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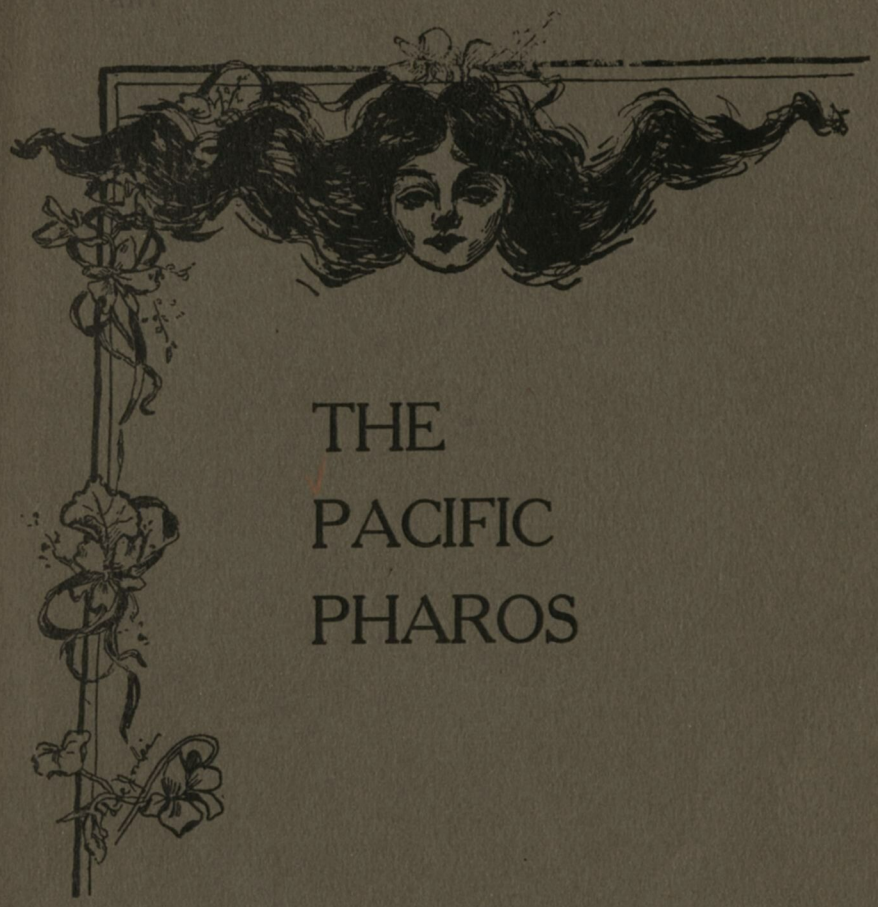

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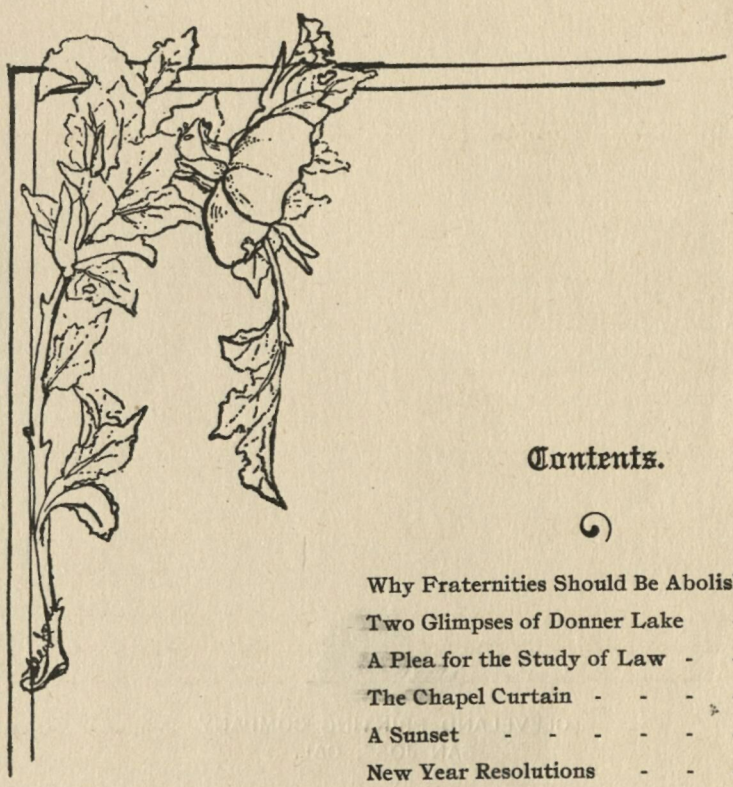

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## Why Fraternities Should Be Abolished.

The most important factors in our system of education are our colleges. Within their walls the man of tomorrow is made; there his character is formed and his principles of life are laid down; there habits are born and traits of character developed which in the future will make of him one of the successful men or one of the failures.

If then so much depends on our colleges, should not their aim be to develop in every student that which is highest and best? Should they not attempt to raise his ideals, to teach him what is just and right, so that in life's battde he will know his duty to his brother and to his God? For this our colleges have been founded; for this men have given the labor of their lives; for this they have suffered and sacrificed.

But how far short of this ideal have many of our colleges fallen and how far below the highest standards of manhood have their sons descended!

What, then, are the reasons for this defect of our colleges? There are probably many weak places in our educational institutions; but the most conspicuous of all the defects are the college fraternities. These organizations for the past several years have been attracting more and more attention and have been calling forth more and more criticism. This criticism in a few instances has been' I think, unduly harsh, but for the most part it has been well deserved; for there is much to show that the fraternity is indeed one of the worst influences in our colleges, and many are the wrongs for which it is responsible.

