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Director
Bruce Le Roy, Tacoma

Dear Board Member:

I thought you would like to have a copy of the brochure just released by the Arthur Clark Company about Dr. Clifford M. Drury. You will note that our Captain Robert Gray Award medal is reproduced inside the brochure.

Best wishes,

**Bruce Le Roy
Director**

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The Arthur H. Clark Company

is pleased to present

Clifford Merrill Drury

Author, Editor, and Lecturer

Historian and Bibliographer

in the field of the

History of the Pacific Coast

and the Protestant Missions

of the Pacific Northwest



CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS

WRITTEN OR EDITED BY CLIFFORD M. DRURY

- Henry Harmon Spalding, Pioneer of Old Oregon (Caxton Printers, 1936), two editions.*
- Marcus Whitman, M.D., Pioneer and Martyr (Caxton Printers, 1937).*
- Elkanah and Mary Walker, Pioneers among the Spokanes (Caxton Printers, 1940).*
- United States Navy Chaplains, 1778-1945 (U.S. Government Printing Office, 1945).* (Also in vol. 3, History of Chaplain Corps)
- A Teepee in his Front Yard: A Biography of Henry T. Cowley (Binfords and Mort, 1949).*
- History of the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy (U.S. Government Printing Office, vol. I, 1949; vol. II, 1950; vol. III, 1945; vol. IV, 1953; vol. V, 1958; also wrote over one-third of vol. VI, 1960).*
- Diary of Titian Ramsay Peale, Oregon to California, 1841 (Glen Dawson, 1957).*
- Presbyterian Panorama (Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia, 1952).*
- The Diaries and Letters of Henry H. Spalding and Asa Bowen Smith, relating to the Nez Perce Mission, 1838-1842 (Clark, 1958), \$12.50
- The San Francisco Y.M.C.A: One Hundred Years by the Golden Gate (Clark, 1963), \$8.00
- First White Women over the Rockies: Diaries, Letters and Biographies of the Six Women of the Oregon Mission, 1836 and 1838 (Clark, vols. I and II, 1963; vol. III, 1966), \$32.00
- William Anderson Scott, "No Ordinary Man" (Clark, 1967), \$6.50
- Rudolph James Wig: Engineer, Presbyterian Layman, Pomona College Trustee (Clark, 1968), \$6.50
- A Bibliography of California Religious Imprints, 1846-1876 (California Historical Society, Fall 1968). An annotated listing of 1,092 titles.

"Marcus Whitman, M.D: A Reappraisal" is now in the course of preparation. This will not be a mere reprinting of the 1937 publication, but an entirely rewritten work incorporating results of extensive research on this subject since 1937.

In addition to the above-mentioned books Dr. Drury has published some forty or more articles on various phases of the religious or missionary history of the West, and especially on the Old Oregon country. These have appeared in such scholarly journals as *California Historical Quarterly*, *Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society*, *Oregon Historical Society Quarterly*, *Pacific Historical Review*, and *Pacific Historical Quarterly*.

* Out of print. These occasionally become available and we invite your request for quotations. The priced titles are immediately available, and detailed circulars will be sent on request. Prices are subject to sales tax on sales in California.

Enthusiastic praise of Dr. Clifford Drury and his work is recorded in many scholarly journals and publications.

Here are excerpts from a few such reviews:

Alvin M. Josephy, Jr., respected historian and editor of the Book Division of American Heritage Publishing Company, makes this comment: "Dr. Drury is the ablest, most experienced and astute researcher and historian in the field of Protestant missions in the Northwest from the 1830s to the end of the nineteenth century. His books, articles and contributions form the bedrock for works of others on the subject. His biographies of the Protestant missionaries in the Northwest are the best and most complete available."

"There could be no better choice of a scholar to edit these noteworthy dairies than Dr. Drury, who has spent most of his adult life in historical research of the Pacific Northwest region. His copious and careful footnotes, his guide to persons and places mentioned in the text, his bibliographical citations, all of them have been laborious spadework for the future scholar. This work . . . will rank foremost among the many outstanding books published by the Arthur H. Clark Company, and shall perhaps remain in perpetuity as a repository for writers and scholars."—*New York Westerners Brand Book*

"Drury admirably attains his purpose of presenting the epic story of great Christian devotion on the Pacific Northwest frontier. . . He has woven the many threads of the Oregon Mission story into a comprehensive and well-patterned whole. . . Each woman's journal, diary, or letters, vary in depth and richness according to the individual. . . Much of the documentary material used in these volumes has never before been published, hence, this work is an exceedingly important contribution to Pacific Northwest history."—*American Historical Review*

" . . . fascinating reading. . . The editing of these volumes inspires the greatest respect. . . The total impact of the present collection is to deepen our knowledge of the early Oregon missionaries and their wives rather than to change our general ideas."—*Montana Magazine*

" . . . rich in descriptions of the overland journal, insights into personal, family, and mission problems, and reflections about colleagues, Indians, employees, guests, priests, and fur traders. The documents reveal womanly preoccupation with home and family, the weary round of labor—washing, ironing, cleaning, sewing, cooking, baking—in the midst of circumstances made bleak and forbidding by isolation, sickness, conflict and tragedy."—*Pacific Historical Review*

