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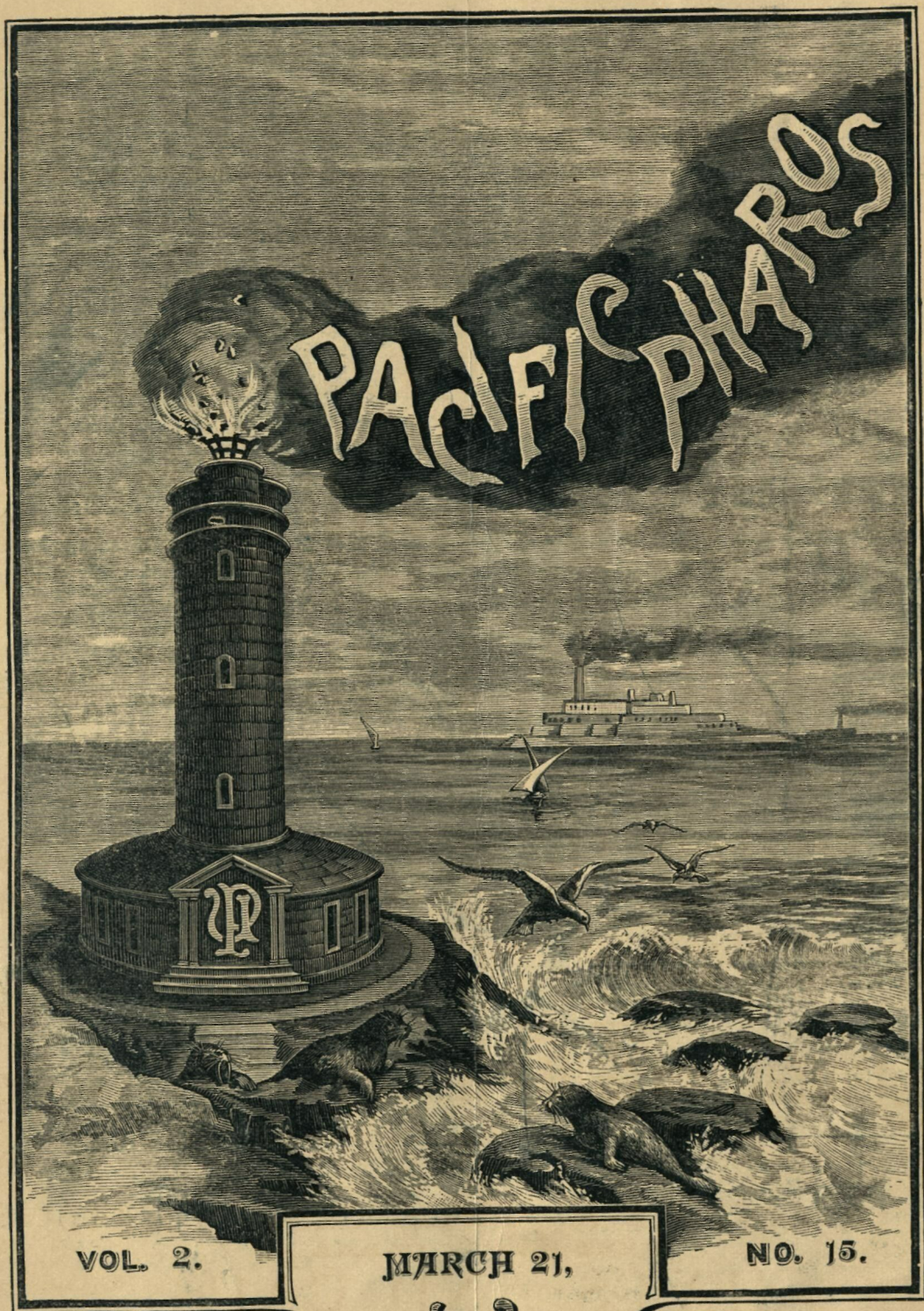
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COLLEGE NOTES

EDITORIAL.

NOTHING that has recently occurred in college circles has afforded as much pleasure to the few loyal adherents to "college spirit" as the reawakening of the A. A. from its somnolent state. The *Pharos* had exhausted nearly all its stock of ready made appeals for a revival of athletics, but, apparently, without effect, and was almost inclined to bury the subject with other kindred themes. Great was our astonishment, then, to see the revival undertaken by others, and still greater our surprise at the success which greeted their efforts. Perhaps the "good old days" will come again. Who can say? At any rate it is the solemn duty of every able-bodied member of the A. A. to "pay up" and enter for something for Field Day. In order to create a stimulus in the matter of enthusiasm we have determined to bestow upon the individual who "enthuses" most hilariously and unreservedly between now and Field Day, a substantial token of our appreciation. Those desiring to contest please apply at once.

IT is hardly necessary for us to remind our readers that the columns of this paper are always open to communications of a proper character, and which comply with the few requirements as to form. It would seem needful, however, to state, once for all, that *communication is the only orthodox method of expressing dissension with our views*, and the only one which we can notice. If your opinions, reader, do not coincide with ours, come out like a man and say so over your signature. The object for which this paper is published is not to afford its editors opportunity for the airing of individual opinions, or to indulge in the pleasant pastime of riding hobby-horses. Our policy is, and always has been, to gauge student opinion as closely as possible, and to frankly and fearlessly voice it. This is more than policy; it is duty. If such opinion, so expressed, seems unfair to any one, be he student or not, it then becomes his duty to avail himself of the freely proffered privilege of communication. Other challenge is unfair to us.

WE are in receipt of a letter evidently intended for publication which we withhold for several reasons. The purport of the communication is to the effect that the card published in our last issue over the signature of Mr. A. A. Biggers is not sustained by the facts in the case; the letter, in fact, calls in question the truthfulness of the statements made in the card referred to. We decline to publish the epistle for the reason that we do not care to engender any strife or ill-feeling between our two literary societies. Each faction has had its "say" in the PHAROS, and, as each faction believes itself to be in the right, there is no necessity for a war of words.

THE Evidences Class is the first of the higher departments to enjoy a privilege which, it is to be hoped, will soon be extended in all studies. This privilege is that of making a standing of 90 per cent. the substitute for final examination. That it is perfectly just to all concerned is clear enough, and why this institution has not, like many Eastern colleges, before introduced it, is a query. Such an order of things will, of course, raise the grade of scholarship and, best of all, will do away with the odious and hurtful practice of cramming and its attendant evils, in that it will provide a powerful incentive to careful, assiduous daily work.