We will look at the young man entering college and note the influence of the fraternity on him. The man of ability and energy soon discovers that much of the school life is found in the fraternity houses; but he also observes that most of the studying is done outside their walls; and as he has come to college to study he resolves not to join any such organization. This resolution frequently lasts no longer than his Freshman year, for inducements to join are showered upon him, and at the beginning of his Sophomore year he is a fraternity man. After this he studies less and less, often no more than is absolutely necessary to his remaining in college. I was once talking to a business man who when in college had been a member of what is considered one of the "swellest" fraternities in our State, who said that he did more good work in his Freshman year, before he joined the fraternity, than he did in all the following years of his college life. Study is plainly not what the fraternity houses are for. And there is one fraternity in our State that goes so far as to boast that no man who has joined their fraternity has ever received a degree. Is such an organization elevating to an institution of learning, or is it a force in the uplifting of the men who will mold the future of our nation?

Then consider for a moment the requisites on which the membership is based. These are primarily money and secondarily outward appearances. Take, for example ,a young man with a large yearly allowance or one with less if he possesses a striking appearance, and see how quickly the fraternities rush him in.

What could be the ideals of such a society? Could you expect their members to have much strength of character or much breadth of their views of life? Indeed you could not. You would expect to find them exactly what they so frequently are—fops and snobs who have no idea of the real meaning of life or of the true worth of pure manhood.

But worse than these evils are the intemperance and dissipation which they encourage. These evils result from the social side of the organization, from the French dinners, the champagne suppers, and other functions of like order. Here the wine flows freely. It's only the social glass, but therein lies the danger.

Then a toast to his fraternity is given, and can the young man refuse to drink it? "And, anyway," he reasons, "one glass can do me no harm." And it may not. A few men can safely drink one glass, but how very many cannot? For most men one glass means, in the end, many glasses, and a degrading habit for life.

As an example of this influence we have Frank Norris, one of the most promising young writers that the West has ever produced. He was a man w ith a wonderful vitality and superb intellectual powers, but with a will power and moral nature not sufficiently strong. He was the leader of his fraternity, and as one of his college chums once said to me, "Not another man in the University was able to keep the pace he set. He kept it up through college, but in the end it killed him."

But the influence of the fraternity has not been confined within the college walls; it has extended to the High Schools all over our country, and in most of these schools similar societies have been organized. And these High School organizations have all the evil influences of the college societies as well as others which we do not find in colleges. The High School courses do not require the concentration of energies that the college courses do; so High School students have much more time which can be devoted to social functions. This often results in the fraternity being of first importance and the studies a secondary consideration, and students remain in school doing very little studying, and, consequently, hindering the advance of others.

For these evils the fraternities have been condemned and the condemnation seems almost universal. It comes from the public at large, from the teachers and promoters of our institutions of learning, and even from the fraternity men whom we would naturally suppose would support them.

Then why do the people not demand that these influences be removed so that the morals of their sons shall not be corrupted and their manhood destroyed? Why do our educational boards tolerate such organizations? Why do they not say the fraternity must go? Do they lack the courage for action? If not, why do they not expel forever such an influence from the walls of our colleges?

ETTA WADDINGTON.

# Two Glimpses of Donner Lake.

On a pleasant June morning, stand with me, if you will, on the crest of a high bluff which is detached from the main ridge of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and overlooks Donner Lake. Extending in front of us for a distance of three miles the untroubled surface of the beautiful lake absorbs and reflects the bright rays of the summer sun like a vast mirror. On either side of us huge towering mountain peaks succeed each other in broken irregular lines, till they melt away into the open expanse of the valley beyond, where flows the river that drains the o'erflowing waters of the lake. Far in the distance, across the intervening space of the valley, appear the obscure outlines of a massive mountain ridge, which rises higher and higher till it seems to lose itself in the glimmering expanse of the horizon above.

Like a precious jewel in a rough, unpolished setting, the lake below us reposes in splendor, reflecting in its dark blue depths the wavering outlines of the surrounding mountains. Far out on the lake a lone fisherman sits in his boat, motionless and quiet, waiting for some gentle breeze to waft him on over the still surface of the water. The banks on either side of the lake are clothed in a brilliant verdure of blading grass and bending willow. Farther up on the sides of the mountain the evergreen pine and fir trees lift high into the sky their lofty heads, and stretch out from their staunch trunks their cone-bearing branches, which unite with one another to produce a triangular design of almost perfect ymmetrical beauty. The sweet song of the birds, the quiet stillness of the water, the brightness of the warm sunshine, all these add to the impression of light-hearted peace and joyous contentment.

Now stand with me upon that same spot on a day

in January. The sun is hid from sight by dark rolling storm-clouds overhead.All around us the irregular outlines of rock and cliff, of hill and mountain, are transformed into a thousand grotesque, unfamiliar shapes by a blanket-like covering of white crusted snow. Ravines are obliterated; slight elevations are made to assume huge proportions; commonplace objects are given entrancing forms, and ever present in all this is the one predominate feature of perfect, dazzling whiteness. In front of us, where once was the lake, there is now only an immense barren field of level, glaring brightness. The mountain ridges on either side stand silent and impressive, robed wholly in their garb of pure-white snow; far into the distance they extend till the eye, blinded by the all-pervading brightness, no longer can discern their outlines, and thus melt away into the snowy chaos which the eye may see but cannot fathom. Here and there over the white expanse of the mountain side, the upper portions of evergreen pine and fir trees protrude themselves above the snowy surface; with limbs drooping under the heavy weight of snow which they support they stand as the sole survivors of that radiant life which flourished, as it seems, but yesterday. The chill winter blast has supplanted those warm, gentle zephys of summer; the song birds have flown to farer climes and their music is heard no longer in the tree tops. The brightness of the warm sunshine has given way to the cold, repellant gloom of sunless, snowy winter.

