

PROMINENT MEN OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

One of the prominent figures in charitable, moral and humanitarian movements in Portland, is Rev. T. L. Eliot, pastor of the Unitarian church of Our Father, corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets. Mr. Eliot was born forty-nine years ago in the city of St. Louis, Mo., and is the eldest son of



REV. T. L. ELIOT, D.D.

Rev. W. G. Eliot, D.D., LL. D., Chancellor of Washington University of St. Louis. Mr. Eliot was graduated at this institution in 1862, in which year he saw something of army life in the cause of the union in the Missouri militia. In 1865 he received the degree of A. M. and the same year graduated from the Harvard school of divinity. His first pastorate was the First Unitarian church of St. Louis, where he served as colleague in 1866-7. In 1867 he was called to the pastorate of his present charge, the First Unitarian church of Portland, where he has remained continuously, except one year, 1876, spent in Europe. From 1872 to 1876 he was superintendent of schools of Multnomah county. In 1890 Harvard college conferred the degree of D.D. upon him. Mr. Eliot is a polished speaker, a thorough student and one whose brain and heart combine to lend great influence and power to his utterances. Personally he is a most courteous and kindly gentleman, of somewhat retiring disposition, though by no means so when necessary to push to the front in the cause of morality, humanity and good government. He has continually had a guiding hand in the affairs of the Oregon Humane society, the Boys and Girls' Aid society, the Home, the Ladies' Relief society and the City Board of Charities, either as an officer or director. The Church of Our Father, or the First Unitarian, was founded in 1866, through the preaching of Rev. Dr. Horatio Stebbins, of San Francisco, and until the present year Mr. Eliot was its first and only pastor, a continuous service of twenty-four years, proving that unity is a sentiment, and not a mere name, in that organization. An associate pastor of marked ability, Rev. E. M. Willbur, is now assisting Mr. Eliot in his work. The parish numbers 300 families, and is distinguished for its philanthropic work, the culture of its members and its refining influence upon the community. The Sunday school has 275 members. Several branch missions are maintained, and courses of lectures upon social science and kindred topics have been given for a number of years. One of its members, the late Miss Ella M. Smith,

magnificently endowed the Portland library and Boys and Girls' Aid society besides making bequests to other philanthropic societies. The parish is a great factor in the elevation of the community, and reflects in its work the personality of its pastor.

DEDICATION OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

On the seventeenth of March, the day universally observed by Catholics of Irish nativity in memory of St. Patrick, the new church on the corner of S and Eighteenth streets, bearing the name of that patron saint was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The services were conducted by His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop William H. Gross, the highest church dignity in Oregon, whose portrait is here presented by courtesy of the *Catholic Sentinel*. Archbishop Gross is a man of fine mental endowments and lofty sentiment, and occupies a high position in the esteem of his fellow prelates and the people generally. He was born June 12, 1837, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1863. His work for ten years was in the eastern states, and in 1873 he was appointed bishop of Savannah, being promoted to the archbishopric of Oregon three years ago.

St. Patrick's church is a beautiful edifice, of a style of architecture somewhat novel for a structure of that character, yet very imposing in appearance and pleasing in design. It is Basilican and Romanesque in its characteristics, and is built of Butte quarry stone, with trimmings of Tenino buff sandstone. It has a frontage of forty-five feet on Eighteenth street and 135 feet on S street, and the dome rises 100 feet above the basement, which is ten feet high. The ceiling of the auditorium is thirty-seven feet above the floor. Above the main entrance is the inscription "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," accompanied by an *Agnus Dei*. The edifice, when fully completed, will have a seating capacity of 1,000, and will cost \$30,000. Work upon it was begun more than two years ago, the corner stone having been laid on St. Patrick's day, 1889.



MOST REVEREND WILLIAM H. GROSS.

St. Patrick's church is the result of the zealous and unflagging efforts of Father P. F. Gibney, pastor of St. Patrick's parish, which numbers a mem-