

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Honoring Memory of George F. Whitworth

March 15th, at the Whitworth School in Seattle, occurred an episode of historical interest. Under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Club, a meeting was held in the schoolhouse at the close of the day's session, attended by a half hundred mothers and three times as many of the older children under the direction of their teachers, drills, patriotic songs and other exercises were presented. An address upon the life, character and times of Rev. Geo. F. Whitworth, after whom the school was named, was made by Mr. Thomas W. Prosch, followed by presentation to the school of his portrait by a son, Mr. F. H. Whitworth, and acceptance of the same by Mr. Reuben W. Jones, Secretary of the Board of Education. The exercises were under the direction of the principal, Miss Emma Hart.

The day chosen for this event was the 99th anniversary of George F. Whitworth's birth. He was a man of much historic interest, being a pioneer of 1853, and one who until his death in 1907 was always engaged in public works of interest and value to the people among whom he dwelt. Saying nothing of his religious and other undertakings, of which much might be said, his efforts as an educator entitled him to every honor and consideration. He was foremost in his day in school matters. He taught the public school in Olympia, was superintendent of Thurston County, and had more to do with the school law enactments of Washington territory than any other person. He was also superintendent in King County and was twice president of the Territorial University. His last great act was the founding of a college by and for the Presbyterian Church, of which for a long life time he was an honored member. His associates in this work gave his name to the school, known to the world as Whitworth College, at Spokane, which promises in time to be one of the great denominational institutions of the United States.

The Tacoma Research Club of the State Historical Society

In January, 1915, this club entered on its second year by re-electing the following officers: President, O. B. Sperlin; vice-president, W. R. Andrus; secretary, W. S. Davis. During the past year the following papers have been presented at the regular monthly meetings: "Indian Myths," Mrs. Addie Barlow, of Steilacoom; "Theodore Winthrop as an Historical Scene Painter," John H. Williams, Tacoma; "Philosophical Basis for