AS we have before had occasion to remark, the University is already the nucleus around which has gradually grown up one of the most pleasant and well-to-do suburbs of San Jose. This will be even more the case within the next few years. One of the best evidences of this statement is to be found in the movement now on foot looking toward the establishment of a University postoffice. There is, assuredly, great need of such an institution. The University mail itself has grown to such proportions as to make its transportation to and from San Jose no trifling matter. Add to this the large amount of mail matter daily received and sent out by residents in the vicinity and there is enough to fully warrant our having a local post-

office. We are pleased to note elsewhere the prompt action of the *Alumni* Association in the premises, and shall be still more pleased to soon record the establishment of the much desired and much needed convenience. It might be well to state that the PHAROS has a very popular candidate for the position of P. M., one whom it will heartily support.

LITERARY.

SHAKSPEARE.

CONCERNING the biography of Shakspeare, every one is, or ought to be familiar. Of this great man's early life we know but little, and as Emerson says "Shakspeare was Shakspeare's only biographer." Yet he has left us extensive writings that afford their peruser the richest literary nutriment. To say that his productions are masterpieces would only be to voice the general sentiment of the competent judges who have from time to time criticised his works. Masterpieces they are indeed, excelled by none, equalled by few, if any others.

Originality was an attribute of Shakspeare—that is if there is such a thing as originality. Some say that Shakspeare was not original in that he copied from others. But let us consider the fact that we can place no new invention in the material universe, that has not derived some of its stability, its weight, its bulk, or even its most vital parts, from sources not inherent within itself.

The wood or iron that forms the ship came originally from the forest or the mine, and the originality of the vessel is in the adaptation of the tree or the ore to a particular use and purpose. Just so with the writer. The events or sayings which bring forth the ideas of a writer may, and generally do, happen years before he is born. His originality is in the color he gives to his thoughts; in the way he weaves them together; making them subservient to the positions he wishes them to occupy. He may get his ideas, just as the ship-builder gets his lumber, but if he carves these ideas into beautiful shapes, touched by the brush of his own genius, he is original in the generally accepted meaning of the word.

Shakspeare's writings are not merely perfect models of literature, but they are moreover, a collection of great and lofty conceptions, made famous by the great generalizing power of the author. From these writings we obtain a deep insight into human nature; we are made to reason and to think; and from the lofty heights of their achievements we are made to sensibly feel their superiority.

Nor does he deal with one class of people alone, but the whole rank and file of this world's various characters are vividly portrayed. He shows to perfection the workings of the different emotions, and charms us alike by his

power of gentleness and of anger, by his mode of changing from the rabble of the ignorant, to thoughts that lift us into the divine atmosphere in which they were conceived—thoughts that show us our inferiority, and make us conscious of our inability to cope with the power of such a mind as Shakspeare possessed.

Shakspeare has included in his extensive view all classes of people; he has dealt with woman as well as man; he has considered all grades of society from the lowest to the highest; in fact he has condensed into a few pages the true interpretation of man, making us interested by his adroit use of our common emotions and desires, and fixing our attention by means of his peculiar versification "whose secret is that the thought constructs the tune, so that reading for the sense will best bring out the rhythm." His style is so powerful that we wonder at its strength; so varied that we admire its beauty; so sweet that we are not content with our reading of his works, but we long to return the second time and taste of their beauty; so musical that the tune of his writings ring in our ears even after we have finished our reading.

Shakspeare's characters are not always what we would have them be, as for instance the character of Cæsar.

Shakspeare makes Cæsar a boaster, and as Hudson says "a braggart, full of lofty airs and mock-thunder," very unlike the Cæsar of history. What Shakspeare's object was—if he had any—in representing Cæsar thus, is hard to tell. It may have been to represent him, "not as he was indeed, but as he must have appeared to the conspirators; to make us see him as they saw him; in order that they too might have fair and equal judgment at our hands." From whatsoever cause the making of caricature arose, it was not on account of non-acquaintance on the part of Shakspeare with his characters. In Hamlet, Antony and Cleopatra and in Richard III., Shakspeare shows his full acquaintance with Cæsar's character, and his reasons for representing him as he did in his drama, will probably forever remain unanswered. Samuel Johnson thus criticises Shakspeare: "He sacrifices virtue to convenience, and is so much more careful to please than to instruct, that he seems to write without any moral purpose."

* * * His precepts and axioms drop casually from him; he makes no just distribution of good or evil, nor is always careful to show in the virtuous a disapprobation of the wicked."

Thus we see that Shakspeare was not perfect, but perfectness is a quality as yet unknown to man, and Shakspeare being only human it is not wonderful that he died not possessing it. However, he approached nearer to perfection in his line than perhaps any other author has ever done, but he did not quite reach it. He has left an influence behind him, which will end only with time itself. He elevated the early drama and clothed it with attractive garments spun from his own fertile genius; he has given a rich legacy to the development of language and to history; he has given us words,

phrases and clauses which are the daily quotations of the nations, thus wielding an influence over all mankind.

If we give honor to whom honor is due, we will place Shakspeare at the head of the front rank of all writers and call him general. He stands supreme as a representative in his line.

I say supreme, but this does not imply that he excelled all others in every particular. Other writers have equalled if not excelled him in some one particular, but no other writer ever had at once so extensive an imagination, such powers of variation, such depth of thought and sweep of understanding.

The general scope of his intellect stands clearly defined above that of any other author, shedding its light on all beneath and dropping rich gems to all who ask.

AMONG THE SIERRAS.

(Concluded.)

THE Sun-God soon heralded the Aurora of the incoming day. Pencils of gray in the East lifted the drapery of night. As I awoke gazing into the blue ether o'er head, I fell into a reverie. Not a cloud was visible in the heavens,—symbol of a perfect summer's day, characteristic of our Western Switzerland. Never did Bryant's words,

"To him who in the love of Nature,
Holds communion with her visible forms,
She speaks a various language,"

seem nearer verification than then. I might have stood on the Bridge of St. Angelo, and peered on St. Peters, pondered o'er the legacy of Angelo at Vinculo or studied the history of the Moors among the ruins of the Alhambra by moonlight,—but a greater inspiration was up among these "eternal hills." Where traveler's foot seldom rests and where enchanted eye unfrequently gazes are countless Alps, Rhines and Italies. Unseen by man, unsung by poets, are the works of Nature's architect gorgeous sunsets and skies more gloriously golden than human imagination ever painted. Effects from the convulsions of Nature to which the moss-covered ruins of the Old World are no comparison. Mighty rock-ribbed continent, 'tis of thee we speak. Thy matchless plains, thy fertile valleys and snow-capped peaks find no rival on the continent of the Cæsars and Napoleons. Up among the "hills of eternity" God has carpeted the earth with violets and roses softer than Brussels and more lovely than the most noted conservatories of Europe.