" . . . tell so well the troubled history of the Oregon Mission of the American Board that probably no other scholar will think it necessary to do this work again . . . magnificent in its conception, scholarly in its presentation, and pleasing in its appearance."—*Mississippi Valley Historical Review*

"Dr. Drury has carved for himself a permanent and topmost place as the chronicler of Protestant mission efforts in the Pacific Northwest . . . he handles his material with a pleasant sureness that makes him one of our most delightful and rewarding historians."—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*



The first award of the
CAPTAIN ROBERT GRAY MEDAL
presented to
CLIFFORD MERRILL DRURY
by the
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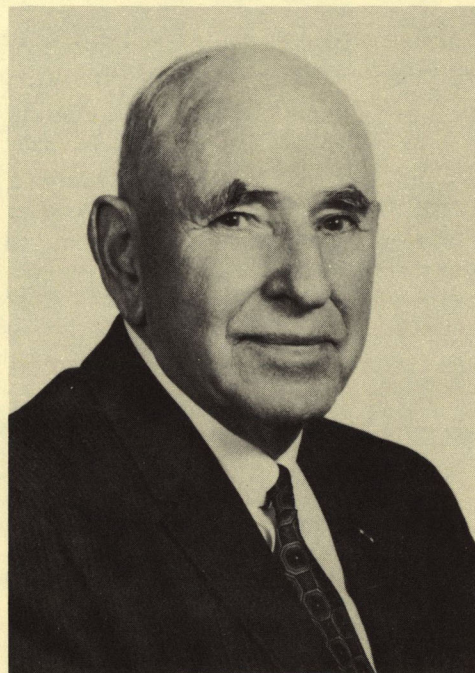
Dr. Drury has been honored as the first recipient of the Captain Robert Gray Medal award, in recognition of his outstanding achievement in his many contributions to Pacific Northwest history. The citation accompanying the award of the medal reads in part:

"Pastor, Navy Chaplain, Scholar, Teacher and Author. Dr. Drury has been a prodigious worker, throwing his full energy into every undertaking, demonstrating both enthusiasm and objectivity in his research and writing. This award is for notable achievement of the highest order."

A Biographical Note

For over thirty-five years, Dr. Clifford M. Drury has pursued the fascinating hobby of ferreting out old historical documents and diaries, letters, pictures, and similar records from which he has written and published twenty volumes and over forty articles. This is a notable record for one who at the same time carried on his work as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Moscow, Idaho, 1928-38, who occupied the chair of Church History at San Francisco Theological Seminary for twenty-five years, who served five years on active duty as a Navy Chaplain, 1941-46, and who spent all or parts of eleven summers after 1946 working on the history of the Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy.

Clifford M. Drury was born on a farm in Iowa in 1897; was graduated with a B.A. degree from Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, 1918; was graduated with a B.D. degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary, 1922. He was married that fall to Miss Miriam Leyrer. They became the parents of two sons and a daughter. He was ordained by the Presbyterian Church in March 1922. For more than four years, 1923-27, Dr. Drury served as pastor of the Community Church (American), in Shanghai, China. In the summer of 1927, Dr. and Mrs. Drury and their two-year-old son went on around the world to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he spent three terms in the University working for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in history. Upon completion of his thesis, the degree was granted in 1932.



A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Returning to the United States after an absence of over five years, the Drurys settled at Moscow, Idaho, where he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The proximity of Moscow to the Clearwater Valley and the Nez Perce Indians served to introduce him to this interesting tribe to which the Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Spalding came in 1836. Dr. Drury has had thrilling and even fantastic experiences in discovering unpublished and original source material. His first three books (see the bibliography on the next page of this folder) established his reputation as being a reliable and scholarly authority. These books have long been out of print and second-hand copies, when located, usually command a price many times the original publication price.

Dr. Drury was the first Presbyterian minister to be commissioned in the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was called to active duty in December 1941; was appointed the official historian of the Corps in 1943; attained the rank of Captain in 1945; was released from active duty in 1946; and was retired from the Navy in 1957. From 1938 to 1963, except for time in the Navy, he taught at the San Francisco Theological Seminary from which he was retired at the end of 1963. He and his wife moved to Pasadena, where Dr. Drury continues his writing.

A number of special honors have come to him as a result of his scholarly attainments including three honorary degrees — D.D., Buena Vista College, 1941; Litt.D., Whitworth College, 1955; D.H.L., Whitman College, 1964. He received a Letter of Commendation with medal from the Secretary of the U.S. Navy, 1957; a distinguished service award from the Presbyterian Historical Society, 1960; the Captain Robert Gray Medal mentioned previously; and was honored by being the first recipient of a "distinguished alumnus award" from his Alma Mater, Buena Vista College, October 1968.

Seven of his twenty books have been published under the Clark imprint in Glendale. Dr. Drury is the prime authority in the field of the history of the Protestant missions of Old Oregon. There has been no mission of any branch of the Protestant church at home or abroad which has been so completely researched, written, and fully documented as the Oregon Mission of the American Board. Dr. Drury has planned three more volumes for publication in Clark's Northwest Historical Series.

His earlier works, highly prized for their readability and factual accuracy, are now collector's items. The same condition will apply to Dr. Drury's volumes published under the Clark imprint when the publisher's stock is exhausted, though they have been issued in adequate yet limited editions.