

W. Saunders, a native of Cambridge, will present the Society a gavel made of the wood of the famous old elm. The occasion will be graced by the presence of Judge Harvey G. Remington, of Rochester, N.Y., and Dr. Frank Smith, of Elizabeth, N.J., who are respectively President General and Chaplain General of the Sons of The American Revolution.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

"Scion of the Washington Elm, Cambridge, Mass. The tree under which General Washington first took command of the American Army, July 3rd, 1775, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of this event. The Washington State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, erected this tablet July 3rd, 1925. This tree planted by Arthur J. Collins, an alumnus of the University of Washington."

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*President Penrose*

On completing his thirty-first year as President of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose tendered his resignation on account of the loss of eyesight. He would easily have passed into a very favorable place in the history of the Pacific Northwest for his excellent work in building up that sturdy institution of higher education. But he is by no means through with his beloved task. The Board of Overseers refused to accept his resignation. They voted to retain him as President for work within the College and to give him an assistant for the important activities in outside fields. Thousands of friends will rejoice over the courageous decision of President Penrose to continue his splendid career of intellectual endeavor.

Doctor Penrose was born in Philadelphia on December 20, 1864. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Williams College in 1885 and Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University in 1890. In that year he was ordained a Minister in the Congregational Church and for four years served as a home missionary Minister at Dayton, Washington. In 1894, he became President and Professor of Philosophy and Education in Whitman College. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Ripon College in 1902 and also from Williams College in 1905. Williams College also conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1919. He is a member of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. He earned the high honor of

Phi Beta Kappa in his collegiate days and is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

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*Norse American Centennial*

In common with Norse descendants throughout America, those in the Pacific Northwest commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the Norse immigration to America at the University of Washington Stadium, Seattle, on Sunday, June 28, 1925. There was abundant music and much of the history involved was portrayed in colorful pageantry. By a happy coincidence the event was preceded by the visit of a large group of singers, students and professors, from the University of Christiania. Although the name of Norway's Capital has gone back to the ancient Oslo, there was no evidence that the name of the great University has followed in common usage.

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*Mr. T. C. Elliott*

Readers of this publication and of the *Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* are familiar with the writings of Mr. T. C. Elliott, of Walla Walla. He is accepted as one of the best experts living on the history of the great Columbia River region and the areas adjacent thereto. Such readers and a host of personal friends will be grieved to learn that he has lately suffered an infirmity which threatened to deprive him of eyesight. Specialists throughout the country have been consulted and have succeeded in saving partial use of one eye. He is withdrawing from active business and will devote his remaining years to his loved work of historical research and writing.

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*Historical Materials at Washington*

Prof. J. F. Jameson, Director of the Bureau of Historical Research, Carnegie Institution of Washington, and Managing Editor of the *American Historical Review*, writes that the Governors of all the States are expected to request the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., to make available the documents and historical materials relating to the several States now in storage at the National Capital. If a sufficient number of States, through their Governors, manifest an interest in the matter the important work will be done at the expense of the Federal Government. Governor Roland H. Hartley has been requested to express Washington's interest in having the work undertaken.