Vacation comes and goes, but oftentimes it brings no rest. Your work becomes a dry routine; you become a mere machine, awaiting the inevitable when the cogs, spindles and wheels shall cease to work forever. But is there not a remedy? As the sun grows brighter and fuller as it nears the meridian, so man should increase his powers as he nears his mid-day, and that point may be passed so far beyond the calculated zenith that the afternoon of his life may be resplendent with grand and noble achieve-

ments—a hero to his time. How can our college training bring about such a result? It is not enough to study the frame-work of subjects—dry facts are useful, but there is a hidden beauty in every one of them. There is a concealed loveliness in every subject. Feast yourselves at vacation time upon the works of the Divine Architect, and you will be filled with perennial gladness, and will be lead to that end of ends—the cheerful faith which beholds in all things a perfect blessing.

I awoke from my reverie fresh and with added vigor for the last day of our journey.

At noon we arrived at a watering place, (not a Saratoga or a Santa Cruz, however), known as Cold Springs. We halted at a spot near by that seemed to be a tomb. Our curiosity being aroused, we investigated. Cut deep into a cedar, which served as we will presently see by the inscription thereupon, as a headstone, were the words: "*Killed by the Indians, June 30, 1848.*" A pyramid of rocks, with a tree for a monument, marked a spot, where, rested three *Argonauts*, who had left home and kindred in the far East, in quest of gold. In search of fickle fortune, they had met their death. Only one simple illustration of the deeds of violence, characteristic of 1849. As the indicator marked three, we reached an eminence, where we found to our surprise, we were snow-bound on all sides. As far as the eye could discern, was a mantle of whiteness. We soon reached Silver Lake, a beautiful sheet of water, surrounded by high cliffs on all sides. Our destination being but a short distance farther we decided to remain a short time and indulge in Isaak Walton's delightful sport. We were quite successful at angling and enjoyed our pleasure. The thought arose what a time we would have, if this mirror of transparency, with its inhabitants was in Santa Clara Co. instead of high up among in the Sierra's snow-capped peaks, If I had been a poet, I should have immortalized myself over this lake, with its picturesqueness, as a Wordsworth, a Ruskin and a Tennyson have done, by their poetic description of European scenery. Or had I been a painter, I should have competed with Bierstadt in his "Donner Lake." But yours truly is but as Gray states, "a youth to fortune and to fame etc. We departed about sunset resolving however to have a boat-ride on the lake by moonlight ere we left the Sierras. If one has never seen a sunset from a snow-capped peak, they have never witnessed one of the most beautiful scenes in all nature. The brightest colors are blended more artistically than the hand of art will ever be able to acquire, flooding the orient with gold. We soon reached Carson Spur, a spur that is just wide enough for wagon passage. On one side, huge cliffs rearing themselves five hundred feet in the air, on the other hand five hundred feet below, trickling down the mountain sides the South Fork of the American River, winding its weary way to the far-distant sea. If ever there was food for lofty thought away from school-room cares, it was here on the very summit of the Sierras. How insignificant is our little span of

life, which we occupy between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. What a mammoth workshop is that of nature, no drones dwell in her imperial realms. We arrived at our objective point, late in the evening, tired and exhausted from our journey. Here we spent ten of the most enjoyable days of our life. The days were passed in hunting and fishing, which never grew monotonous. An occasional tumble into the stream provoked much merriment. We also ascended the highest steep for miles around, to such heights that the lightness of the air prevented farther ascent. Our evenings were spent in various sports, such as gander quadrilles(?), and amusements peculiar to camping life. It was on or about the tenth day after our arrival, that our commissary department began to fail us, and we thought it high time to retrace our way towards home. Bidding adieu to the many friends we had met and casting a last glance on the scene of so many pleasant hours, we "folded our tents like the Arabs and silently stole away." On our return we stopped at the lake and enjoyed our moonlight ride, quite different from the moonlight rides of San Jose. Not without sentimentality however.

Our homeward trip was as pleasant as our northward one. We arrived within sight of the little town from which we started, at nightfall, and well it was that the shades of evening had closed over the hamlet, for we would have been taken for a traveling show. So after being cast out upon the world in our own "canoe," for a fortnight after safe "paddling," the boys that were too young to leave home were again ashore. The trip with its incidents and information obtained therefrom will never be forgotten." "Fond memory haunts me still."

IONE.

JAPANESE IDEAS.

Impressions which I had on study of General History of the World or Western Movement of Civilization.

Every physical movement in the skies or upon the earth proclaims to us that the universe is under the government of one Almighty Being who rules it according to law. The doctrine of government by law embraces all natural events. As it applies to stars, so upon earth, the phenomena of the organic and inorganic worlds are the results of law. In this connection the history of mankind, like that of the rest of the domain of God, is within the realm of law. The threads of historical events are interwoven by natural laws of sequence or God's methods of weaving. The Creator who determined the physical geography of each part of the earth is thus constantly interfering in human history. The climate of a country, its coast lines, its isothermal lines, its easy accessibility to other countries, its relief forms of the land, its drainage system, and a thousand other like things

largely determine what historical events shall be transacted there. Without the Nile the seat of that wonderful civilization could not have been created. The physical features of the Valley of the Tigris and Euphrates exerted a great influence upon civilization of its ancient peoples—the Chaldeans, the Assyrians, the Babylonians. Gradual changes in the climate, which rendered the country inhospitable, pressure of population and other things caused the Aryan family, about 3,000 B. C., to begin to scatter from their original seats—the highlands of Central Asia. Without turning their faces toward the Pacific, most of them poured over the plain which gradually declining from the uplands of Central Asia, formed the natural pathway into Europe. It seemed that they were destined to fill most of the pages of the historians with the great achievements in the fields of science, arts, philosophy, literature, and religion, and that God ordained it so that Europe would be a fit stage for these spiritually and mentally endowed actors. The stage is not the play, but much in the play depends upon the stage.

