

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Frederic George Young

The March issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, a neighbor in this field of endeavor, records a sense of great bereavement through the death of Frederic George Young on January 4, 1929. He had been the founder of their esteemed publication and the editor of each number from March, 1900, to and including that of December, 1928, completing twenty-nine full volumes.

This March issue has as frontispiece a fine portrait of Dean Young, followed by three tribute articles. Joseph Schafer, a former colleague on the faculty at the University of Oregon and now Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, writes the leading article, "Career of Frederic G. Young," revealing a friendship between the two for more than forty years. The friends of Dean Young are grateful for this brief, compact, but satisfying account of a most worthy man's career. The second article, by E. H. McAlister, is entitled "Dean F. G. Young—An Appreciation." The title is well chosen and the paragraphs are what might be expected from one who knew the patient devotion to high ideals. The third tribute is a report prepared for the Oregon Historical Society by a special committee consisting of Robert S. Bean, Lewis A. McArthur and Leslie M. Scott.

Frederic George Young was born in Burnett, Wisconsin, on June 3, 1858. His preliminary education was obtained in the schools of that State before entering Johns Hopkins University, from which he graduated in 1886. He taught in Wisconsin and South Dakota before moving to Oregon in 1890. He served four years as Principal of Portland High School, one year as President of Albany College, and in 1895 he became a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon, filling positions up to that of Dean of the School of Sociology, which he held from 1919 to the time of his death. He became Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society at the time of its incorporation in 1898 and continued in that office for the remaining thirty years of his life. In addition to editing the Society's publication he edited the *Sources of the History of Oregon* and the *Commonwealth Review*. He was serving as Secretary of the Oregon Conservation Commission since 1908, and was a member of the Oregon Commission for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. For the cause of education and other

betterments, his time and talent were always ready to the full limit of his strength.

The work of editing the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* has been placed in the hands of Leslie M. Scott, and Miss Barbara C. Elliott has become Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society.

Frank Alfred Golder

Through his travels and studies he was known along the Pacific Coast from Mexico to Alaska. For similar reasons he was also known in other parts of the world. His main interest was in history—research, teaching and writing—and in that work he became a sort of cosmopolite.

Frank Alfred Golder was born in Russia on August 11, 1877, and came with his family to the United States in 1880. Though he was seeking knowledge throughout his life, his formal training led him through schools in Philadelphia, in Paris and Berlin, culminating in the Doctor of Philosophy degree at Harvard in 1909. He held brief instructorships in history and economics in the University of Missouri, Boston University and Chicago University. The year after obtaining the doctorate he accepted a position on the faculty of the State College of Washington, serving there with distinction until 1920. His familiarity with the Russian language led to work and studies in Alaska and Siberia, and in 1914-1915 he was an investigator in the Russian archives for the Carnegie Institution of Washington. The State College of Washington gave him leave of absence for this and similar work during and after the World War. In 1917 he was investigating Russian archives again for the Carnegie Institution and the American Geographical Society. He was on the Colonel House commission of inquiry from 1917 to 1919. He was engaged in special work in Europe for the American Relief Administration from 1920 to 1923.

In the meantime (1921) he accepted the position of Associate Professor of European History at Stanford University and was promoted to a full professorship in 1924, becoming also a Director of the Hoover War Library at that institution. He and his colleague, Professor Ralph H. Lutz, made frequent trips to Europe gathering materials for the Hoover War Library.

Professor Golder's publications include, *Russian Expansion on the Pacific* (1914), *Guide to the Materials for American History in Russian Archives* (1917), *Bering's Voyages* (1922), *John Paul Jones in Russia* (1927).

On the morning of January 7, 1929, after a brief illness, Pro-