John W. Johnson: From Pioneer **To First University President**

By JOE MEIER

A son of pioneers, John Wesley Johnson, first president of the University of Oregon and the man for whom the administration building is named, was a pioneer himself in the real sense of the word.

Born near the present site of Kansas City, Missouri March 22, 1836, Johnson, when 14, set out across the plains with an ox team for Oregon, the promised land. It was a long, hard journey for Johnson, filled with grief at the deaths of his mother and a sister who were buried in unmarked graves on the Nebraska plains.

Through courage and indomitable will, Charles Johnson and his nine children reached Oregon, where they took up a homestead within the limits of present-day Corvallis.

In the wilderness, they led the hard-working, strenuous lives of a pioneer family. Johnson early showed enthusiasm for learning, but in those days, educational facilities were crude. At the age of 17 he entered the

primary class of his district school, but he soon outstripped all his fellow students, especially in Outing Club Plans mathematics. In 1858 he determined to obtain a college educa- Overnight Ski Trip tion and borrowed the money necessary to send him through Yale.

Yale Student There were no transcontinental railroads then so he boarded a sailing vessel for the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed on horseback. From Panama, to save money, he took steerage passage on a ship bound for New York City. Altogether, he spent six months in travel.

At the age of twenty-four he faculty who could not rfeuse one entered Yale college by grace of a who had come so far, however poorly prepared. While enrolled there Johnson was a diligent, selfdisciplined student, working energetically to overcome his educational handicap. He graduated in 1862 with a standing surpassed by few in his class.

On his return to Oregon, Johnson became principal of the Baptist college at McMinnville, Oregon where he won a reputation for superior ability as instructor and administrator. Four years later, he accepted a position as principal of Central public school in Portland, the only fully-developed high school in Oregon at the time.

Pupils today are taught as part of the history of Portland public schools that "the Portland high school was founded by Professor John Wesley Johnson, afterward first president of the University of Oregon."

First President

When the university was foundin 1876, Professor Johnson was called to head its faculty. He was president for the following 17

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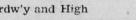
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years.

In the classroom, Johnson was a strict disciplinarian, with contempt for shoddiness and laziness, but he inspired his student with true ideals and worthy aims.

Johnson's contribution to Oregon's intellectual life is beyond calculation. He and a few others of like spirit laid the foundation of genuine scholarship and wholesome culture during the adverse period of pioneer development. Kinship, thoroughness, sympathy; in these forces lay the key of a career whose influences were all for the good.

President Johnson died of cerebritis at his home in Eugene, September 14, 1898. The administration building, Johnson Hall, was completed in 1915.

Editor's Note

This is the third in a series of articles on the men for whom the University buildings were named. Preceding today's article on President Johnson, the Emerald has had articles on Henry Villard and Samuel H. Friendly.

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