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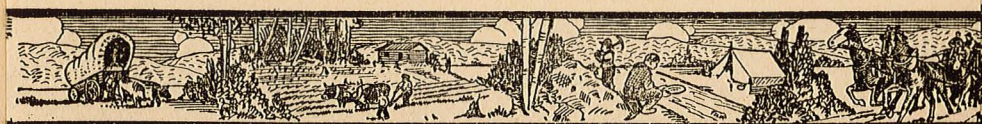


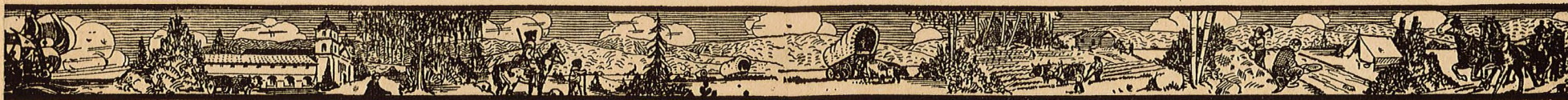
TANDING for moral culture and the growth of character, as well as for education in the scholastic sense, the College of the Pacific, oldest incorporated educational institution in California, has maintained high ideals and accumulated worthy traditions over a period of eighty years.

It was granted a charter July 10, 1851, under the name of "California Wesleyan College." The Board of Trustees at its first meeting, August 15 of the same year, voted to change the name to "The University of the Pacific," the legislature sanctioning the change in a new charter granted March 29, 1852. In the late fifties, the University founded the first medical school in the state. This was afterwards incorporated as the Cooper Medical School of San Francisco and is now a department of Stanford University.

Until 1871, when it was removed to San Jose, the University of the Pacific was located in the town of Santa Clara. Napa College was consolidated with the University in 1896. On June 23, 1911, in accordance with changes in its plans and purposes, the name of the institution was changed by court proceedings to the College of the Pacific.

The annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held in San Jose in 1921, by unanimous vote requested the trustees of the College to relocate the institution on a tract of land in or near the city of Stockton.





Today, on the Harriet M. Smith Memorial Campus, a fifty-acre tract in the city of Stockton, is located one of the most attractive groups of college buildings in the West. The nine beautiful buildings of Collegiate Gothic style of architecture, of red brick, terra cotta facings, and black slate roofs, are: Administration, Weber Memorial, Conservatory, Women's Hall, Men's Hall, Anderson Dining and Social Hall, West Memorial Infirmary, Power House, the President's Home. On the campus also are seven halls of residence owned and maintained by the sororities and fraternities, housing approximately two hundred students. Stockton, now the home of this oldest and newest college in California, is a fine modern city of 50,000 population, standing at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and served by the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and Western Pacific railways, by interurban electric lines extending up and down the Great Valley, and by the river waterways.

The College of the Pacific was founded upon co-educational principles, and women are admitted upon precisely the same footing as men. In equipment and teaching force the College is prepared to give thorough instruction of collegiate grade, to maintain high standards of scholarship, and in every way to carry out its aim to be a college of first rank. It is on the approved list of the Association of American Universities, and the American Association of University Women.

The members of the faculty are graduates from almost as many different colleges and universities as there are professors at Pacific. The educational institutions represented are as far east as Massachusetts and as far south as Bolivia. Over fifty per cent of the professors

have studied and traveled in Europe. The members of the Pacific faculty know personally the students in their classes. A fine familiar friendship between student and student, between student and faculty, is characteristic of all Pacific sessions.

Although the Pacific Conservatory of Music is considered a department of the College, it is a definite organization which aims to prepare talented students for professional work in the field of music. It is a charter member of the American Association of Schools of Music. Its departments are: Piano, Organ, Stringed Instruments, Brass and Woodwind Instruments, Theory, and Public School Music. The courses offered lead to the degrees Master of Music, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts, and the State Special Credential in Music. The minimum time required for Masters degrees is five years and that for the baccalaureate degrees and the credential, four years.

The Department of Speech is a consolidation of the former School of Expression and the Department of Public Speaking. This department offers three majors, Public Speaking, Dramatic Art, and Speech, a combination of subjects in public speaking and dramatic art. Through the dramatic organizations—Pacific Players, Junior Players, and Theta Alpha Phi—a season of six major productions is offered annually.

The work of the Art Department is arranged to meet the needs of those students who wish to study art for its cultural value, those who wish to begin professional art study while pursuing a college course, those who desire training in art for its practical use, and those who intend to become teachers of art.





The State Board of Education of California recognizes the School of Education, which is in reality an organization of the Department of Education and the several departments in the College of Liberal Arts whose work is represented on the public school curriculum.

In the Department of Engineering one can obtain a very thorough and complete training in technology. Special features include the two-year course in architecture and a new four-year course in Aeronautics. Excellent courses are also offered in English, Ancient and Modern Languages, History, Political Science, Economics and Sociology, Physical Education, and Law. Four years of work in the College of Liberal Arts leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. An extra year of satisfactory graduate study secures the degree of Master of Arts.

The Spanish Language School and a Modern Demonstration School are special features of the Pacific Summer Session. An opportunity to study while traveling is offered by the Summer School in Europe, sponsored by the College.

In addition to football, basketball and track teams, students at Pacific are trained in tennis, golf, swimming, and archery, and there is also a Rifle Club under expert instruction. The social life of the College is pleasant, cultural, and helpful, with organized student life an important factor in the work of institution.



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