

Life and Times William Washington Bolton



1885-6 Worked as a Missionary in Moosomin, Saskatchewan
 1886-7 Returned as Curate at Stoke on Trent
 1887 Appointed Rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Esquimalt, BC
 1888-90 As well as being the Rector, he became the teacher at St. Paul's School at the request of the Parish.



Barnacle Dobson Bolton Collier Harvey 1909

1889 February 11, he married Agnes Jane Bushby, a granddaughter of Sir James Douglas
 1890 In March, St. Lukes Episcopal Church sent the Reverend William Bolton to Cow Hollow district of San Francisco to teach. Bolton persuaded Frank Pixley, publisher and editor of the Argonaut, a nationally known newspaper and owner of considerable property in Cow Hollow, to donate a corner lot for the church building and in April 1891, St. Mary the Virgin became the ninth parish of the Episcopal Church in San Francisco. His sons were born in San Francisco: Eric in 1891 and Gerard in 1893.



School Photo 1909

1894 He secured leave of absence from that Diocese in order to undertake an exploration expedition on Vancouver Island.
 1896 The second expedition of Vancouver Island.
 1898 W.W. Bolton resigned from his post in San Francisco, wishing to raise his children under the British flag returned to Victoria, B.C. where he opened a school in his own home at 1157 Belcher Avenue.

1906 W.W. Bolton and J.C. Barnacle founded University School. Operating from both 1157 Belcher Avenue and 1082 Richmond Road.

1907 R.V. Harvey brought his Queen's School from Vancouver to join University School, and he became the third founder of University School. RVH set up residence nearby at a family home on Rockland Avenue.

1908 Fifteen acres were purchased on the southern slopes of Mt. Tolmie. October 7, 1908 the Foundation Stone of School House was officially laid (current SMUS Campus).

1909 February 1, University School was occupied. W.W. Bolton's teaching responsibilities were with the Junior boys.

1920 W.W. Bolton retired and moved to New Zealand. He took the position of teacher on a tiny New Zealand protectorate, the Island of Nuie, 600 miles west of Rarotonga and 350 miles southeast of Samoa. Island of Nuie, had a population of 3,500, and being 100 square miles of land.

1925 May. W.W. Bolton returns to University School to be Headmaster. His son Gerard is the Bursar (Business Manager).

1928 W.W. Bolton retires as Headmaster and returns to the South Pacific. He rested for, perhaps, a week when he became interested in Polynesian history as it concerns Tahiti. He started tramping the island over, exploring the sites of ancient buildings and the scenes of ancient happenings, and reading neglected manuscripts.

1943 He spent his 85th birthday, on one of his customary excursions, verifying some item of local lore for a projected Volume III of the History of Tahiti. He walked to the cave in Paeo and back to Pirae, a 40 mile walk, taking 15 hours of actual walking time, between 3:00am – 8:00pm on a single day, under a tropical sun.