With great physical advantages, as its sea-coasts are greatly broken, climate tempered by the Gulf Stream, an abundance of springs and headwaters, but without any large rivers and high mountains capable of offering any serious obstacles, Europe was and is peculiarly fitted for nursery of civilization. Buckle and Draper say in their histories of civilization that the physical conditions of Europe were necessary antecedents to the present civilization. The ancient Greeks patriotically affirmed that their own climate was the best suited for man. How could a great city grow up on such a site as that of Rome and attain such a high degree of civilization? Simply because the geographical position was admirably fitted to make it the center of civilization. Yet the Græco-Roman civilization was the blossoming in a fit nursery of a compound flower composed of the earlier eastern civilizations, the Chinese, the Hindoo, the Arabian, the Chaldean, the Babylonian, the Egyptian. Not to speak of others, from the Nile came the germs of much found in the later culture of Europe. It is said that the Greeks regarded the laws of Egypt as the expression of the highest wisdom, and the foundation of inspiration to their law-givers—Solon and Lycurgus. In the same manner the fall of the Roman Empire transmitted the Græco-Roman civilization and christianity to the farther west or to the present France, the British Isles, and the other countries. These westward movements of migration and civilization were and are still going on. The overflow of population into the different regions of the new world is simply a continuance of the outpouring of the primitive Aryan folk into Europe. What Teutonic nations received through Rome from the ancient of the East carried the Mayflower to the still farther west across the Atlantic, and there laid broad and deep foundations of civil and religious liberty. Under the persecutions of the French kings, a great many Huguenots, religious, industrious, energetic people found ulti-

mately a refuge in America to play a great part in the American history. At present the great Bismark is wiping away tears with his iron hands because the best part of Germany is emigrating to America, many thousands every year. Even the man who has the choice of war or peace in Europe in his hands can not prevent the westward movement or the result of great law. Simply God ordained America to be a vast battle field for the English energy, the French mechanical skill, the German's artistic skill, the Italian's musical skill, the Spanish beauty, and that by the intermingling of races and its accompaniment, Americans will be made a most highly intelligent people, that from the marriage of European skill and industry with American capital, and the inexhaustible resources of its blessed land will be born an era of highest prosperity. Once Daniel Webster treated the "Dreary West" the same as the desert, yet the discovery of gold proved it untrue; and the construction of the railroad overland by Stanford and others transformed the so called "Dreary West" into a paradise. All these movements are simply following the law of nature.

Now crossing the Pacific and coming to the oriental nations, Japan was destined to be civilized by the country directly to the east. Commodore Perry brought us the same civilization and christianity that you received from the Mayflower. Your many zealous missionaries are carrying to Japan the same wonderful gospels that you received from the pure hearts of a Wesley and a Whitfield.

America gives us not only a liberal education in arts, science, literature, and philosophy, but, also, teaches us something better than these, that is, the essential element of virtuous and robust manhood. In short America has quickened our minds, and has made our hearts to beat fast. The Commodore's name, the representative of all the noble Americans, is immortal in the annals of the Sun Rising Land. America was and is ever the friend and patron of the Mikado's Empire because God ordained it so, God ordained it so according to law. A JAP.

Answered.

Oh, rare and beauteous maiden,
My heart thy smiles illumine;
Thy eyes with mischief laden,
Thy lips of dewy bloom,
Each charm I am beholding,
But one doubt I can't efface:
Did the angels spend in moulding
All their beauty on thy face?

"Oh, can I hope completely
That glance from modest eyes
Comes from heart beating sweetly
As I would fain surmise?"
The slang no one was hearing,
Or its punishment could see,
As she said to chide my fearing:
"There are no flies on me!"

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MIGMA.

Kismet.

A bashful maid, one summer time,
 Her poetic talents hinted;
 I thought to write a timely rhyme
 And send it to her printed.
 I told her, "with a poet's pride
 And energy to push all
 Minor obstacles away, nor hide
 Her light under a bushel."
 I sent it; then I called that eve
 To find the lady weeping;
 She bade me quickly go, nor leave
 My poem in her keeping.
 I took my lines and turned to go—
 Her father made me rustle—
 One word had caused me all my woe,
 The types had spelled it—*bustle!*

Felis Sociae Domus mortua est.

Weep!
 The deep
 Vigil keep.
 Felis doth sleep!
 We shall nevermore
 Caress her dingy fur,
 Or hearken to her dulcet purr,
 Or ghostly tread across the floor,
 Thy visage that did haunt our door,
 Sporadic, disputes with the cur,
 With thy ashes we inter
 And thy sad fate deplore,
 With thy kittens play
 On natal day
 Cast away
 For aye,
 Stay!

A PLEA FOR THE MISOGYNIST.

I was very glad to find in the last number of the PHAROS a series of items from the pen of "Gossip," and for one would be pleased to see the writer continue them, even though she may be—

"Most fond of gossip, on whose tongue
 Proof of perpetual motion's hung."

Still, she must expect to have her remarks commented upon, if she is courageous enough to put them in print. I would like to say a few words in behalf of those students that have been classified by her as "misogynists." It is

true that there are some who pride themselves that they know enough to

"Trust not the treason of those smiling looks,"

yet the true woman hater, I am happy to say, seldom makes this appearance. Under the misogynist's thorny exterior often lies a very susceptible heart, and even "Gossip's" specimen seems to have so far forgotten himself as to come into very close proximity with herself. I have a great deal of respect for the student who has strength of mind enough to eliminate the "vealy period" from his student life; who has too much respect for womanhood, as exemplified in his mother and sister, to squander his affections upon every "bread-and-butter" miss he may meet at college. "Blighted affections" are not the cause of his indifference; his affections are too strictly guarded for that. It is true that his opinion of the constancy of the female students is not very flattering to them, but he can hardly be blamed, since this is only the result of long observation.

In fact, the "misogynist" is not the *megatherium* that "Gossip" would have us suppose. He might sometimes be the "keenest critic and most unspaining censor" of the co-eds, yet none will be found more ready to commend the girl who has too much inherent womanhood to flirt, or manifest her affections to any student so openly and freely that he and she become a subject for the jests of the entire college. "Gossip" ventures the statement that "all the wealth of Golconda wouldn't tempt him (the misogynist) to a moonlight ride with the best and sweetest girl in the county." Try him and see. Do not think that his affections do not go forth under proper circumstances. Do not follow him too closely during vacation, or you may find why the University girl finds his heart as stone, and his ideal of feminine perfection so high. Sacharinity is not lost upon him; it is only the article that is passed around, or too publicly bestowed that disgusts him.

