

years, and finally in 1856-7-8-9-and 60, on our application, and until a fund was secured at the East and securely invested here so as to give an income of a greater amount."*

*Biography of Dr. Atkinson p. 244.

The following circular was prepared, signed by as many of the trustees as possible, and circulated in the east by Dr. Atkinson.

TUALATIN ACADEMY.

"The undersigned "President and trustees of Tualatin Academy", in Oregon Territory, beg leave to commend this Institution to the patronage of the Friends of Education in the Atlantic States.

"Oregon is practically 5,000 miles from the Colleges and the higher Institutions of learning in our country. It has been in process of settlement for about ten years, and principally from the pioneer classes of the Western States. For seven or eight years, Jesuit Priests have been establishing permanent Institutions of learning at great expense, while also striving to gain popular favor. The need of having our own schools, and those of a high character, and upon a permanent foundation, became, therefore, not only very obvious, but very urgent to us. Early in 1849, we obtained an Act of Incorporation for Tualatin Academy, with the privilege of adding a Collegiate Department. Since that time our Primary School has been in successful operation, and the Institution has been widely gaining the confidence of the public. It is located in a healthy place, called Forest Grove, on the border of two broad and beautiful prairies, having in distant prospect three lofty mountains covered with perpetual snows. It is central, and

easily accessible from all parts of the Territory. Two hundred acres of choice land were donated to it, which have been laid out in acre-lots, about forty of which have been sold at from \$100 to \$200 each, to defray past expenses. A large and commodious building has been erected, and in part finished, at an expense of \$7,000,000, five-sevenths of which is paid. We wish now to endow Collegiate Professorships for this Institution:--

"FIRST. So as to continue the education of those young men who have left, and who are leaving, Institutions in the States, and emigrating with their friends to Oregon, not to return.

"SECOND. To educate our teachers and public men.

"THIRD. To elevate the character of our Common Schools and Academies.

"FOURTH. To promote, as a College always does, the general interests of education and religion.

"FIFTH. To save our youth who are to become the leading and most enterprising minds, from Jesuit Seminaries, to which they will resort, unless we have one with superior advantages.

"Feeling the necessity of immediate action, we have done what we could, and while relying upon Divine favor, as in all the past, we turn to YOU, who know the value and perpetual influence of the Institutions established by our fathers, and we ask for aid enough to continue and perfect the work already so auspiciously begun. For this purpose we have commissioned one of our Board of Trustees, Rev. G.H. Atkinson, as our Agent, hoping that he will meet with philanthropic and Christian men, who, like Harvard, Yale Dartmouth, and Bartlett, will respond to his appeals.

HARVEY CLARKE,

HORACE LYMAN,

HIRAM CLARK,

J. QUINN THORNTON,

T. G. NAYLOR,

WILLIAM H. GRAY,

GEORGE H. ATKINSON,

JAMES MOORE,

Trustees of Tualatin

Academy, Washington

County, Oregon Territory.

This was endorsed in the east by Doctors M. Badger, and D. B. Coe, Secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society, such prominent pastors of Congregational and Presbyterian churches as R.S. Storrs, jr, Henry Ward Beecher, Gardiner Spring, George B. Cheever, William Adams, Thomas H. Skinner, Samuel H. Cox, and Edwin F. Hattfield, and the book publishers, Mark H. Newman, Henry Ivison, and A. S. Barnes & Co.

One other object which Dr. Atkinson had was to find some one who would be at the head of the Institution. A professor was soon engaged, who after spending weeks in studying textbooks and plans for the college course, declined, but introduced Rev. S. H. Marsh, then a student in Union Theological Seminary to Dr. Atkinson. He accepted the commission and soon began to collect a library and funds. Dr. Atkinson afterwards said that when he became a little acquainted with him in New York, he decided that he had the "staying" qualities, of "stictoitiviness", and would not be discouraged at any ordinary discouragement, and his judgment of the the man proved to be decidedly correct.