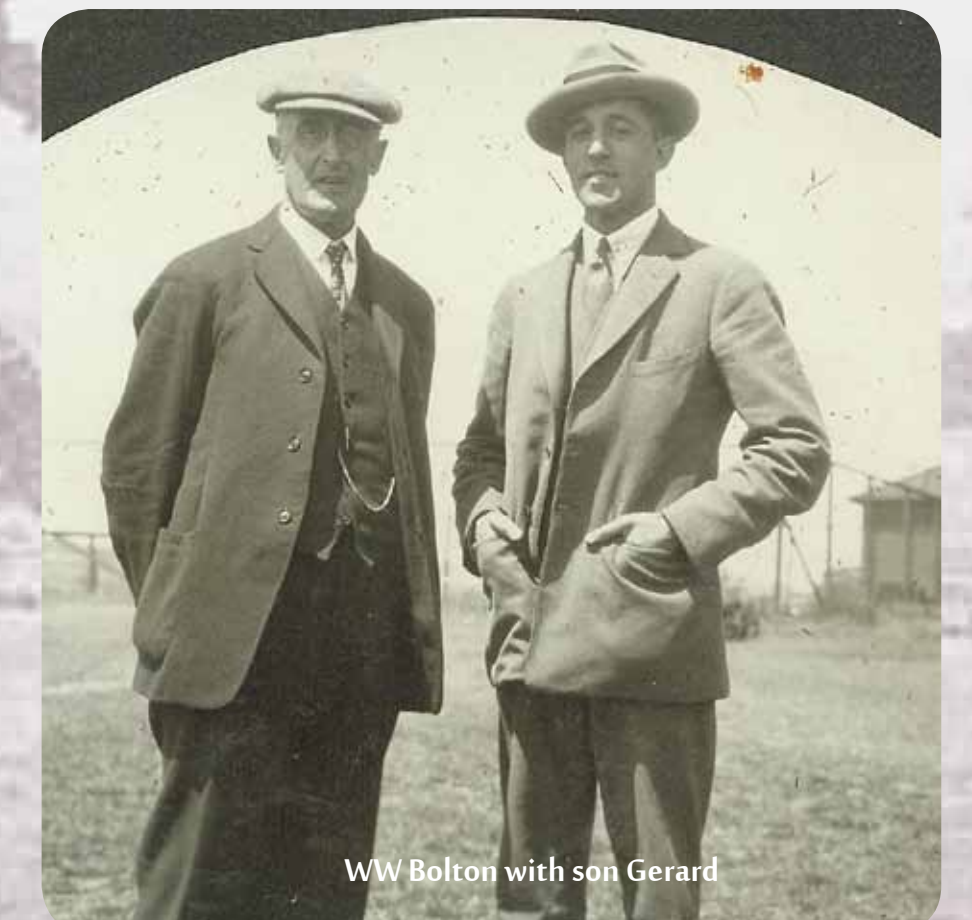
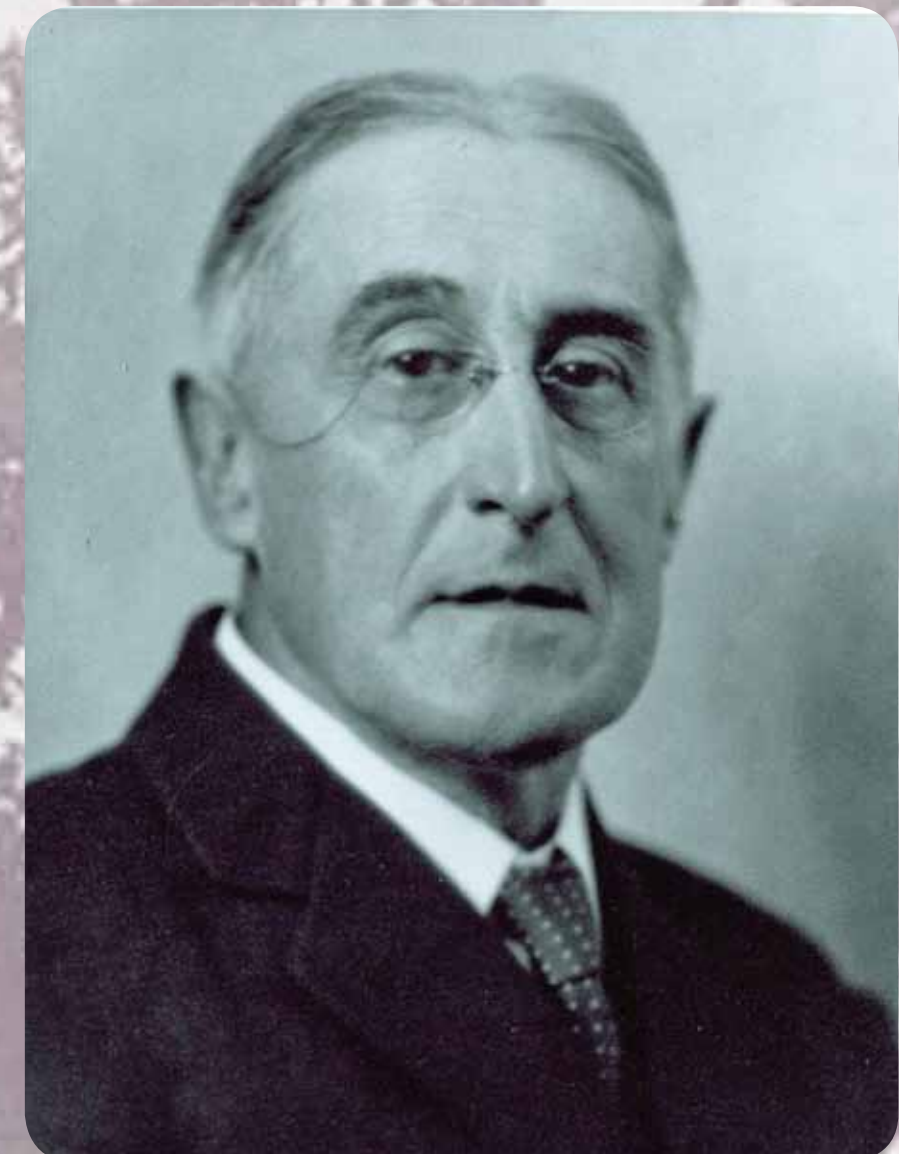
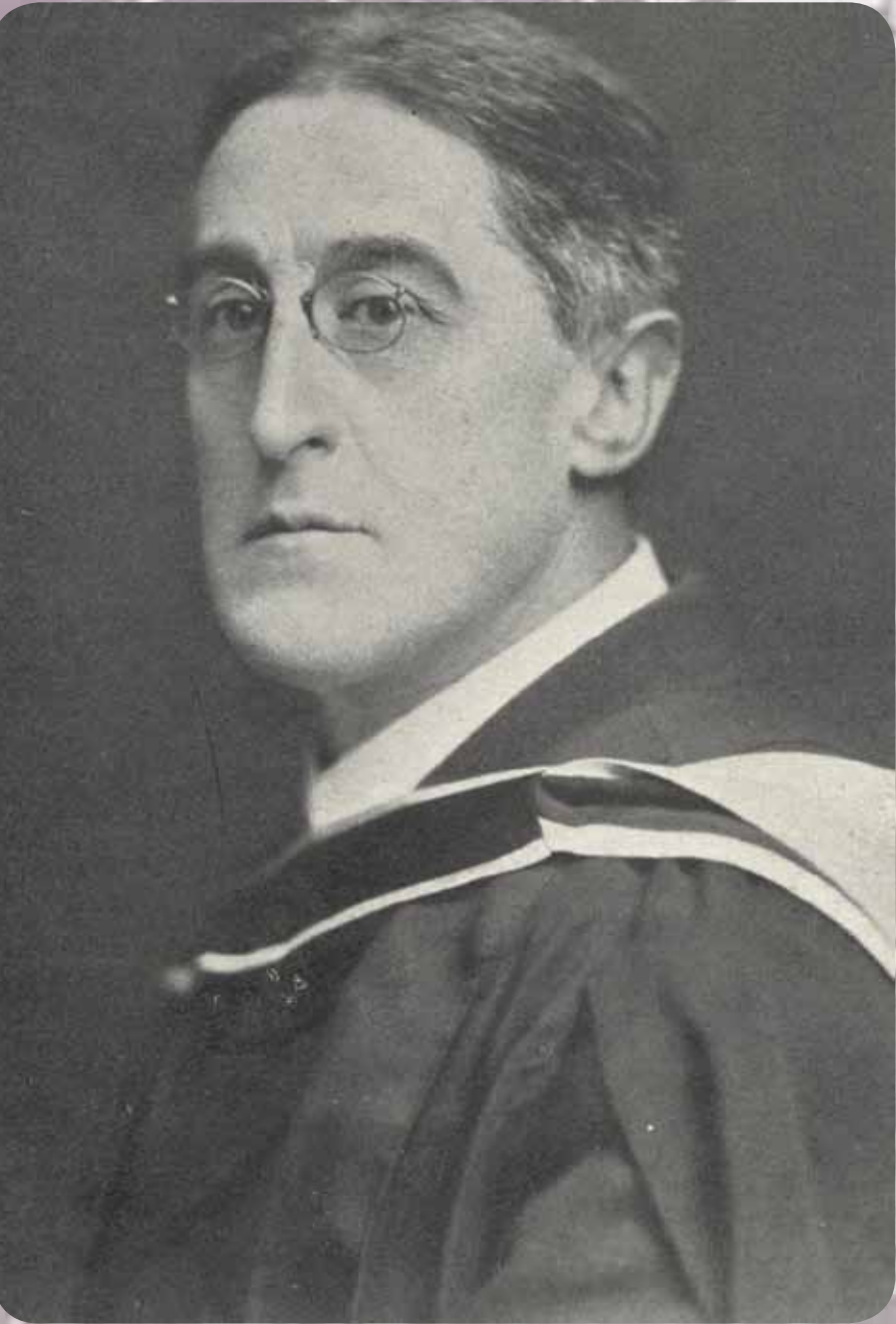
1946 July 28th, W.W. Bolton died in Tahiti.



Lord Strathcona visits University School 1909



Bolton was the most influential founder implanting his values: gentlemanly conduct, good manners, good sportsmanship and athletic ability. However, it was not just his values, but the energy, enthusiasm, keen mind and vigorous participation in a diverse array of interests that made Bolton unforgettable.



WW Bolton with son Gerard



Site of the New School, 1908. from the "Knight" Jan



School House, Corner Stone laid October 7, 1908