VOLAPUK.

Take a teaspoonful of English,
 A modicum of Dutch,
 Of Italian just a trifle,
 Add of Gaelic not too much;
 Some Russian and Egyptian,
 And then unto the whole,
 With just enough to flavor
 Of the lingo of the Pole.
 Some Cingalese and Hottentot,
 A *soupçon*, too, of French,
 Of native Scandinavian
 A pretty thorough drench;
 Hungarian and Syriac,
 A pinch of Japanese,
 With just as much Ojibbeway
 And Turkish as you please.
 Now stir it gently, boil it well,
 And if you've decent luck,
 The ultimate residuum
 You'll find is Volapuk.

—Ex.

LOCAL.

Gentlemen! Gentlemen! I am shackled!

Archania is to have a new stock of chairs.

J. R. Welch was down from Alma on March 6th.

The class in chemistry now recites every other day.

If a slow race on bicycles were agreed upon, probably a number would enter.

Miss Gertrude Barnett is out of school visiting Miss Wood in Modesto.

Miss Brown accompanied Miss Crary to her home in San Francisco on last Friday afternoon.

Lecture on Friday by Rev. Mr. Nelson, followed by address by Dr. McClay, head of Mission in Japan.

What can a '91 do with about eight pair of gloves? It is rather odd to see a young man so *rich* in gloves.

Hazzard, of '91, will be a bicyclist when his arm is well. His wheel is now on the way here from his home.

The indisposition of Professor Alexander caused cuts in all of his classes on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

In chemistry the other day one of the Juniors could not make his report because he did not have it "*logically arranged*."

LOST—Between Mt. Hamilton and South Hall—Two salamanders and a cane. Finder please return to Secretary of PHAROS Association.

Miss Newcomb has been detained from school for a few days on account of the sickness of her mother but her *winning* countenance again beams upon us.

Eighty-nine has lost another man, U. L. Rice who has been compelled to go to Oregon on business and will not return until next August when he intends joining '90.

More genuine Field Day spirit has been shown since our athletic meeting in the chapel. There are too many interested now to let the chance of a good Field Day pass by quietly.

A good bicycle race might be had Field Day, but the riders best matched for a good race decline to enter. Our track will not accommodate more than two, and give the third man any show.

The following will officer Rhizomia for the spring term: President, E. S. Simpson, '88; Vice President, H. C. Richardson, '89; Secretary, C. A. McKelvey, '91; Treasurer, W. D. Gossard, (re-elected); Attorney, R. B. Hale '90; Critics, H. M. Nelson, '88, W. F. Hyde, '89; Chaplain, J. O. Hestwood; Sergeant at Arms, H. M. Nelson, '88.

An unfortunate accident occurred on the campus recently. Fred. A. Hazzard, '91, while wrestling with a companion, fell heavily on his left arm, thereby disuniting an old fracture. Mr. Hazzard will not be able to attend his classes for some time.

Some of the young men of East Hall evidently never saw a bicycle until they came to this school. A few weeks ago, on Saturday when it rained, the wall was partly uncovered, and no less than three spokes and a bicycle chain were broken.

The officers for the bicycle club for the ensuing term are as follows: Captain, F. P. Black; Lieutenant, F. G. Canney; Secretary, A. B. Hunkins; Treasurer, W. I. Wilcox; Bugler, G. D. Gilman; Sergeant at Arms; G. W. Ousley.

Scholars who play in class have not had enough preparatory training, and must not be considered entirely college students, therefore there are two preparatory scholars in the English Literature class, one from the Juniors and one from the Sophomores.

A dignified M. F. is learning to ride that festive animal the 'cycle. As he was gliding down the avenue through the gloaming the other evening, his steed "bucked," and down came the whole affair. Our informant says that the Prof. now carries his dignity in a sling.

For the balance of the term the following gentlemen are officers of the Archanian society: Pres., Cecil Mark; Vice Pres., J. W. McCaughy; Recording Sec., F. Burrows; Corresponding Sec., V. C. Richards; Treasurer, P. T. Evans; Sergeant-at-arms, W. A. Kennedy.

A flighty Senior, whose mind is probably more on things amatory than things textual, was describing the *camera obscura* to the Physics class. Gingerly touching the diagram with a pointer, he began, "Well, this here photograph business,—" "Mr. —" said the highly incensed Professor, "this is not a popular lecture."

On Saturday afternoon quite a number of delegates to Y. M. C. A. Conference enjoyed a very pleasant trip over San Francisco harbor in the Government steam yacht, "General McPherson." The officers were very accommodating and made the trip especially for the benefit of the students.

On the 25th of February, at 5 A. M., twelve couples of Juniors and Sophomores, with a sprinkling of Seniors and Preps., started for Mt. Hamilton. They arrived at Smith's creek at 10 A. M., and, after fishing for salamanders for an hour and a half, ascended the Seven Mile grade. The party, with special attention, was conducted through the many buildings, gazing at *Vega* through the twelve inch telescope, and opening their eyes in astonishment at the larger one. At 6 P. M. the party began their homeward journey, and at the specified time, after a delightful moonlight drive the crowd separated to their respective homes.

Latest sheet music at Schemmel's music store, 72 to 78 East Santa Clara street, San Jose. *

Some time since Mr. Perry was presented with a gold watch and chain for so courageously 'standing by' his friend when he was stricken down with the small-pox. President Hirst made the speech of presentation in behalf of the students and faculty, and Mr. Perry responded in a very frank and outspoken manner.

For a fine hair cut or shampoo call at Koch's Hair Dressing Saloon, Santa Clara street, opposite Auzeais House. *

The gentlemen who spoke at the conference of Y. M. C. A., all did themselves and their various institutions credit. In fact we have seldom seen such a gathering of enthusiastic and intelligent young men and ladies as were gathered together from the various institutions of California. Two delegates came from Los Angeles, five hundred miles away.

The writer is an advocate
Of feminine athletics,
That beauty may not rest is fate
On dubious cosmetics,
But *Pharos* item appall
With statement quite alarming
That "Pretty climbers o'er the hall,"
Have made one corner "charming."

Rev. Dr. Hanna, of San Francisco, late of Richmond, Va., lectured in the Chapel, Friday March 2nd, on "Diogenes and his Sub Philosophy." The lecturer had at his command a rich fund of anecdote on which he drew liberally. His observations of human nature were keen and pointed, his illustrations apt and witty. Considered from everybody's standpoint, Rev. Mr. Hanna afforded the students a rare treat, a repetition of which would be heartily appreciated.

