THE PIONEER WOMEN OF OREGON

By Mrs. Omens-Adair, M. D.

continent, giving it the name of his ship, Mother how did you ever do it?"

From this time attention was directed these, to her mind, insurmountable obto the northwest coast, and vessels jections to a young lady of a licente sen-March, 1811, the present site of the town mother ast with her eyes int ntly fixed the Pacific Fur Co.

of Oregon. But it spread no farther not refuse! Ever since the day when I

of the four Indians who came from their bave me to do" and when the question home beyond the Rocky mountains to Will you go to Oregon as one of a little aroused, and two of the Missionary not do otherwise!"

Parker and Dr. Marcus Whitman, who meetings which were held in their house. Nez Perces at Walla Walla.

H. H. Spaulding and Mrs. Spaulding with but they cannot be found.

At the solicitation of the Board, Mr.

salvation, she came with her husband into her rest in the second party of missionaries under the direction of the American Board Sept. 1, 1838.

another station at Lapwal, and thither promise, bravely facing all the dangers Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Gray proceeded, remaining and privations of a pioneer life, on light to labor with them among the Nex Per, thing for one, who like her, had sacrices. Mrs. Gray entered heartily into the flowl high social culture to such a lif-

She commenced her Libors immediately she taught under a pine tree during the flown on the alter of God without to- don, Mich., says all of the good testimo fall, and until a log school house was gret. She was one of the few women nials that have been published by the built. This is described as "a puncheon who grow old pracefully time only manufacturers of Chamberlain's Coll scated, earth-floored building," and here bremed to add sweet grace of man er. Cholera and Diarhoea Remedy could be she taught her pupils until March, isp. and the lines of age on her face showd duplicated in that town. For sale by One especially interesting fact in con- only kindness and the extreme patienes nection with her labors there has teen of her daily life: "She bath done what handed down to us. She had a remark, she bould." Who can count the induable sweet, finely trained voice, and cares of her life and example! A large for household purposes of powdered when upon the morning after her arrival family who have gone out into she joined in the singing at family world will miss her sweet counsel and worship, Mr. Spaulding felt that it would admonition." The beautiful description be a power in their Subbath services, and of a good wife given by King Lemuel is by relieved by De Witt's Witch Hazel requested her to conduct that part of the worship. When the Indians heard him," (Proy. 31:10-31) finds a perfect ver- It heals without leaving a scar, Chasher sing they were visibly impressed lifeation in Mrs. Gray's daily life and Rogers. and afterwards spoke of her as "Christ", Character, sister," (The above is related and told by some of the older Indians and Hutson trust in her-She will do him good and Bay men.) Whenever sire sang, they not evil all the days of her life. Sh

valley. Later they removed to Classop fruit of her hands; and let her ow plains, where they resided for several works praise her in the gates." years, and finally settled in Ameria. Mr. Gray survived his wife about Where ever they went, they strove to ad- tight years. He spent the last se ea vance the kingdom of Christ, and ex- weeks of his life at the house of his erted a decided influence in the cause of son-in-law, Jacob Kamm, Esq., of Porteducation, temperance and benevolence, land, and died November 14, 1889, age-In 1846 they assisted in forming the first 10 years, 2 months and 6 days. Presbyterian church in Oregon, with Rev. Beside his missionary duties and the

SKETCH OF MARY AUGUSTA GRAY. | While visiting at her mother's a few A handsome monument of Italian man Very little more than a century has months before her death Mrs. Kamm sail ble marks the spot in the Astoria cemclapsed since our beautiful Columbia to her one day, "Mother, I have often every where they lie. It was prepared river was seen by other eyes than these wondered how, you with your education as a memorial of love and respect t and surroundings, the refinements of life Mrs. Gray from her husband. Just 300 years from the eventful 1882, that you were accustomed to, and your when Columbus demonstrated to the own personal habits, you could possibly rose again, even so them also which is unbelieving world the existence of an- have made up your mind to matry a lieve in Jesus will God bring with him other continent toward the setting sun, man to whom you were a total stranger, beyond the ocean that had hitherto so short a time from your first meeting Mrs. Amery Holbrook, at Portland, the bounded their lives, in 1782, on the 11th with him, and going with him such a gon, a devoted friend of the law Mrs. day of May, a ship from Boston, com- terrible journey, thousands of miles from Wm. H. Gray. Mrs. Holbrook is her-

