

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.

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

Coast. With each succeeding quarter there is an increase of attendance, a raising of the higher branches of study, and a progress strongly marked and exceedingly gratifying. The following is President Anderson's letter:

"To the Citizens of Washington Territory:

"The University Fall term of 1879 closed the 3rd instant with 125 names upon the register, showing a gain of one student over the Fall term of 1878. Forty different classes recite daily. Average time of recitation, forty minutes.

"It is expected that the apparatus and reference books provided for by an appropriation of \$500 by the Legislature will be secured in time for use during the winter term, which begins December 1, 1879. At that time classes will be organized in Natural Philosophy, Conic Sections, Common School Bookkeeping and Counting House Bookkeeping. January 1, 1880, pupils will have an opportunity to begin the following studies: Algebra, Latin, Mineralogy, Greek and Mental Philosophy. Pupils can at any time enter classes in the common branches, music, Painting and Drawing.

"The price of tuition in the higher branches is just three-fourths of the charge at Willamette University, and is less than at any leading college of Oregon. At the same time it is the determination that the character of the instruction given shall not be excelled in any institution of the North Pacific Coast.

"Board and room in the University Boarding house can be had for \$45 per term of thirteen weeks. Private families charge about the same price. Some students find places to work for their board, while others board themselves at no greater cost than two dollars per week. Some of our most promising pupils work their own way."