A meeting of the local members of the Alumni Association was held last week in San Jose. Among other business considered was the matter of raising a fund for the erection of a suitable building for the projected University Postoffice. A circular asking the aid of the Alumni for this purpose was ordered prepared. The date of the annual Association banquet was changed to Wednesday afternoon, May 30th, instead of Thursday evening, May 31st. It was also determined to hold a public meeting and to have an address during commencement week. In accordance with the action of the conference, whereby the Alumni Association will have the privilege of electing three members of the Board of Trustees, a discussion was held. It was finally determined to call another meeting March 30th, when one candidate will be nominated. The Association will elect one Trustee this year, one the next, and soon until it has its full representation.

GOSSIP.

This little verse (where I found it I do not remember) will probably be keenly relished by some of your readers. Perhaps some of them could make a "local application" of it, were they to concentrate their wandering thoughts for a few minutes:

"Oh! Venice, thou art lovely sure,
Upon thy thousand isles;
But, *Florence*, thou art fairer still,
With thy ten thousand smiles."

And if anyone wishes to be "wrathy" about that little quotation, why, I am sure I can't help it. It seems to me calm and dispassionate critic that I certainly am, that people, now-a-days, are wondrously, sensitive about just this sort of thing. In the days when the "dear departed *Hatchet*" did some of its wholesale slashing just such tender-toed individuals declared war and extermination against the whole race of scribblers. Now, where on earth is the utility of people's grieving and tearing their own and other folk's hair about little allusions that are not unkindly made.

Not that I am "crying before I am hurt." Far from it! For I, Gossip, am a person of known valor and fear no man or woman's anger.

It is a profound mystery to me when or how the Senior (masculine gender) became connected with the adjective dignified. Naturally they are inclined to look upon their own manly selves as the embodiments of all that is learned and wise. Well and good. But wherein does the "dignity" lie? Certainly in their learning, for the masculine Senior can sit in more peculiarly ungraceful attitudes in less time than any mortal it has been my lot to see, and if he think it adds to his personal beauty he is, Oh, so far from being right. The average Senior is apt to be a gawky long legged youth with a few premonitory symptoms of approaching manhood upon his upper lip and, passable enough in his normal state, he is ridiculous when spread all over a tilted up chair with his pedal extremities coiled around the rung thereof.

The "Misogynist" stood gazing pensively down the hall at a bevy of bright eyed lasses who were making merry over some South Hall joke. A less experienced and fresh-hearted class mate noticed his glances and, tapping him sportively on the shoulder, said "Ah, old fellow, envious? Wish you too had a girl?" The "Misogynist" was so startled that he forgot to sneer, and replied earnestly, Good Heavens! Are you mad? I'd rather, far rather, have the cholera!"

In this connection I would like to ask, what the College would do without the misogynist to leaven the whole lump? Who is more zealous in the literary societies, in

booming athletics, stimulating class-spirit, or contributing to the College paper? The remark of one of them to me the other day, "I tell you, Missy, they have sparkling down to a fine point in this school now," might form the epitaph of many an enterprise inaugurated by the misogynists of the past, but allowed to die under the present reign of the *Amorites*.

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Some people who are too preternaturally acute for earth, think they have unmasked me, the "veiled prophetess" of the Pacific. Don't be too sure, friends. And, furthermore, who seek to find me out and spoil my innocent pastime, but "Thus let me live, unseen, unknown," for I am a solitude loving individual.

* *

Last year I witnessed the conversion of a confirmed lady's man to our creed. Previous to that time he had never ventured to attend any college gathering alone, but circumstances had deprived him of his lady at the last moment, and despite his wail that he would never enjoy himself if he went, our superior moral courage triumphed. Suffice it to say that he went alone ever after.

* *

I do not commend any student in going alone to receptions and thus meriting the indignation of the girls who are obliged to get there as best they are able. But what are we going to do about it? In our state of mind we would rather run through a barbed wire fence than penetrate the red tape that guards the lady of South Hall. Even if a resident of San Jose accept us as escort, how shall we annihilate space? In years gone by the street car was generally regarded as a very *recherche* mode of conveyance, but since the hack has come into vogue, we must either disregard the conventionalities or squander the paternal shekel that, alas, does not too often charm the ears of some of us with its blithesome jingle. Does it pay? We think not. The ladies are in the minority and some of us must go alone. Why not all? Who does not enjoy the informal reception where there is no "pairing off," and everyone present is accorded the same facilities for enjoyment? If ladies must have escorts, a reception committee alive to its duties and a little consideration on the part of the ladies will work wonders.

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Perhaps this is enough in our behalf. Ladies, shun us not. We are not entirely oblivious to your big bright eyes and smiles. We would be the first to miss your presence; we *are* the first to appreciate the girls who maintain their self respect and maidenly dignity.

MISS OG YNIST.

There was a young girl at De Pauw,
Got mashed on a student of Lauw,
She always cried "Caesar"
When he tried to sqaesar,
And slapped him right under the jaw.—Ex.

EAST HALL ECHOES.

W. A. BRASLEY, Editor.

Miss JESSIE CHARLES, Assistant.

Kincaid is not well.

A Third Year Picnic.

Moore has returned to school.

Littoy was at the convention.

Join the Athletic Association.

Curnow went to Y. M. C. A. convention.

The Academy will be well represented on Field Day.

Beg. Lat. students have just arrived at the pen-making stage.

The essay class is doing much in general research work.

Packard says that grammar is getting "worse and worse" every day.

Astronomy students agree that the average distance of the sun is a *mean* distance—to learn.

"When will we be required to hand in graduation essays?" Who will be required to hand them in?

Miss H—w, a third year Academic, is the champion sprinter of the S. W. corner of the campus.

Miss Jessie Charles has been absent from the University the last three days of the week.

Oliver carried off the oratorical honors at the College convention Y. M. C. A.

The third year rhetoricals Friday last were creditable. But it would have taken a ton of quinine to cure the ague of the participants.

Anatomy class. Academy girl—"The mouth is bounded on the north by the upper jaw, on the south by the lower jaw—[tableau.]

There are two anti-slang societies at the tables in Central Hall. The fines collected are expended in purchasing delicacies for desert.

Misses Alice and Nellie Meese, of the Academy, have gone to their home in Danville, Contra Costa County, on account of failing health.