manded by Captain Robt. Gray, dis- civilization, into an unknown wilder- self a pioneer of Oregon, widely and covered and entered the mouth of this, ness, across two chairs of mountains, highly esteemed. She has devoted her the third great river on the American trid exposed to countless dangers- lite to her church and to benevelent While Mrs. Kamm was recounting all

frequently visited the river, until in sibilities, and relative modesty, ber of Astoria was selected and occupied by upon the carpet, and then, after a few moment's pause, replied with great earn-This was the begining of the settlement estness and solumnity, "Carrie, I dare gave myself up to Josus, it had been In response to the touching appeal my daily prayer Lord, what will than St. Louis in 1834, asking for the "White band of self-denying missionaries and Man's Book," telling about the "White leach these poor Indians of their Savier!" Man's God," and a teacher to explain it was subdenly proposed to me, I telt that to them, the hearts of Christians were it was the call of the Lord and I could lous Indian Spuckets, while as short

societies took measures to answer the And her daughter saw and felt the call-the Methodist Episcopal Society in power of the love of Christ that had and a large number of them rode by the United States, and the American been the governing principle of her Board of Commissions for Foreign Mis- mother's life, and owned its sweet and sacred influence.

The company of missionaries sent by Among Mrs. Kamm's early recollections the American Board were Rev. Samuel were the little missionary and maternal established a mission station among the She distinctly remembers these meetings. as it was always her lot to "take care of When the location was decided upon, the baby" while her mother conducted Dr. Whitman immediately returned to the simple services, and afterwards wrote the east to procure associates to carry the "minutes" in a spare copy-book. on the mission. On the strength of his 'The "collection" on missionary day was report, the American Board resolved to hever forgotten. Those early records enter upon the work, and instructed Rev. Would be of the deepest interest now.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitman to proceed the In 1870, after an absence of E years, next year to Orogon to labor among the Mr. and Mrs. Gray returned to New York for a visit, going by steamer to San William H. Gray, of Utles, N. Y., ac. York. One can imagine their sentation companied them as secular agent of the as they were rapidly whirled along ever expedition and in Sept., 1836, the party the ground which they had crossed so ness forment the body, the head cannot reached Walla Walls on the Columbia many years before so slowly and labor- he clear. These disorders react upon the

The following year Mr. Gray returne! On the 5th of December, 1831, Mrs. Gray cloudiness in the organ of thought not to the east to procure supplies and re- die I at her borns to the Khaskashas farm, experienced by a healthy man, Happily, enforcements for the mission, and in ared 71 years, il mornhs and I days. She these brain-oppressed maladies may be both respects was successful. While had taken her seat at the breakfast table entirely cured by that peerless alterthere he sought in marriage and won as usual, but feeling quits anwell, re- auve, Hosterter's Stomach Bitters which the hand of Miss Mary Augusta Dix, of turned to her room. She was seized with cheers, refreshes and invigorates the Champlain, N. Y., a choice in which he wevers vomiting which could not be brain and nerves, while it regulates the was signally guided 'by the good hand checked. She was evidently staking, Her organs of digestion, assimilation and idhusband said to her, "Mother, are you lous secretion. It expels the morbid Miss Dix was a young lady of chica. going to leave us? Are you prepared to humors which posion the system through tion and refinement, and of unusually 20." She replied "Yes, if it is the Lord s the nowels and urinary passages, and ex-In addition to these she was a humble, serve Him, and care for my family, and well. Its cathartic action is never inconsecrated Christian. She came to the he will not forsake me now." From this tating, violent or painful but even notwilds of the unknown territory of Ore, time she appeared to be rifleved, and ural and progressive. As an appetize gon, not as many came in later years, with a little more convergal 1 35 and sleep promoter, the fittlers is unrivdrawn by the stories of the wonderful family matters, she coased speaking alled, it mitigates the infemities of age attractiveness of climate and soil. But Soon ofter, with an earned prayer that palences the allments peculiar to the the word went to the east has her ther children and friends might loss her gentler sex, errests premature decay were human souls under deaky skin, in her "Father's house for made with and builds up an enfectled physique who were calling for the "Bread of Life." hands." there to dwell with her Lord and and, actuated by a desire to teach the Savier who had been with her through brathed on our own shore the gaspet of all life's journey, she passed peacefully

