

NEWS DEPARTMENT.

Honoring Doctor John McLoughlin's Memory.

Oregon City witnessed an important and interesting ceremony, culminating on Sunday, 6 October, 1907. The occasion was the dedication there of the McLoughlin Institute, which has grown out of the St. John's Parochial and High School. Reverend Father A. Hillebrand is the spirit of the enterprise that has brought this event to fruition. Oregon City was the last home of McLoughlin, as it is also his burial place. Many distinguished guests were present on this occasion, not least of whom was Mrs. M. L. Myrick, the favorite granddaughter of McLoughlin. Archbishop Christie preached the sermon and formally blessed and dedicated the institute. Hon. W. D. Fenton, President of the Oregon Historical Society, State Senator Joseph E. Hedges, representing Governor Chamberlain, and others, made addresses, but the principal address was made by Frederick V. Holman, of Portland, who has recently published a very acceptable history of McLoughlin. He calls the good old Doctor the "Father of Oregon," and there is now a general willingness to concede that affectionate title. An idea of Mr. Holman's attitude toward his hero may be gathered from the closing sentence of his address at Oregon City, as follows:

"To this Noble Man, to this Great White Chief, to this Good Old Doctor, to this Savior of the Oregon Pioneers, to this great Humanitarian—the Father of Oregon—be honor and praise for all time."

Encouragement for the Quarterly.

Upon the completion of the first volume of The Washington Historical Quarterly it is pleasant to reflect on the many kind words received from many parts of the United States. People who are working along similar lines in other fields have been exceedingly generous in their praise. Cordial approval has also come from many earnest and thoughtful readers throughout the Pacific Northwest. The best publishers are beginning to send their works on history for review. One of the best indications