Truly, change is the law of nature, and though she gives us the bright, joyous things of life, we must not fail to remember that the grave and gloomy, the dark and dismal, the sad and sorrowful, are also a part of man's natural inheritance. G. M. SMITH, '09.

# A Plea for the Study of Law.

The above entitled case is now before the bar of public opinion. Is the contest real or only apparent? Are the parties identical, or are they opposite and antagonistic? A learned professor once, while at the breakfast table, related with his usual brilliancy the story of a preacher and a lawyer. The lawyer asked the preacher how he rectified his errors made while preaching upon subsequently learning of them? The clergyman promptly retorted that it depended on the gravity of the mistake. "For instance," he said, "should I in my haste have said that 'all lawyers shall burn with hell fire' when I meant to say 'all liars' I should not have considered it a sufficient error to have later noted a correction."

There is prevalent in the minds of very many of our best people a sentiment that the lawyer is necessarily corrupt; that the very study of the law is conducive to immorality and chicanery, and that it should not be a part of a liberal or polite education.

Now each and all of those views last named are superficial and detrimentally wrong. However, I shall say but a few words on each of them. To the lawyer, whether he is an advocate or a judge, belongs the administration of the law of the land. It is he who must apply the law to each particular case. The lawyer's calling is a high one; it is he who can rescue the weak and downtrodden and lift him up and put him under the strong arm of the law. Again, it is left to him to bring the strong, the arrogant, who thru wealth and political power strive to evade the law, to answer at the bar of justice. After war and rebellion has caused disorder and confusion, it is the lawyer who gathers the broken threads from the midst of dissolution and again weaves them into a beautiful fabric, called order, system and law.

True, he is often traitor to his trust, and for that he is justly condemned. But in most instances as principal to the crime with him, his client who chafes under the law promises ample reward for freedom from its just requirements. He who strives to evade the law is thoroughly dishonest and should be punished, whether he be advocate or lawman.

The study of the law is not conducive to immorality, but, on the contrary, develops the student's sense of right and wrong.

Back of every enforcible right there is a reason. The very end of law is to establish justice, to protect rights and compel the performance of the concomitant duty of that right. Blackstone defines municipal law to be a rule of civil conduct prescribed by the supreme power in the State commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong. It is true that a right is not a right unless it can be enforced, but as Blackstone in the above definition implies, it is also true that our rights are usually founded on a moral basis. Equity, which stands for unwritten law, has this sole plea upon the fact that the thing in question is contrary to conscience.

The law should be more largely studied because it is an important science, since it is extremely useful to all in all classes. It is not as Tennyson has said:

"That codeless myriad of precedent,
That wilderness of single instances,"

but rather, as Professor James Brown Scott has written: "If it cannot be said that law is a science in the mathematical sence * * * it clearly can be called a science in the sense of political economy and ethics." Again Blackstone says: "That a competent knowledge of the laws of that society in which we live is a proper accomplishment of every gentleman and scholar and a highly useful and almost essential part of a liberal and polite education."

It constitutes a classified knowledge of the widest field of human experiences. It sets forth the relation of man to his family, his fellow man and to his State;

it is the guardian of his liberties, the giver of his privileges. To the law we must ever look for protection to our property, our lives, our homes and all that we hold most dear.

How can a scholar claim to be highly educated without a knowledge of the fundamental principles of the law? How can a business man progress with confidence without knowing something of the laws governing contracts and property? How can the reformer start movements for the amelioration of the evil conditions of society without knowing something of the status of existing institutions? How can the legislator make prudent laws without first knowing the faults and the reasons for our present statutes? What is more interesting than the history of the law? I leave the reader to answer these questions for himself.

B. S. CRITTENDEN.

## The Chapel Curtain.

The new curtain for the conservatory rostrum should have been mentioned in the last issue of the Pharos. The old curtain has long been in a dilapidated condition, and as the prospect was good of being able to cover a large share of the expense of a new one with the profits of the German entertainment given last November, the materials were purchased and the curtain made and hung in time for that occasion. The curtain is very full, and so hangs more gracefully than the old one. Another improvement is that it surrounds and conceals the entire rostrum, thus making all the platform available. It can also be manipulated with ease by means of cords and pulleys. The total cost of the curtain was $37.25, and the total receipts of the entertainment were $37.75. Other expenses amounted to $16.85, for printing, costumes and footlight reflectors, the last being a permanent stage improvement. So there remains a debt on the curtain of $16.35, which we hope will soon be raised, as Miss Macomber will devote to this purpose the proceeds of an entertainment to be given by her pupils as soon as possible, at the Y. M. C. A. hall in San Jose. The curtain will then become the unencumbered property of the University.

# A Sunset.

Of all the works of nature a sunset is, undoubtedly, one of the most beautiful. This particular phase of nature has ever charmed lovers of the beautiful and has been a favorite subject with many an artist.

Several years ago as I was traveling through the Sierra Nevada Mountains, I had the pleasure of viewing a sunset that appealed to my esthetic taste so strongly and made such an impression upon me that I have never forgotten it.

