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HEART OF OAK

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To Boxer
 Spirit of Pacific
 Guardian of our College days
 Keeper of our Traditions
 The emblem of our Student Life
 The Junior class
 Dedicates
 This Tenth Volume of
 The Heart of Oak



What student of Pacific University has not dreamed of capturing Boxer? What wily schemes and daring plans have not been devised to effect that capture? The securing of the "Old Dog," as Boxer is affectionately known to the Pacific family, has been the aim of classes for the past decade and a half.

Boxer has a long and eventful history. Being a bronze of the Ming dynasty, he is more than twice the age of the United States. A highly ornamental, fantastic celestial masterpiece, he was the respected property of a family of apothecaries at Shachou, Fuien. Dr. J. E. Walker, '67, for many years missionary to China, purchased the bronze from the last member of the family. Dr. Walker presented the bronze to Pacific University, and for many years, Boxer, as he was called by the students, remained seated in an alcove in Brighton Chapel. One day he disappeared, and in 1911 he was returned to chapel for a few minutes. In the fight that followed Boxer was broken into three pieces, all of which were finally secured by the class of 1918.

Since those days Boxer has changed hands several times, finally coming into the hands of the present Junior class early in its Freshman year. Boxer is a transient during these last days and no one can tell when he will change ownership.