

Pacific University

A Pioneer College



"THE LITTLE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE OF THE WEST"
PLANTED IN THE OREGON WILDERNESS

FOREST GROVE, OREGON

The Story of Pacific.

THE greatness of America is due to the visions of her pioneers who were intrepid promoters of new civilizations. Since they were supported in their vision by a country of great fertility, and natural resources of amazing value, the pioneers to the "Oregon Country" have achieved almost unthinkable progress within the span of a life-time.

Among the first to enter Oregon were the Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Clark of Vermont, who came



MARSH HALL—MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT SIDNEY HARPER MARSH
1854-1879

IN 78 years more than 4,000 students have experienced the joy of walking day after day under the oaks of old Pacific and looking away to the three snow capped mountains—Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams and St. Helens, lifting their white massiveness above the fir-clad hills.

as self-supporting missionaries to the Indians of the Tualatin Plains. They settled among them at what is now Forest Grove in 1841 and opened their mission and school.

On the very spot where they began that work, Pacific University now stands, a monument to their vision and that of other pioneers who were later associated with them.

A fact of great importance to Pacific University and to the community which it serves—a territory several hundred miles to the north, east and south—is the fact that those who founded the college were New England educators. The college has been known as "The Little New England College of the West;" thus perpetuating the memory of the men and women who came to Oregon for educational work, bringing with them the many generations of culture from New England colleges.

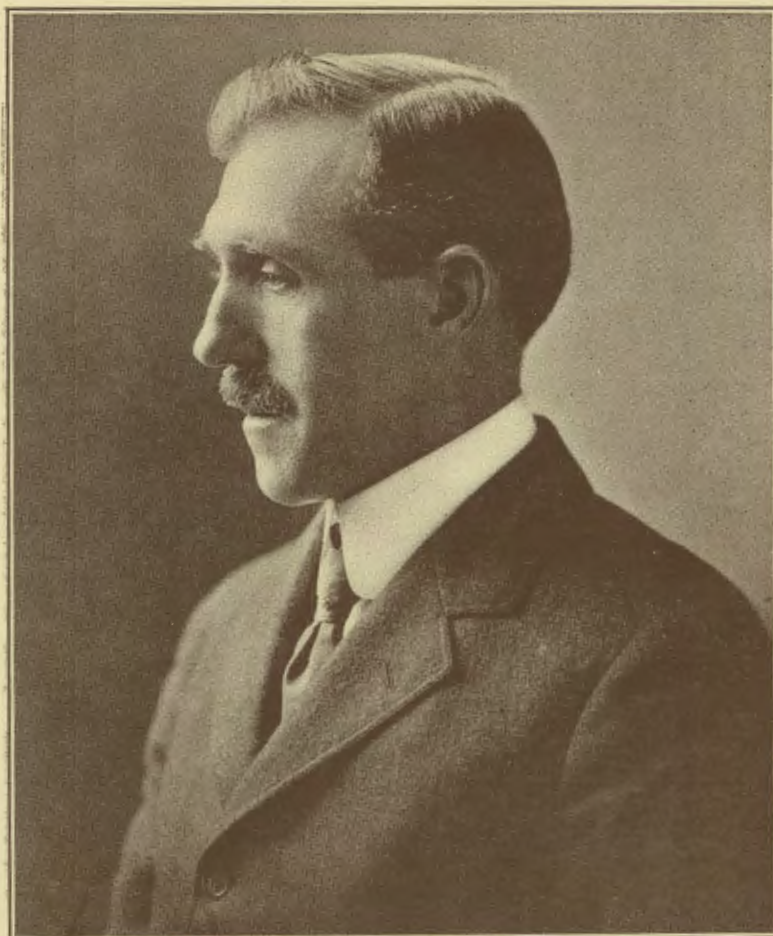
The first president, Sidney Harper Marsh, and his brother, Professor Joseph Marsh, were sons of President James Marsh of the University of Vermont, and grandsons of Eleazer Wheelock, the

first president of Dartmouth college. They contributed in themselves and in those they associated with them, the very best New England culture and scholarship. It became the passion of their lives to build here the kind of college they knew in the East.

Not only did these pioneer educators bring the best in academic attainments, but often returning to the New England states, secured money, books and other gifts for Pacific University.

In those early days, when money had greater value than now, President Marsh returned with nearly \$100,000.00 from his various trips, and also brought 400 volumes for the library in a single gift of Sidney E. Morse, the brother of the famous telegrapher. Not only are there in the library the early instruments with which Mr. Morse worked in perfecting telegraphy, but one of the most valuable books in the Pacific University library is a copy of Ptolemy's Universal Geography printed

at Basle in 1542, and which carries on its title page the inscription, "Sidney E. Morse from his affectionate brother, S. F. B. Morse, Rome, June, 1830."



PRESIDENT JOHN F. DOBBS

In two brief years as President of Pacific University Dr. Dobbs has won the respect and admiration of students, faculty, and townspeople. He has made a host of friends throughout the Northwest and the University is forging rapidly to the front under his splendid leadership.

tions that carried him through his great labor of building a newspaper for the pioneer community.

The Rev. Cushing Eells and others went from Pacific to organize Whitman College. Dr. A. J. Anderson, the first president of Whitman college, was a teacher at Pacific. Mr. E. D. Shattock, a Vermonter who came to Pacific as a teacher, was for more than 25 years one of Oregon's ablest and most honored jurists. Dr. Thomas Condon, one of the keenest thinkers who ever came to Oregon, was taken from the faculty of Pacific University to organize the state University at Eugene; and with him from Pacific went Professor Collier and Dr. Luella Clay Carson.