Appleton's Fifth Reader is now used in the Preparatory (late Sub. Prep.) instead of "David Copperfield" as the custom heretofore.

Some days ago Averitt was moulding bullets and poured hot lead into a moist receptacle. As a consequence he has several ugly blotches in his face, and has been frequently supposed to be a fit subject for quarantine.

It has been said that for a young man there is only one chance in the world, but for a young lady about fifteen.

The mid-term examinations have demoralized the Academy as usual. Still it is not an unwelcome break in the monotony of regular work.

Another Senior is said to have a ring and locket that belongs to the Academy. Some Academy young man will "wring his neck" if he isn't careful.

Some students had high expectations as to what their standing would be until they saw their cards. High hopes in many cases were dashed to the ground.

"Any failure to attain a standing of 60-per cent. causes the student to forfeit his class standing."—*Catalogue*. The rule is to be enforced hereafter.

Two Greek translations and an Antheon's Homer were recently found in the desk of a commercial student. What on earth does he do with them?

Goodman, one of the brightest boys in the commercial department, has returned with his parents to his home in Kansas City, Mo.

The lawn at the front of the hall has been cleaned and close mown, and presents a suitable and even beautiful appearance.

The Anatomy class recites in two divisions, fifty students in one and twenty in the other section. Students who attain a daily standing of ninety per cent. or over are excused from examinations.

There is one point in which the Third Year Academy student rises in transcendent superiority over the average student and that is spelling. If you do not believe it visit the botany class.

If a person succeeds in passing the Virgil review with more than seventy per cent he can pass any examination in Virgil in any institution in this or any other land. The standard then is "full high advanced." It gives much satisfaction to be a good student.

O. G. Hughson is suffering from a nervous contraction of the muscles of the left side of his face, somewhat akin to paralysis. It is unfortunate that young men so often consider it necessary to overwork. This has been the case with Mr. Hughson. Several others have suffered the same way during the present term. It is the result of injudiciousness.

The latest thing out—M——. Girls will have fits. If not animate, inanimate. One of the latter variety attired in all the gaudiness of a California spring and decorated with the latest bits of fashionable millinery in South Hall, hung like an unexecuted Anarchist from a window of that building in early morning not long since.

PERSONAL.

J. R. Welch, '87, visited the U. P. Tuesday.

J. E. Richards, '77, has returned from his eastern visit.

J. V. Van Eaton, Ex-'87, has secured a position in the Custom House, San Francisco.

Henry Pearce, an old student, is taking a course at the Boston School of Theology.

Will Jacks, Ex-'88, was with us Tuesday. He is at present a student at Heald's College.

U. L. Rice, '89, has been compelled to leave school. He will return at the opening of the fall term.

S. G. Tompkins, '86, has returned from Colusa County where he has been in the interest of a business enterprise.

J. W. Milnes, '86, will hereafter destroy copy paper for the San Jose *Mercury*. Mr. Milnes is at present assistant City Editor.

J. W. Husband, Ex-'90, and J. E. B. Hudelson, Ex-Academy, have been chosen to be the principal officers of a newly organized literary society in Modesto.

W. O. Russell Ex-'88, and formerly business manager of the *Pharos* visited our sanctum Tuesday last. Will says he is going to be married shortly, after which he is going to Honolulu to start a drug store.

J. C. Needham, '86, has conferred much credit upon his class, and honor upon the *Alumni* roll of the U. P. in having obtained the responsible position of Private Secretary to the U. S. Attorney General.

The following item which appeared in the *Michigan Argonaut* recently, we deem worthy of a place in this column in view of Mr. Gosbey's alumnal relations to the U. P.:

At a class meeting of the Seniors on last Thursday afternoon, the election of historian was declared in order. On the first ballot but seventy-four votes were cast while seventy-five were necessary for a legitimate ballot. The enthusiastic members of the class just in good work at this juncture, gathered in the voters, and when the result of the second was announced, it was found that eighty-one votes had been cast, of which P. F. Gosbey, of California, had received seventy-seven, and was accordingly declared the historian elect of the class.

A prize of \$1,500 awaits the Princeton Sophomore who passes the best examination Latin or Greek.

The students of Hobart, Geneva, N. Y. have adopted the academic cap and gown, each class having its distinctive tassel—the Seniors, purple; the Juniors, orange; the Sophomores, red; and the Freshmen, green.—*Ex.*

EXCHANGES.

Owing to the "jam" when the last issue of the PHAROS was being made up, the ex-editor was ignominiously excluded. Should this happen again there will be found in the sanctum a scalpless editor-in-chief.

The long delayed Xmas number of the *College Mercury* has at last come to hand. By way of supplement it contains the pretty little poem "At Christmas Tide" cleverly illustrated by Will Johns, an old U. P. student.

The February number of the *DePauw Monthly* contains in lieu of the literary department three exceptionally interesting and ably written papers by members of the DePauw faculty. First in point of merit as well as of place is "The College Journal" by Professor Mansfield. It contains matter of particular interest to College Editors and is well worth the perusal of any student.

Our kind friend the *Hesperian* is unnecessarily severe upon one of our contributors. By way of information let us remark that the author of that "rockiest piece of composition ever penned" is a Japanese lad who can not speak English much better than the Mountebank of the *Niagara Index* writes it. His rhetoric (the contributor's) is not, we admit above criticism but, then, consider before criticizing, how many "natives" get the metaphors of our mother tongue so sadly muddled.

A bright and breezy little contemporary in the person of the *Miami Journal* has just paid us its initial visit. Its contents are considerably above the material that composes the average college paper and its make up, outside and in, is unexceptionable. "A Problem with a History", is unique in its way, though we have too deep rooted an antipathy to quadratics to meddle with the "Problem" itself; "A German Gymnasium, would be a credit to many a paper of far higher pretensions. Let your visits be continued *Journal*.

