Each listed item will include basic descriptive cataloging information, including the classification number, subject headings, and other added entries. Selected manuscript materials, broadsides, maps and some ephemeral materials will be listed irregularly.

This publication is to be distributed upon request to libraries, historical societies and in limited number, to individual historians.

John Howell - Books, San Francisco, has just published a historical book entitled "The Coming of Justice to California." The volume has been designed and printed by Lawton Kennedy. The edition is 750 copies at \$7.50 each.

"The Coming of Justice to California" deals with the transition from military law to civil courts in Western America. To record and signalize the change, it presents, for the first time in English translation, three key documents, selected and edited by John Galvin. Translations were made by Miss Adelaide Smithers of San Francisco. There are a number of well-chosen illustrations, including a fold-out reproduction of the Lafora map of the northern frontier of New Spain and a sketch map of the chain of presidios established there.