We had been on the road since early morning, and, consequently, when we drove into camp at Staples Lake at 5 p. m., we were all glad of an opportunity to rest and make things comfortable for the night.

This lake abounds in fish, so I immediately prepared to try my hand at fishing. The sun was just above the highest peaks when I reached a suitable place, and after I had fished for a time with ill success, I gave up the sport and turned my entire attention to the beauties of nature about me.

The sinking sun tipped the great snow-capped peaks with a glow of fire, and these airy heights seemed to catch the shining rays and cast them over the surface of the lake beneath. The water rolled its blue waves against the stream of golden light, forming a most wonderful color effect. The shore was hedged with willows and other small trees, which made a dark shadow over the waterq along the bank, forming a contrast with the brighter colors farther out from the shore. Toward the center the wary mountain diver swam about or sported in the transparent depths. Above and to the east numerous little streams with their burden of melted snow, rippled over their rocky beds, making, as they caught the rays of the departing sun, a stream of gold which flowed into the blue depths of the lake.

The bright rays faded slowly from the mountain tops and disappeared over the western horizon. The crickets mingled their mighty tune with the hoarse croak of the innumerable frogs which inhabit the banks of the lake. I could fainely see the smoke from the campfire, as it rose aboe the tree tops, and at the announcement of supper I made my way back, guided by the camp-fire's bright rays as they flickered through the darkness of the oncoming night.

# New Year Resolutions.

By a U. P. Student.

How time flies! The year of 1906, which we received so joyfully last January and entertained so royally in the parlor during the first month, was slighted in February. By March we had entirely forgotten our plighted love, and instead of showing her reverence and respect, allowed her to go unattended and to do her own work. When April arrived we received a severe shaking up by her and were forcibly reminded of our broken vows. So we renewed our resolutions; but these fresh promises faded with the flowers in May, and after the Fourth of July we had a quarrel which resulted in entering suit for a divorce. While the suit was pending old Father Time came and gave the year of 1906 a respectable burial. The funeral was scarcely over when we prepared to receive a new guest.

Miss Nineteen Seven has come to town and we must give her a glorious reception. Her advent is celebrated by the shrieking of whistles and the ringing of bells. Reckless youths vie with each other in doing her honor. On New Year's day many pledges are made of service and devotion to the new queen.

The conscientious student, who is deeply impressed with his past failures (or his failure to pass), and is heartily ashamed of his record of 1906, will revive hope in his breast by making a series of New Year's resolutions.

First. Since I have taken Miss New Year as my lawful, wedded wife and promised to be loyal to her in sickness and in health, I will not insult her by wasting any of the time of which she is composed, but will show her respect by a year of faithful service. I promise to admire her ornaments, consisting of golden

hours set with diamond minutes, as much in old age as in youth.

Second. I promise to cheerfully perform any work which Miss New Year may assign to me, and especially by making thorough preparation for my daily recitations.

Third. I resolve to make Miss Nineteen Seven distinguished and signally honored by a star record of attendance and punctuality. Nothing short of a physician's permit or an excuse from the undertaker, shall answer for my absence from school; and nothing except unforeseen accidents and circumstances beyond my power of control, shall interfere with my being on time at all my classes.

Fourth. I am fully determined to make a heroic effort to meet all my school obligations, such as society and student body dues. To bring about this reform will require a radical change in my life, and the exercise of all the will power at my command.

Fifth. I promise to continue to be faithful to all my religious duties; attend church regularly on Sundays, go to Y. M. C. A. semi-occasionally and attend chapel when I have nothing else to do.

Sixth. Finally I announce my intention to court the favor of Miss New Year by living in a mood of perpetual delight and by endeavoring to maintain my sweetest smile regardless of the condition of the weather.

M. J. WILLIAMS.

# What Others Say.

## The Proposed General Assembly.

The proposed general assembly of the students and faculty is not entirely new to many of our student body. It is yet but an indefinite conception, but there is promise that we may soon have an opportunity to put the idea into operation and thereby test its value.

In the spring of 1899 the need of an association of all the students was felt, and at that time our student body was organized. Altho its meetings were held at irregular intervals, it was recognized as a great factor of unity in our school. Some four years ago the idea of regular weekly meetings was adopted and a plan similar to the one now before us was proposed without further action.

During the past semester, however, the idea was adopted by the student body and is now before the faculty. We believe it will doubtless receive favorable consideration from them and some time become a permanent feature of our school activity.

The nature of such an assembly can be made to assume definite form only after experience has shown us our real conditions, but we can perhaps venture that it will follow in part the method used in other schools. There at stated times a period is set apart when the students and faculty meet to hear such addresses or other features as the committee in charge may have arranged. The speakers may present the ideas and workings of other colleges or they may discuss problems of general or local interest. Here, too, is given an opportunity to present new college songs and yells. All this tends to develop in the student a broader knowledge of college life and a deeper love for their alma mater.

That there is need of such in our school I think no

one will deny. Our student body is inadequate to meet the needs, for the time is both limited and inconvenient, and many important subjects are either considered hurriedly or not at all. We as a student body are not as closely in touch with the life in other schools and in the outside world as we might be; nor do we, I fear, have the proper appreciation and love for our own college.

Our college is small and has her many struggles, but that is reason why we should love her the more. The small Christian college has as truly a place in true American education as does the great university. Let us be optimistic. Let us welcome and heartily endorse any pla nthat will engender greater love for our college and help place it upon a higher standard of efficiency.

OWEN C. COY, '07.

