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Church, of Boston, Massachusetts. Colonel A. E. Clark was chairman of the committee on arrangements. A beautiful and sympathetic account of the ceremonies was published by Editor Robert Montgomery in the *Puyallup Valley Tribune* of July 28, 1933.

Honor for President Kane

Thomas Franklin Kane, who was President of the University of Washington from 1902 to 1914, has just resigned the position of President of the University of North Dakota where he had served since 1918. At the recent forty-fourth Commencement exercises the outgoing President was signally honored. The information was sent by Professor Albert H. Yoder who served under President Kane at both Washington and North Dakota. Professor Yoder writes: "You will be pleased to know that President Kane was presented an LL.D. It was a complete surprise. I never saw him so near to breaking down as when he received this official evidence of the affection of the faculty and students."

It Was Not a Portrait of Whitman

In the April issue of this *Quarterly* a brief article proclaimed the finding of a portrait of Dr. Marcus Whitman, something that historians had sought for nearly a century. The portrait had been reproduced and discussed by the Presbyterian Historical Society in the *Journal of the Department of History* for December, 1932.

Instantly there arose a questioning of the authenticity of the so-called "Ambrotype." Professor F. H. Hodder of the University of Kansas was prompt with questions but naturally the center of greatest interest was at Whitman College, Walla Walla. President S. B. L. Penrose received the original picture from Mrs. Eva A. Rule of Fredericktown, Ohio, who said that it had been in her family for many years. The known dates in the development of photography could not be reconciled with the years of Whitman's life. While Doctor Penrose would love to secure a portrait of Whitman, this one seemed to be impossible. Fire Ily, he got Professor Brode, Curator of Whitman College Museum, and Professor Haigh, Head of the Department of Chemistry, to take the "Ambrotype" out of its case and on the metal plate, on which the picture had been made, there was stamped this inscription: "Melainotype Plate. For Neff's Pat. 19 Feb. 56."

Doctor Whitman had been slain in the famous massacre on