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A graduate of Wooster College and Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He came to Caldwell, Idaho, November 9, 1887, where he organized a Presbyterian Church in the spring of 1888. Then in the fall of 1891, he started the College of Idaho in Caldwell. Serving as president of Idaho's earliest college for over forty-four years, he specialized in botany and took advantage of the opportunity to assemble a botanical survey of the region on a time before grazing and other new conditions transformed plant life in Idaho. He maintained a long-term study of botanical changes that came with expansion of reclamation and stock-raising after Idaho became a state. During his long term of leadership, he developed the College of Idaho into a liberal arts college with special strength in the biological sciences.

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