## Signs of Progressiveness.

One of the most pleasing things in school life in any of its phases is to be able to look about and see some new milestone in the pathway of progress since last we took our bearings. And such a pleasure is now ours here in the University along several lines of activity.

Especially is this true in regard to the methods by which our institution is being brought before the public.Too often in the past has the writer met with even good Methodist people who did not seem to know there was such a school as the University of the Pacific. And this has been due most certainly not to the fact of non-existence on our part, but merely to the utter lack of advertizing facilities. But now the general public is learning of us through several agencies, and the writer feels sure of voicing the sentiment of

every student in the various departments of the University when he utters the wish, "Let the good work go on."

The trustees have adopted the plan of issuing a schooi bulletin quarterly. During this school year three have already appeared, and before the close of the term the fourth will be out in the form of the annual catalogue. The bulletins already published are surely deserving of special mention. They are printed on the best of paper, the cuts are specially fine and the necessary information in regard to the different departments is given in most simple and concise form. altogether they are the neatest, the most attractive school bulletins that the writer has ever seen, and Dr. Cross deserves great credit for the excellent work he has done in their preparation. But the bulletins have not merely been printed, and then left to lie in some dark corner for several years. By a most practical method they have been distributed throughout our conference and placed in homes where they will do the most good. Beside there are always some in the office ready for anyone who desires them, and upon request the school will mail them to any address.

As additional milestones during this school year, the writer must not fail to mention the splendid Christmas concert given by members of our conservatory faculty and the pleasant New Year gathering on the first Friday evening of this term, when greetings and words of helpfulness were brought to us from the busy work of the pulpit and press. Such gatherings should be a part of every student's curriculum, and the writer is glad to see that they are being provided for both the students and the general public.

Our school is certainly making a forward move, and the student constituency of the institution is at one in seconding the earnest efforts of its acting President, Dr. Cross, and in wishing him God-speed in all his many labors.

A STUDENT OBSERVER.

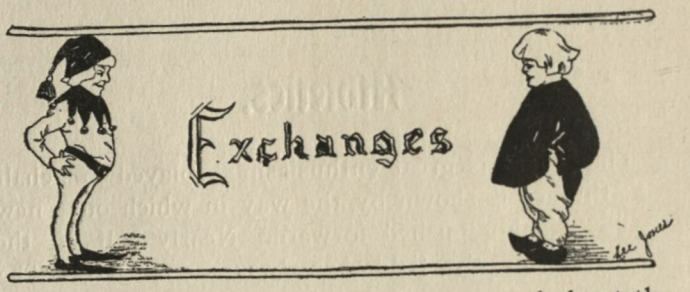
# Athletics.

That there is great enthusiasm displayed in behalf of athletics is shown by the way in which our new track is being pushed forward. Nearly half of the fence around the field has been completed. The ground has been plowed and put in condition for grading the track. The track has been accurately and thoroughly surveyed by H. C. Darling.

Our athletic career so far this semester has been rather short, but we believe very successful. Our first team met the San Jose Y. M. C. A. basketball team on their own floor Tuesday evening, January 8. Neither of the teams were in good condition, but they put up a speedy game. The Y. M. C. A. team played fast and gritty from start to finish, but our boys had the advantage during the entire game.

The Physical Instructor, Larimor, officiated at the game and gave satisfaction to both sides. Although there was a lack of team work on the part of our boys, there was little real individual playing. Atkinson has surely found the secret of tossing the balls in the basket when it comes time for a free throw, for he has missed scarcely any in the last two games. Napoleon Smith had the advantage over his man at center and played well over the floor. Owen played a star game at guard. Trevorrow played the field and was strong in getting the ball in his own possession.

On the evening of the 11th inst. our boys met the Stockton Athletic Association in a basketball game which was played in Stockton. Stockton has always had the name of producing a good basketball team and boasts of having the best team in the league this year. Our team fought hard and bravely under the many difficulties, but were finally beaten by a small margin. The game was played on a very large floor and was not at all free from roughness. At the end of the first half we had won by a score of 10 to 7, but in the second half the Stockton team was strengthened by a man who was found after the game to be imported. The final score was settled as 21 to 19 in favor of Stockton. D. C. BIRCH, '07 Academy.




The exchange editor wishes to say a word about the delay in sending out the December issue of the Pharos. The explanation thereof is this: by some peculiar arrangement of functions it is the duty of the exchange editor to attend to the mailing list. It so happened that with the November issue the supply of mailing envelopes was exhausted, and the new supply, for the obtaining of which the business manager is responsible, did not appear until the middle of January. Hence the delay.

I have here before me the first issue of the Orestimba, from the Orestimba Union High School of Newman, California. This baby is of particular interest to us here at the University because the principal of the Orestimba (we wonder what that word signifies) High School is no less a person than our old friend, H. E. Dorr, a graduate of this school in the class of 1905. The Orestimba is a little paper, some twelve pages, including five of advertisements, but it appealed to me first, before I knew its origin, because it is externally attractive. Another thing which predisposes us toward this infant is the fact that while acknowledging its youth and inexperience, it does not for that reason plead exemption from criticism. On the contrary, it invites criticism and adds, "for by observing criticism offered by schools of higher standing, we will be able to make our paper better and in four years' time this paper should be as good as any high school paper." That is rather an ambitious statement, but the thing it predicts may come to pass. You never can tell. We may say, however, without

flattery that the Orestimba is already better than many school papers that are considerably less youthful. So here's to you, Orestimba! May you have a long life and a merry one—and please tell us what you mean.

