

convent of St. Vincent, and is under the charge of the Sisters of the House of Providence, of Vancouver. The attendance is about one hundred. The Walla Walla business college was established in 1882, and employs five competent teachers. Whitman college crowns the educational system of this region. It was organized as an academy in 1859, and work commenced in 1866. It struggled along until 1883, when, by charter, it was changed to a college, and placed under the charge of Dr. A. J. Anderson, as president. The tireless energy and skillful work of the president, both as an instructor and manager, has improved the institution within a few years so that in the breadth and thoroughness of instruction, in its general equipments and financial status, it occupies a high position among the educational institutions of the country. The faculty consists of six instructors and five special teachers. The organization and system of instruction is after the best New England models. A preparatory, or academic, course of three years for the classical, and two years each for the scientific departments precedes the college course of three or four years in the literary, scientific and classical courses, respectively. Special branches are a normal course and a business course, of three years each, a conservatory of music, with a course of three years, modern languages, elocution, painting and drawing. The college is in possession of a library of two thousand two hundred volumes, and one thousand eight hundred pamphlets; it has good physical and chemical apparatus and a complete set of instruments for surveying. The buildings are convenient, the grounds ample and finely located, and the situation central in a large and flourishing community. The attendance in 1886-7 reaches the respectable number of two hundred, of which twenty are in the college proper. The receipts from tuition, the aid from its patron, the American College and Educational Society, and the interest from a considerable endowment fund, place the college on a good financial foundation. The president, with the aid of the faculty and trustees, has succeeded in pervading the institution with a spirit of laudable ambition, noble endeavor, thoroughness and high christian morality, which, if continued, can not fail to place this college among the very first in the land.

There are in the city a number of commodious, and even ornamental, houses of worship. The largest and most costly structure is St. Patrick's Catholic church, a large brick edifice, forty-five by one hundred feet in size. It was completed in 1882, at an expense of \$20,000.00, and is one of the finest and largest churches in the entire Northwest. The Methodists have a fine edifice, which was dedicated in 1881, and cost \$9,000.00. St. Paul's Episcopal church was completed in 1873, at a cost of \$5,400.00. The Congregationalists, the first religious organization to enter this region as missionaries, as early as 1836, organized a church in 1864, and completed their present edifice in 1868, at a cost of \$5,000.00. The Baptists have a church building costing \$5,000.00. Other religious denominations are the Cumberland Presbyterians, whose structure cost \$6,000.00, in 1876; the Presbyterians, who have a strong organization and valuable church property; the Seventh Day Adventists; the M. E. church, south; the United Brethren, and the Christians. In the city are two lodges, one chapter, one lodge of perfection, one chapter of Rose Croix, and one commandery, of the various degrees of Masonry; two lodges and one encampment of the Odd Fellows; two lodges of Workmen; and one organization each of the orders of Knights of Pythias, Chosen Friends,