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### The Commercial College of the University of the Pacific.

While the excellence of the College of Liberal Arts and the Conservatory of Music are generally recognized, it may not be generally known throughout the Church that we have, as a part of the preparatory work of the University of the Pacific, a Commercial College that is in every way equal and in many ways superior to any business college on the Pacific Coast.

Very early in the history of the University the value of a commercial education was recognized, and a "Commercial Department" has long had a place in the curriculum. For a number of years, however, the finances of the University did not warrant the employment of a salaried teacher, and from time to time some young man of ability, who was taking a college course, was appointed to teach the commercial branches.

Later, a shorthand course was added, the teacher working on a commission, and this venture, like the business course, demonstrated clearly that there was a de-

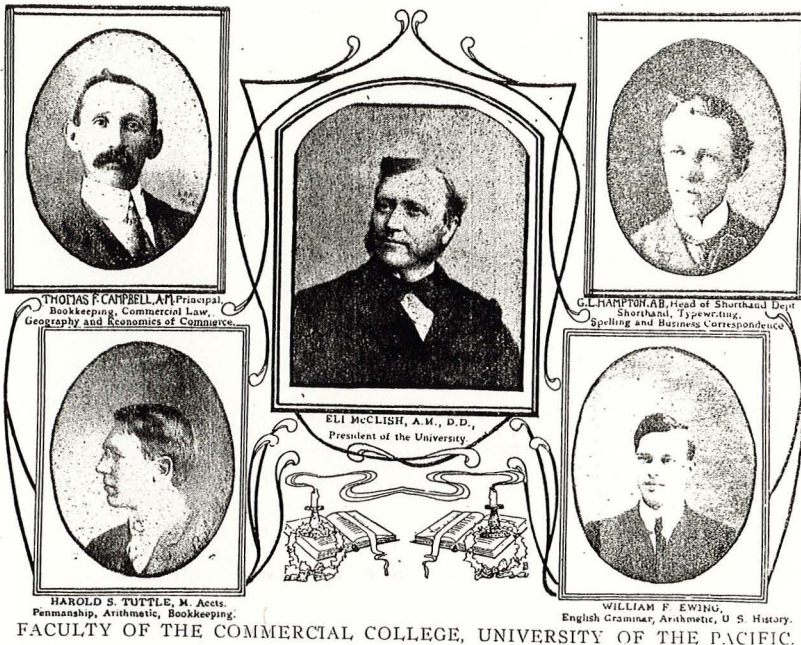
and were provided out of the income of the department itself. From this time dates a complete commercial college, with a full corps of teachers. An additional teacher, provided this year for the Shorthand Department, has every hour of his time employed, the attendance being several times as great as during the same period of last year. In the Business Department also there is a marked increase of attendance so that the principal's entire time is not required in the actual business room, all classes having been assigned to other teachers.

The plan of the work is actual business from entrance to graduation with constant personal supervision and direction, and when a student has completed the course, he has developed a confidence in his own ability that enables him to take hold of office work with a facility unknown to students prepared by any other method. Some of the recent graduates have taken as their first outside work positions in which their predecessors had failed to give satisfaction, and it has thus fallen to their lot to do expert work in straightening out errors that had been ac-

stand-point are invaluable in laying the foundation of a successful life. All the teachers are educated, refined Christian men, thoroughly acquainted with their work and popular with the students; and, if a student desires to take advanced English or any modern languages, or other academy or college study for which he is prepared, it can be taken in connection with his commercial course without extra charge. All these are advantages which a student does not find in a business college.

In athletics, also, this school has advantages, in that enthusiasm is inspired by the numbers in attendance on all departments, while the same moral atmosphere pervades the playground that is found in the schoolroom.

No young man or woman in our church who must leave home to attend a business college or shorthand school could possibly make a mistake by attending the University of the Pacific, and, to such as are not able to leave home for financial reasons, there are opportunities of working one's way. Possibly a Correspondence



mand for this line of business education also.

Up to this time neither department had had a permanent head, hence there were no definite plans for the up-building of a Commercial College, but both shorthand and bookkeeping, with their accompanying branches, were taught merely as a matter of accommodation to students in other departments who might desire such instruction.

It was not until May, 1895, that the trustees of the University elected a regular instructor for this department with the understanding that if there was not sufficient commercial work he would assist in the work of the Preparatory Department. For some four years work continued under this plan, the commercial work steadily growing under the direct supervision it was receiving and the teacher soon dropping all work pertaining to other departments and devoting himself exclusively to the commercial.

Gradually, the department was brought to such a condition in point of attendance and income that additional teachers became both a necessity and a possibility

accumulating for months, while others have been employed to open books and plan a system for concerns whose business involved considerable complexity.

In the Shorthand Department the latest plans of work had been employed several years before their general adoption by other schools, and at present a method is followed by which speed sufficient for the work of an amanuensis is developed and maintained from the second or third lesson. One young man, doing office work while taking his course, was thus able to use his shorthand at once as fast as he learned it, resulting, in a comparatively short time, in making him an expert writer and unerring reader of shorthand notes.

But while we may say all this for the regular work of the Commercial College, we have in so doing only mentioned points in which other good schools might equal it, while on the other hand there are advantages and influences surrounding the student at this school that amount to an additional year of school work in the social and literary polish obtained, and that from a moral and religious

Department will be opened later, as the matter is already under consideration.

Students may enter in January and graduate in May, if their previous preparation is such that they have formed the study habit, but on this and other points in the working of the school, one may obtain the most reliable information by writing to the president of the University or the principal of the Commercial College. Our aim in this article has been solely to call the attention of our people to an institution of our own that is not only worthy of their patronage but to their advantage to patronize. A neat illustrated circular of the departments of the Commercial College has been issued and will be mailed to any one upon request.

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