The Shasta Daisy is another little paper, in its fifth year. It has on its cover a picture of Luther Burbank's Shasta daisy, which makes a design both unique and attractive. There are six pages of advertisements in the front and three in the back, which is not a very desirable disposition of advertising matter. The first article is a story, "A Thanksgiving Surprise." Now there are several things the matter with that story, of which I am going to point out one or two. In the first place there are several rhetorical flaws. I have copied out the second and third sentences and suggested certain improvements.

"The tall, handsome man with the bright, pretty child in his arms, talking so earnestly to the slight, fair little woman"—here are too many adjectives. There were only two in the case of the man and the child. It is rank partiality to bestow three on the woman, so we will cut out one and say "the fair, little woman at his side"—a couple of adjectives descriptive of the "side" might not have been amiss. "Her low, tremulous answers made it apparent that something was wrong, for her sweet voice"—precedent and the tune seemed to demand another epithet here, so I stuck it in and read "Her sweet, gentle voice held a note of pain." Seriously, it is possible to make a production sound very crude by overloading it with adjectives. That seems to have been done in this case, though the remainder of the story does not exhibit this fault to any marked degree. The expression, "for a couple or three days," sounds peculiar, to say the least. We have all heard it before, of course, but never in a serious context. It is hopelessly colloquial. Later in the course of the story we are told that "the mother began to suspicion." Upon reading that statement I began to suspect that the author

should have consulted a dictionary. The word "suspicion," as a verb, is marked "obsolete" in mine. There are a number of other places where the rhetoric is faulty, but there is not space to note them all. The whole incident of the return of the father is extremely improbable. The difficulty lies in the fact that he appeared to the daughter first. How he was able to locate her without revealing the fact of his existence to the mother is an unexplained mystery.

The mere fact of improbability, of course, does not make an incident useless or pernicious in a story. But the improbable circumstances or set of circumstances, must be so treated as not to make the story inconsistent, and not to lead the mind away from the main issue to speculation about the incident. An improbable incident, I suppose, will usually, if not always, be a whole story in itself. For instance, there is a story in the December Tiger which is summarized in its last paragraph as follows:

"That boy was a hero. He kept in the game with a broken ankle, leg, two broken shoulders and a broken neck, and in the last few seconds of play rolled, yes, **rolled,** 105 yards to a touchdown and to victory."

That was certainly an improbable thing, and yet the story was a good one, rather unusually good for an academic paper. And it was effective largely because the incident recorded was improbable to the point of absurdity.

The Zephyr comes to hand from the Gilroy High School with a cover that is, like man, "fearfully and wonderfully made."But there is one thing very attractive about the Zephyr, there is a turkey on every page. I suppose I am unique in this respect, but turkey somehow appeals to me. Speaking briefly of the contents of the Zephyr, I may say that the stories are about like most high school stories, the arrangement of the various sorts of matter is peculiar, on two or three pages there is a lapse into the habit of printing, at the bottom of the page, those despicable line advertisements, whose general model is, "Go to Blank's for Good Groceries." Aside from the items I have noted the Zephyr will do very well.

# Societies.

## Archania.

Archania looks forward to a successful semester. Last term was one of progress. Our feeling of mutual fellowship serves to lighten the moments that would be lonely to the college man and also enables the members to share their best with one another. We are convinced that Literary Society life is one of the greatest influences in the life of the student.

One of our former members, Mr. Percy Gerlach, recently won a twenty-dollar prize in a written argumentative contest at Stanford University. Mr. Irving W. Snow, an esteemed alumnus of our society, visited U. P. this week. He informed us that another Archanian, Rev. W. L. Kingsbury, has gone to Tokio to teach in one of the schools. Members of the society are always glad to welcome visitors.

Archania's open meeting of last semester was a great success and we were pleased to be able to entertain so many members from the other societies.

## Emendia.

Emendia begins the new semester with almost all of her members returned. On Friday afternoon, January 12, the first meeting of the society was held in Cartesia Hall. An interesting program was given, after which light refreshments were served. Several of the new girls were present.

Emendia has suffered some inconvenience by not being able to hold her meetings in her own Society Hall. However, we hope to have this difficulty removed before long.

# Alumni Notes.

Miss Binnie De Forest, '80, teacher of elocution in Mills College, spent her Christmas vacation with relatives in San Jose.

Mr. Charles T. Springer, a member of the class of '84, died in Palo Alto January 8. For many years Mr. Springer held a prominent position under the Federal government in Denver. A few years ago, failing in health, he went to Honolulu, but after a few months returned to spend his remaining days in the Santa Clara valley. His funeral services were held on January 11 in the Episcopal chapel at Cypress Lawn cemetery. Mrs. Springer, who survives him, is also a member of '84.

Mr. Reuben B. Hale, '90, is one of the promoters of the proposed exposition at San Francisco in 1913. They plan to raise $5,000,000 for the enterprise and also to ask for an appropriation from Congress.

Mrs. Annie Van Valin, nee Earle, '93, formerly of Nelson, Nebraska, has returned to California and is residing at San Mateo.

Mr. Milton C. Ish, '95, is a retail merchant in Goldfield.

Mrs. Laura Weed, nee Jones, '96, has been spending a few weeks with her mother in the Willows, San Jose.

Mrs. H. H. Powell, nee Louise Preston, '96, has returned to her former home, Santa Clara, where Rev. Mr. Powell has been appointed rector of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. R. Cook, nee Mary Crothers, '99, is enjoying the winter in Berlin.

Dr. Eno Richardson, '01, of Salinas, made a short visit with his parents in College Park during the holidays.