Do not think because of our delay in replying, *Niagara Index*, that we failed to gather in the full force of the remarks you recently made concerning our personal character. Let us see. We indulged in few surmises as to the cause of your apparent imbecility or sensility or something of the kind and some of our random shafts seemingly pierced your grizzled epidermis and rankled in your dried-up apology for a heart. "Almost nonentity" were your unfeeling heartless words, were they not? When it comes to that we are constrained to offer you our new straw hat as being the most insufferably inconsistent mental acrobat in the "ring." Did it never reoccur to you that all that makes you poor, misbegotten simulacrum of a paper readable are the antics of the dime-museum freak who exhibits his abnormally low forehead in the exchange column? When we hinted that you *might* be married we "did but jest." Sarcasm, biting, scathing sarcasm, was in and about our words but it was lost of course,

upon such a misshapen monstrosity, such a hideous mockery of humanity as you are. Billingsgate, we firmly believe, is your native tongue and your proper sphere of life the gutter. We have occasionally glanced at your uncouth gambols but nausea (if you know what that means) made us to desist. No ordinary mortal could behold you wallowing in your cesspool of ignorance and coarse vulgarity without loathing and pity. Beware, creedless libel on mankind. High Heaven will not allow you to contaminate the earth with your presence but will send you C. O. D. *la bas* where the ghost of Lindley Murray will come down and assist in your punishment, if punishment there be any which is not far too good for you.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The New York *Sun* employs thirty college graduates on its staff.

Fifty-one graduates of Princeton have served in the U. S. Senate.

One may now graduate from Harvard without a knowledge of Latin or Greek.

Dr. McGlynn has prophesied that Cornell will soon be the leading college in the country.

Cornell has a class of Malayan. The University of Pennsylvania one in Assyrian numbering twenty.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has been for two years without a President; Union College, four years.

It is said that a new paper is to be started at Harvard, to run in opposition to the *Crimson*.—*Argonaut*.

Ex-President White, of Cornell, has been chosen to succeed Prof. Asa Gray as a regent of the Smithsonian Institute.

Statistics show that the parents of over one-third of the students of the University of Michigan are farmers.

The attempt to haze a student of the college at Pikesville, Tenn., resulted in the stabbing of one of the hazers.

President Patton, of Princeton, according to the Yale men is a British subject, who has never sought naturalization in this country.

A compromise has been effected between the parties to the DePauw will contest whereby DePauw University will receive over \$1,000,000.

Attendance on prayers in chapel was recently made voluntary at Harvard. Dr. Philipps Brooks says that it has reduced the number attending from eight hundred to one hundred and fifty.—*Ex*. Though first experiments often prove failures, why not try Harvard's new departure at the U. P.?

The percentage of women in the eleven principal institutions of the United States has risen in the last fifteen years from nineteen to twenty three per cent.

The whole number in attendance at Harvard University is 1,812, and the total number of instructors is 181, at Ann Arbor 1,400 and at Columbia 1,700 students.

W. Byrd Page, the champion high jumper of the world, at the University of Pennsylvania games jumped over two horses fifteen and one half hands high.—*Crimson*.

Cornell University, New York, is now worth \$6,000,000, the number of students in attendance is increasing rapidly. Last year its Freshman class numbered 300, this year 420.—*Crescent*.

The largest observatory dome in the world is being built in Cleveland for the University of Michigan. It weighs ten tons and has a diameter of forty-five feet four inches at the base.

Local option was defeated in the recent election at Ann Arbor. The students of the N. M. will petition the Legislature to prohibit the sale of liquor within a mile of the University.

The trustees of Adelbert College have resolved, "that women shall not be admitted to the college after the close of the present academic year," and have thereby brought themselves and their institution into exceeding bad odor with the College press.

Tuition is highest at Columbia—\$200 per annum. Harvard is next with \$150, while at Yale it is but \$10 less. Ohio Wesleyan is the cheapest institution among leading American colleges; tuition is charged there at the rate of \$29 per year, incidentals included.

Of the 365 Universities and Colleges in the United States, 87 are non-sectarian; of the 288 denominational institutions, the Episcopalians have 12, the Methodists 56; Presbyterians 41, and the Congregationalists 28.—*Ex*.

Harvard's "gym" costs \$100,000; Yale's \$125,000; Columbia's, \$156,000. As yet ours has cost only about \$125; but every oak was once an acorn, you know.—*De Pauw Monthly*. Modesty refrains us from speaking of the U. P's. gymnasium.

A LEAP YEAR RESOLVE.

My lover is a bashful youth,
And though he loves me well,
Hope long delayed makes me afraid
His love he'll never tell.

Now I've resolved once for all
This sort of thing must stop:
The grand leap-year is here,
And I am going to pop.

—*De Pauw Monthly*.

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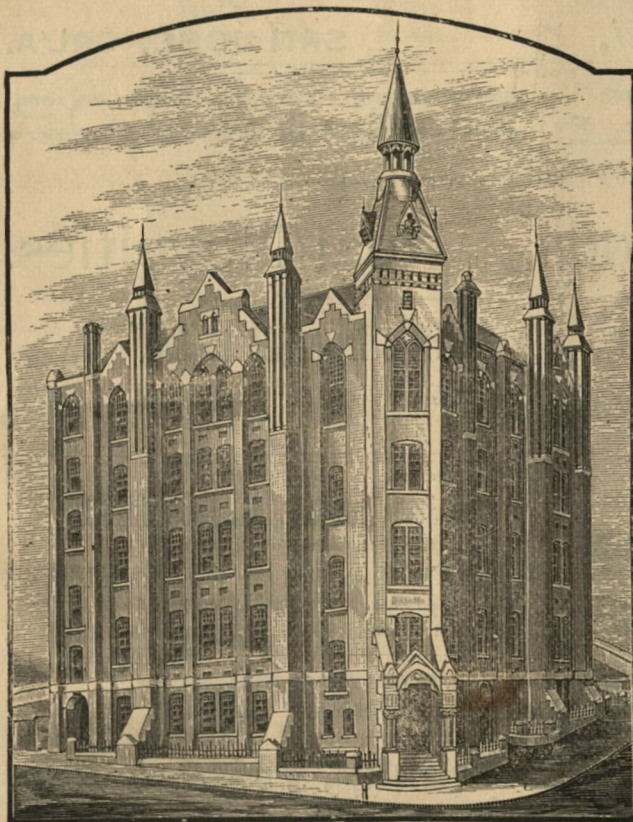
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4:55 P.	4:46 P.	cisco.	6:20 P.	6:13 P.
12:13 P.	12:19 P.	Almaden and Way Stations.	2:30 P.	2:41 P.
10:19 A.	10:28 A.	Gilroy, Hollister, Tres Pinos, Pajaro, Castroville, Monterey, Salinas	*8:32 A.	*8:37 A.
*4:55 P.	*5:03 P.		4:46 P.	4:55 P.
10:19 A.	10:28 A.	Watsonville, Aptos, Soquel (Capitola) and Santa Cruz.	*8:32 A.	*8:37 A.
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