

*Pacific Coast Historical Meeting*

The twentieth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at Los Angeles on November 28-29. The sessions were well attended and papers were read by representatives from eight Universities and Colleges located on the Coast. The address of President Cleland at the Annual Banquet was a very informing study of American-Mexican relations which was the result of a year's investigation in Mexico. This paper should have a wider circulation than it has received. The officers for the coming year are, President, Wm. A. Morris of the University of California; Vice-President, Oliver H. Richardson of the University of Washington; Secretary-Treasurer, Ralph H. Lutz, Stanford University. Informally the members expressed a desire that the next meeting be held at Seattle and the Council will keep in mind their wishes in arranging for the next meeting.

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*Early Days of the University of Washington*

Mr. J. Orin Oliphant, while searching through the files of Spokane's first newspaper—the *Spokan Times*—found two items about the Territorial University which he transcribed. They follow:

From the issue of September 25, 1879:

"The Territorial University at Seattle opened on the 1st inst. Prof. Anderson has ten able instructors, who are as factors, conducting the different branches of the University: A. J. Anderson, A.M., President—Psychology and Mathematics; Mrs. L. P. Anderson, Preceptress—Botany and French; Miss R. F. Scott, A. B.—Latin and Greek; T. R. Wilson, A.B.—Applied Mathematics and common English; Mrs. Emma Guttenberg—German; C. B. Plummer—Elocution; Miss Minnie Sparling—Painting and drawing; G. W. Ward, Vocal music; C. M. Anderson—Book-keeping and Practical Business; O. P. Anderson—Plain and Ornamental penmanship; Miss Jennie Hancock—Telegraphy."

From the issue of December 18, 1879:

"The attention of all concerned, and this class will include every permanent resident of the Territory, is called to the open letter of President Anderson, on University topics, to be found below. Under the guidance and control of Mr. Anderson, our Territorial school has grown from an institution of primary learning to one little short of the leading institutions of learning on the