Mr. Fred Tibbetts, '03, and Mrs. Tibbetts, '05, of

Berkeley, were in College Park during the holidays calling on their numerous friends.

Miss Mary Anderson, '04, of College Park, has been spending a few weeks in Salem, Oregon, with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Tillman, '02.

Miss Adaline Ricks, '03, has re-entered the conservatory for post-graduate work.

Mr. Harvey E. Doerr, '05, after taking a pleasant vacation with his people in College Park, has returned to take charge of his school in Newman.

Mr. Leslie B. Briggs, '05, has entered into his last semester's work in the Pacific Theological Seminary of Berkeley. ANNIE M. MAYME.

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# Calendar.

August 14, 1906. The fount of wisdom begins to spirt.

15. Stager and Rittenhouse get mixed.

17. General reception. Coy, Birch and Taber fatally smitten.

20. George Sawyer shakes hands with old "playmates."

21. Psychology class has its memory refreshed on some striking happenings in the civil war.

23. First load of material arrives for new dorm.

28. Band begins to torture College Park.

29. Ground broken for new dorm.

31. Birch wears his pants at half-mast. Did something die?

Sept. 4. Dr. Cross roars at Nasu in Hebrew.

6. "Hail Columbia" in the library. Rude! Brutal young men!

7. On this day did Dow begin to cultivate a new jerk in his gait.

10. Lipsky is requested to refrain from the use of profane language in Hebrew class.

12-15. Conference at Pacific Grove. M. Smith, Thomas and M. J. W. get tanked.

17. Pharos out. Joy in the camp.

19. Warren Smith suffers from overeating. Comforts himself with paregoric.

Practice game of basketball.

20. Farewell reception to President McClish.

21. Rough house in East Hall. Rutherford, Wright, Huddleson and Aitken get jugged.

24. Blue Monday. Hartzel bucks his classes. Preposterous! Absurd!

25. New hot air generator landed.

26. Foundation for now dome completed.

27. Preps bite the dust in rage. Faculty rules that the children must not be out after sundown.

28. Misses Eby, Penny, Clayton, Fleming, M. Smith, W. Withrow and Filben put their heads together and organize a fire brigade.

29. Second and fourth years skip to the hills for a feed. Sophomores also do a stunt.

30. Atkinson shows signs of getting a new girl.

Oct. 1. Freshmen hot under the collor; too much 'impassioned prose."

3. Zeus thunders from Olympus: "Hereafter and forever grant a portion of U. P.'s faculty the use of a gramophone in conducting chapel."

5. Life miraculously saved. 11:30 a. m.—Today a beloved Prof. of U. P. was ferociously attacked by a giant mosquito. The fiendish beast set in on the professor's broadsided cheek. Disturbed by the distressing motions of the professor, the terrible creature sought refuge by climbing the slippery heights of the professor's cranium. Lopeing out into the clearing, the animal discovered a supposed mellow place into which he could soon burrow and safely hide. He was just ready to puncture the hardpan and fall through when the doctor was apprised of his own supreme danger. Grabbing a lead pencil he thrashed and beat and pounded and malled the dreadful brute till it lay a mangled heap of ruins.

6. Hartzel and Filben take a heik to the hills.

8. Koreck announces his series of "touching lectures" to be given in his laboratory. Everybody welcome! Prof. Cross thumps the high places on the piano. Chapel seats assigned. Club-footed men are asked to be more graceful.

9. Elocution class cut to the pigeon-wing upstairs.

10. Nasu says the Chinese are the only creatures that have head and tail both on the same end.

12. Peterson returns, showing signs of having been goo-gooed.

15. Prof. Cross entertains his psychology class

with pianoforte selections. "Yankee Doodle" was the first number.

17. Pharos manager lost, strayed or stolen. Chicago tanglefoot fighter speaks in chapel. Warmer.

18. Mid-term exams. Geometry class wears variegated socks and receives variegated grades.

20. Geology class takes to the hills.

22. Senior plugs appear. Sophs' stovepipes bite the dust.

23. Sparks fly from Miner's hair.

24. Freshies and Sophs still make the nights hideous. '09 ladies appear in "white-caps."

26. "Calamity" Dorr and "Cyclone" Thomas are found guilty of dirty politics.

29. Stager got left.

30. Geometry class hangs between heaven and earth.

31. Hallowe'en. A few students played the devil.

Nov. 1. Everybody flunks.

2. Senior girls' hats. Basketball at Watsonville and Santa Cruz.

5. Jolly-up at student body while faculty sit in judgment on the petition.

6. First vacation of the semester.

7. That cold snap. Dorm. dwellers gather liquid-air drops from radiators.

14. Academy 38, College 7.

15. Miss Sinclair's recital.

16. New Pharos. Dazzling.

19. Hot time. New boiler fired.

22. Normal 9, U. P. Co-eds 6.

23. Rhizomia blowout.

24. Dutch play storms the college.

28. Visions of turkey.

29-30. Thanksgiving recess.

Dec. 3. Flunk! Flunk! Flunk! Smith reports another case of "precordial anxiety."