The graduates of Pacific University number less than 500—its student body has never been

During all these earlier days, Pacific University was the seat of culture in Oregon. At the western end of the Tualatin Plains gathered the highest learning; when Portland was occupied by a scattered population who were fighting for a home among the big trees, and were known as the people who "lived among the sticks." Here great men were trained for great tasks. The power of such men as Harvey W. Scott, for 40 years the editor of *The Oregonian*, was developed in the long hours of intimate fellowship with these renowned scholars. Mr. Scott pays tribute to the value of taking the textbooks of Greek philosophy and Greek plays into the woods for a long afternoon of reading and discussion with his professors. Under such tutelage the mind of the youth expanded to the power and beauty of the Greek mind, and acquired the firm convictions



STUDENTS ON THE STEPS OF McCORMICK HALL

Every fall after the leaves have fallen from the grand old oaks, students and faculty take a day off from class routine and clean up the entire Campus. Unique costumes and a picnic lunch are features of the day.



HERRICK HALL, DORMITORY FOR WOMEN

A beautiful modern home, housing nearly 60 young women. Its light, cozy rooms, its cheerful living rooms and pleasant dining room make it an ideal place to spend four years of college life.



McCORMICK HALL, DORMITORY FOR MEN

The gift of Mrs. Robert L. McCormick of Tacoma in memory of her husband. Over 50 men make their homes in this splendid new building. Many pleasant social affairs are held in its spacious lobby.

large—but among that small number have been some of the ablest and finest men and women who have helped to make Oregon, and that noblest thing in a state, a splendid citizenship.

Out of all proportion to her numbers has been her influence for sound learning, true culture and righteous living in this great Northwest.

Her alumni have not only wielded a worthy influence in Oregon but in foreign lands and on mission fields. Hastara Tamura, an important educator in Japan; Kin Saito, Chief Justice of the Court of Hokkaido, Hakodate, Japan; Rev. J. Elkanah Walker, for many years a missionary to China; more recently Dr. John X. Miller, a missionary in India and recognized by the British



SIXTY-SIX OF THE 100 MEMBERS OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS 1926-27

One-fourth of this class were honor students from Oregon and Washington High Schools.



THE FIGHTING BADGERS

A member of the Northwest Conference and always near the top. In six years at Pacific Coach Leo. J. Frank has made his football machine feared by even the larger schools. The squad above held "mighty Oregon" to a 0 to 0 score last fall.



THE GYMNASIUM

A fine floor, running track, locker rooms and showers for men and women, and swimming pool.



UNDER THE REDWOODS NEAR THE CAMPUS

The physical director for women takes her girls to this double row of Redwoods for the practice of aesthetic dancing and the preparation of plays.

Government in India as doing work of unusual value in industrial education; the present city editor of the Oregonian; lawyers, physicians, teachers and ministers all over the Pacific Northwest. These are some of the contributions of Pacific to the finest citizenship of the world at home and abroad.

Pacific University has never been sectarian or under denominational control. Her aim has always been "to make it possible for the young people of the Pacific Northwest to obtain a thorough education under Christian influences." The name "University" has always been somewhat a misnomer. It reflects the high aims and worthy aspirations of its early founders rather than actual achievements in the shape of graduate courses and professional schools.

Pacific belongs indeed to that important class of "the small college" and she is not only proud of it but is inclined to believe that her special mission to humanity is best fulfilled in that capacity.



THE LIBRARY

A beautiful white brick building adequately caring for nearly 25,000 volumes, as well as many valuable documents and antiques. Evenings one may see every seat occupied by busy students.



MAY DAY

Each year a beautiful pageant is given by the students and the Queen of the May reigns supreme for a day over her happy subjects.

Today the outlook for Pacific University seems bright with promise. A beautiful campus, second to none in the state; seven buildings, all modern but one; an endowment fund of about a quarter of a million; a loyal and enthusiastic student body; the prestige of an honorable past and an honor roll of worthy sons and daughters.

It would be difficult to find a more appropriate site for the campus of a college than that of Pacific University. Thirty acres of land rising above the surrounding country; cornering into the heart of a beautiful city of homes; flanked by three paved streets; covered in large part by about 300 of the original trees of the "knoll of the Tualatin." Pacific campus is open to the north and east, where may be seen three great mountains lifting their snowy masses above the fir-clad hills—Mt. St.



WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB 1926-27

The Conservatory of Music has for many years been an important part of the University. The Glee Clubs tour various sections of the Northwest each year to the delight of both the students and the towns that entertain them.



PETRIFIED STUMP

Marking the site of the little log school where "Grandma" Brown started the school that later grew into Pacific University.



BOXER, THE COLLEGE SPIRIT

An old Chinese idol brought to Pacific many years ago and now exemplifying the College Spirit. Also the object of much class rivalry.

Helens; Mt. Adams, and Mt. Hood. Standing on the ground at the president's house and looking across the nearly level campus, the line of the top of Mt. Hood reaches to the third floor of Herrick Hall, the girls' dormitory. From the east side windows of this hall the mountain presents a glorious view.

Great as is the past of this pioneer college, its loyal sons and daughters look with confidence to the future. Hoping that Pacific can always be kept a "small college," and so may continue its service of intensive inspiration; inculcation of high idealisms; and its insistence upon the value of spiritual influences in student life.

It is not and never has been a "church school" but is the truly "independent college" of Oregon.

But while it has no church doctrines to teach it has always been characterized as a Christian college.



THE PRESIDENT'S HOME

Many delightful social affairs take place here. Mrs. Dobbs is a charming hostess and is never happier than when her home is filled with college folks.

