

of the Eighteenth Century;" by Professor H. L. Cannon, of Leland Stanford Junior University, on "Some Inherent Difficulties in the Study of History;" by Mr. John Jewett Earle, of Oakland, on "The Sentiment of the People of California with Respect to the Civil War;" by Professor C. A. Duniway, of Leland Stanford Junior University, on "Political and Civil Disabilities of the Negro in California, 1849-1861."

(2) The annual banquet at the Hotel Jefferson, corner of Turk and Gough streets, facing Jefferson Square, at six o'clock Friday evening, open to invited guests as well as members. The price per plate was \$2.00.

(3) An evening session, with the annual address by President W. D. Fenton of Portland, on "Edward Dickenson Baker;" a paper by Professor Max Farrand, of Leland Stanford Junior University, on "The West and the Declaration of Independence;" an account of the resources of the Bancroft Library, by Professor H. Morse Stephens and others, of the University of California.

(4) A session on the teaching of history and government on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Anderson, of the San Francisco State Normal School, led a discussion on the California State text-book history, and Dr. Roberts, of the University of California, presented the subject of local government.

(5) A business session, for the consideration of reports of committees and the election of officers.

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#### Teachers Interested in Local History.

Teachers in other parts of the State of Washington, as well as general readers, will be interested in the announcement of a programme of a teachers' meeting recently held in Wilbur, Lincoln County. It was devoted wholly to the history of the Pacific Northwest, and besides several appropriate musical numbers consisted of the following:

The Discovery of Puget Sound.....	Miss Phelps
The Romance of Astoria.....	Miss Dalton
Dr. John McLoughlin.....	Miss Lyons
The Log School House on the Columbia.....	Miss Fox
The Oregon Pioneer.....	Mr. Matthews
The Two Islands.....	Miss Phillips
Our Western Poets.....	Miss Wilson
The Bridge of the Gods.....	Miss Chandler
Was Marcus Whitman the Savior of Oregon?.....	Mr. Kohlstaedt

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#### Oregon Missionary Honored.

The well-known pioneer clergyman and missionary of Oregon—Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D., LL. D.—was beautifully re-

membered in South Salem, New York, last December. A memorial tablet in the Presbyterian church of that city was unveiled. During the exercises the following poem was read. It was written by Marion P. Lindsley, the wife of A. A. Lindsley, of Portland, Oregon:

A MEMORIAL.

Give me a mind, Oh Lord, like his, most just  
To choose between the right, the true and wrong,  
With mercy generous, and in action strong.

Give me a heart like his, steadfast and deep  
To see temptation and forgive the fall,  
As Christ, Thy Son, forgave the sins of all.

Give me a soul like his, with wings to soar,  
Uplifting on its pinions to the skies  
The souls of others that else could not rise

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**Revolutionary Letter by Baron de Kalb.**

The study of history constantly reveals unexpected sources in out of the way places. The Library of the State of Washington has an old letter written by Baron de Kalb. The story of how it came there is itself interesting history.

On August 9, 1898, Herbert Bashford, then Librarian, received a letter from Jesse Baker, Assessor of Wahkiakum County, which contained the following information:

"I don't remember whether I told you how I came in possession of the letter I am sending. I will do so now. I was a member of Co. H., 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and in March, 1862, several companies of my regiment, mine among the number, captured Columbia, Tenn., and occupied the court house for quarters. Previously several companies of a Confederate regiment had occupied the same building, and in the building was a room occupied by an antiquarian society. Before the Confederates left they had scattered the property of said society all over the floor. In looking over the letters on the floor, I found the one enclosed, and also one from Gen. Nathaniel Green to Gen. Washington, and also a twenty-pound colonial bill. These three I sent back to Polo, Ogle County, Illinois. Baron de Kalb's letter I recovered while back in Illinois last summer, but the last two seem to be lost entirely.

"The two holes in the letter I think were caused by being torn from some kind of clasp in which the letters were confined; but the general meaning of the letter can readily be determined so one can get the sense of the whole. In looking over the history of the United States, I should judge that Baron de Kalb