7. Sophilechtians open their doors and hearts.

10. Young tornado visits campus.

11. Still "showers of blessings."First frog of the season croaks.

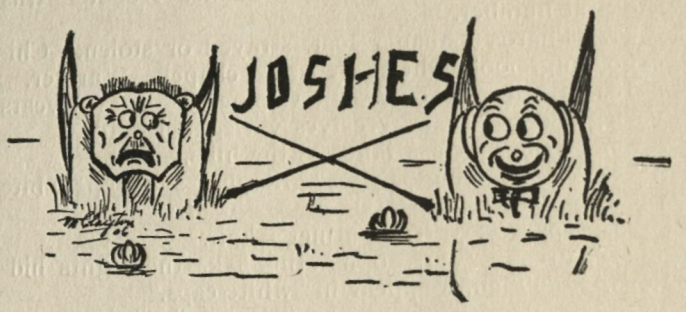
14. Cartesia and Cercania hot brigade entertainers.

15. Faculty concert. South Hall donates flat-irons to save the roof.

16. Sunday. Everybody "plugs" for exams.

17. Still plugging.

20. Agony ended.




Oh, puppy love! Oh, puppy love!
Oh, sappy hearts that touch!
When things that mean so little
Seem things that mean so much!
—Exchange.

M. J. Williams married a girl the other day. But she got another fellow. M. J. performed the ceremony. He hopes that this will pave the way for a matrimonial landslide.

Mr Aitkin: "Yes, boys, I'm going to Utah with a surveyor's gang. You know that's where the fellow lives who has sixty wives and I don't know how many children."

Mr. Fickes: "Well, I'd like to have that sort of a job."

Question—Which job did he mean?

Old Proverbs revised—Central Hall Boarding House fare: "None but the brave can stand the fare."
—Exchange.

A young man named Remington was recently married at Madrone. As his wife is a graduate of a business college, it is feared that she will mistake her husband for a typewriter and begin to dictate to him.

Heard on the Campus—

First Girl: "What is that little white josh-house

near the athletic field?"

Second Girl: "Oh, that's the place where the boys put on their pajamas."

For the benefit of the new girls an Information Bureau has been established in South Hall. After careful deliberation Miss Margaret Rothchild, on account of her preeminent ability, has been selected as the first chief of this bureau. Her office hours will be announced as soon as possible.

Mr. Mehl (reading the last Pharos and between paragraphs telling his troubles to a friend): "Yes, she went with me to Archania's open meeting—Listen, isn't this a great josh, 'A kiss to a wife is Faith, to a sweetheart it is Hope, to an old maid it is Charity—' Well, as I was saying, she went with me that time, but when I asked her for her company the next Friday evening she gave me some sort of an excuse. I guess she thought charity once was enough. Well, what are you laughing at now? Oh, I never meant that sort of Charity!"

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# Editorials.

## New Year.

What shall we do with it? The past year has revealed to the wideawake student his special powers as well as his special weaknesses. It has opened his eyes to the infinitesimal amount of knowledge to which he has already attained and likewise has given him hopes of entering upon the enjoyment of revelations of the infinite unknown. Yes, but what shall be done with the new year and its proffered heritage?

Are past failures to place an insurmountable barrier to a truer and nobler progress? A man's real character is shown by his attitude in the presence of defeat. Napoleon as a great personality revealed his real strength always at the moment of some apparent disaster. If the way was closed to him on the one hand, he had his eyes open to some other avenue or he compassed the obstacle by further efforts. We as students in the University of the Pacific have every opportunity to make good any failure, unless the failure is complete and has come as a result of absolute neglect. Even then, if we are willing to make amends, we can have another chance. It is not so in all schools. In none of the large colleges and universities are revealed the personal interest and care as is here shown in behalf of the ordinary and careless student. Do we appreciate our privileges?

But what shall the successful student do with the new year? Shall he rest upon his oars, be satisfied with such success as he has already achieved? Nay, the truly successful student shall make his past victories but lead to higher ones. He will strive to promote every phase of Student Body activity; he will strive to be a greater social factor; he will seek to attain a higher standard of scholarship; and not the least

factor in this new year's activity will be a heartier endeavor to help his fellow-students to a truer life.

## Athletics.

Lately a considerable discussion has been aroused among the students by the fact that the Faculty Athletic Committee has sought to maintain a high standard of scholarship as necessary to participation in interscholastic contests. This right cannot be denied to the Faculty; for above all things else the school must maintain a creditable standard. Yet a standard must not be maintained which will do injustice to our students in their contests with other schools.

In other schools and by the P. A. L. a creditable grade in three subjects with fifteen recitation periods of forty-five minutes is the standard maintained. To require a passing grade in fifteen bells of work with hour periods does not put our students upon the same basis with other students with whom we contest. We willingly admit that the Faculty should refuse all those students the right to participate in athletics who fail to meet the school's standards thru neglect and carelessness, but it does not seem fair to debar all students because they have not met the standards. If a faithful students fails to get a passing grade in fifteen bells, should he be deprived the right to take part in interscholastic contests? He has a right to the enjoyment of the contest. We are glad the Faculty Committee has shown itself willing to settle such cases according to their merits.

Our school has maintained a record for clean athletics. Tho this is so, occasionally even here in our midst some student allows himself to do the underhanded act. The editor has heard confessions made to such acts. No man has an excuse for such action; rather it should be thoroughly understood that as a Faculty and Student Body it shall not be countenanced.

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—Ex.

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Two correspondents wrote to a country editor to know respectively, "The best way of assisting twins through the teething period" and "How to rid an orchard of grasshoppers."

The editor answered both questions faithfully, but unfortunately got the initials mixed, so that the father of the twins was thunderstruck by the following advise: "If you are unfortunate enough to be plagued by these unwelcome little pests, the quickest means of settling them is to cover them with straw and set the straw on fire."

While the man who was bothered with grasshoppers was equally amazed to read: "The best method of treatment is to give them each a warm bath twice a day, and rub their gums with boneset."

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