

## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Death of a Former President*

William Franklin Edwards, former President of the University of Washington, died at his home in Englewood, New Jersey, on January 12, 1933.

He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1890 and when the University of Washington began its first year on this new Campus, September 4, 1895, Mr. Edwards was Professor of Physics. He was one of the most active and effective members of the Faculty during that period of reorganization.

In 1897, during a time of political upheaval in the State and the University, President Mark Walrod Harrington resigned on March 24, and Mr. Edwards was appointed President. He served until October 1 of that year when he was succeeded by Charles Francis Reeves as Acting President.

News of the passing of former President Edwards was sent by Daniel Ellis Douty, of the Class of 1892, Vice President and General Manager of the United States Testing Company. Mr. Edwards had been head of the Chemistry Department of that important Company holding a dominating influence in the American silk trade. Frequently, Mr. Edwards served as General Manager while Mr. Douty was absent in China and Japan.

The influence of Mr. Edwards extended to many other fields where his skill and achievement won for him high esteem, as evidenced by most cordial resolutions adopted on January 17 by the American Society for Testing Materials.

Mrs. Edwards preceded her husband in death five years ago. The family is now represented by a married daughter living in Detroit.

President Edwards should be cordially remembered as one who gave valuable help in laying durable foundations for the University of Washington at the time of its rebirth on the new Campus in 1895.

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### *The Jason Lee Centennial*

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1701 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., has devoted the January, 1933, issue of its *The Pastor's Journal*

to the proposed celebration of the Jason Lee Centennial in 1934. This issue is distinctly valuable for its numerous documents, letters and articles of real value in history. Many of the documents are not easily accessible in the original sources.

Rev. John M. Canse of Montesano has been helped in promoting this evident enthusiasm through his book, *Pilgrim and Pioneer* and through his serial on "Missionary Colonizers" in the *Pacific Christian Advocate*.

Our feature of this fine special edition is the complete text for a pageant entitled "The Light of the Trail," written by Esther Jacoby Merrill.

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*Gift from Mrs. Earle R. Jenner*

The University of Washington Library reports the acquisition of valuable manuscript material collected by the late Clarence B. Bagley. The material has been donated by the family through the courtesy of the daughter, Mrs. Earle R. Jenner of Seattle. It comprises numerous letters of Oregon and Washington pioneers, together with Mr. Bagley's own extensive correspondence of more recent years with such well known men as Edward Huggins, Edwin Eells, Ezra Meeker and George H. Himes. Included with the collection is a loose leaf volume containing original deeds and other legal papers involving many pioneer real estate transactions of the city of Seattle. The material rounds out the Bagley collection described in the *Quarterly* in the issue of April, 1919, and supplies biographical material relating to the Bagley and related families who have taken a prominent part in the development of Seattle and the Puget Sound region.

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*Death of Earle Jenner*

Since the above was written news has come that Mr. Jenner died in Olympia early in the morning of March 14. He graduated from the University of Washington in the class of 1895 and became one of the most efficient tax experts in the State. He helped to organize the Washington Title Insurance Company. Governor Martin took him from his work there to appoint him a member of the State Tax Commission. His work on the newly adopted Income Tax and with the Committees of the recent Legislature proved too great. He died after a brief illness. Hosts of friends are grieved over the loss of this most worthy citizen.