"The death of Mrs. Gray calls forth chloroform is often effective to join the four who had preceded them regret from a large circle of friends across the Rocky mountains, and with who have long known and loved her, and them formed the advance guard of the we add our testimony to the valuable the time to attend to a cold is when I grand army which fou ded a new civili. life of one whose friendship we valued starts. Don't wait till you have son zation on the northwest coast, the party so much, . . . She came as a mission samption but prevent it by using One arrived at Waltman's station, Wallamer, arr. filled with a desire to devote Minute Cough Cure, the great remedi her life and sarnings to the cause of for coughs, colds, croup, brouchitis and Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding had established Chirlet, and well did she fulfil that all throat and lung troubles. Charles work of teaching the Indian women and among Indians, is a wild, far-off, un- trimmed off and the ends are then hold

. Briows; country, Leaving it all behind her, she turned her with from 50 to 100 native children, whom face to the setting sun, laying her life Mr. C. L. Hasbrouck, a drugglet at Mon-"the prophecy that his mother taught Salve, unequalled for cuts, bruises, burns.

"The peart of her husband doth mafely would gather around and listen with layeth her hands to the sminlle-Shrapt attention, as if to heavenly music. Firsteneth out her hand to the poor; and In the fall of ISE, she left for the to the needy-Sne openeth her mouth linzel Salve. Piles and rectal diseases, Whitman station with her husband and with wisdom, and in her rongue to the cuts, burns, bruises, totter, eczema and infant son in a Chinook cance, puddled law of kindness. She look-th well to the and steered by two Nez Perces Indians, Ways of her household, and eateth not They remained there. Mrs. Gray as, the bread of idleness. Her children arise sisting Mrs. Whitman in teaching until up and call her blessed; her husband 1842, when they came to the Willamette who, and he praiseth her-Give her the

Lewis Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Con- other labors consequent upon his engagedit, at Clatsop plains. (Clatsop church ment to the American board from 1806-12 Mr. Gray found time to keep a minute Seven of their children survive them, detail of the occurrences of their daily They are Judge J. H. D. Gray, of As. life; and in 1870 published a history of teria; Caroline A., (Mrs. Jacob Kamm, of Oregon. He had also published I sae Portland:) Mary S., (Mrs. Frank Tarbell, works, but quite important, and die of Tacomat) Sarah F., (Mrs. Wm. Aber- much to establish the fact that by nethy, of Dora, Coos county, Oregon;) Whitman's purpose in his new famous Capt. William P. Gray, Capt. Albert W. 1:de across the continent in the winter of Gray and Capt. James T. Gray, of Port- 1812-12 was to save Gregor to the Unite-States.

Core so much for the First Presis keeping fully abroast of the times in al works of charity and benevolence.

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NOTES.

Judge McCown, in his occasional albress of 1884, stated on puce 21, of his iddress "No woman over formed his ki "An Incident related by Judes J. H. D. Gray, showing the strong character and Thomas Owens had killed the had a c

be was attempting to agreet him, the Clatson Indians but on their war palia Mrs. Gray's house, in hostile Indian fashion, Mrs. Gray at the first sight of them sent ber children away from the ouse into the brush, and warned them keep out of sight.

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