TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.

In Alameda City there are this year eight schools, including the High School. Of this number two are ungraded, one school of sixteen pupils being situated on Bay Farm Island. Besides the sixty-nine regular teachers employed in the department the city boasts of four special teachers—two of penmanship, one of drawing and one of music. In regard to the substitute teachers, we find here a divergence from the ordinary course in vogue in other places. Besides the usual list of substitutes employed by the day in all the cities, the Alameda Board of Education annually elects two "student teachers," who might be called special substitutes. These teachers are paid a regular salary of $35 per month, and must be graduates of some normal school, or possess a suitable teacher's certificate. Every regular teacher in the city is given a visiting day once a month in which to watch the progress of education in the other schools of Alameda, or abroad. In this way and in others the services of the student teachers are in constant requisition.

Mr. D. J. Sullivan, the genial City Superintendent, is a man of large experience in school matters and well qualified both by natural gifts and education for the important position he has so faithfully held the last sixteen years. In speaking of educational affairs in Alameda Mr. Sullivan said: "Our most pressing need at present is a new high school, so that we could separate the Haight school from the latter. Besides the Haight pupils we also accommodate all our ninth-grade pupils in the same building and they receive instruction on the principles of high school work. Thus the number of students in the High School, including the ninth grade, has been swelled to 320, and this does not include the pupils of the Haight School. In order to accommodate the latter in the High School building it was found necessary to transfer the children of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades elsewhere, thus bringing about a very crowded condition in these other schools. The only remedy is to build a new high school as soon as possible, and then allow the pupils of these grades in the Haight School to return to it."

The system of the purchase and distribution of school supplies in Alameda seems particularly successful. In July all the school and janitor supplies for the entire year are bought at once and then distributed monthly on requisition made by the principal of each school. Lists are carefully prepared and the supplies are taken to the various schools by a special delivery wagon. This proves an economical system, and may well be recommended to the notice of other cities. "We get just what we pay for," said the Superintendent, "and we see that there is no fraud or waste. We are enabled to purchase supplies more cheaply than any other department in the State, because we buy in large quantities and pay cash. Everything is weighed and examined as soon as the supplies are brought to the storeroom. Composition books for science work are furnished free to the pupils."

One of the most progressive schools in Alameda is the Encinal, whose principal is Charles C. Hughes, one of Stanford's brightest graduates. At a recent parents' and teachers' meeting in the school, the subject of the introduction of sewing into the curriculum was discussed. Mrs. Morrow read a very interesting and forcibly written paper on "Teaching Sewing to Young Girls." One great error of our modern mothers is that they themselves do so many things for their children instead of taking the required time and patience to teach the latter to accomplish their own work. Ten years is early enough for girls to learn to sew. One lady was greatly in favor of the school system of sewing, because while she herself had both the time and knowledge to teach them, she found that her girls learned more readily and sewed better when instructed by an outsider.

After discussing the matter pro and con, Mr. Hughes appointed a committee of ladies to visit the sewing classes in the San Francisco schools and learn the methods there, and then the meeting adjourned until the third Friday of the present month, when a report will be made and the subject further discussed.

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A CATTLE COUNTRY SCHOOL.

Some twelve miles to the east of Mount Hamilton there nestles in the wooded spurs of the coast range a tiny valley whose existence is almost unknown to all save a few hunters. The journey up from San Jose may be easily made in a day by staging to Mount Hamilton and then on by horseback over a rough country road. Several high ranges lie between "the mountain" and the San Antonio Valley, as it is called, and through these the road takes its leisurely serpentine way, up and down, in and out, now creeping down some precipitous mountain side into the blue depths below, then winding through rocky canyons where the little gray squirrels scamper daringly across the path, until it crawls up the opposite face of the gorge and finally emerges on the gently sloping flats of the valley. After Mount Hamilton is left behind, the vista from a certain high peak on the eastward trail reveals many points of interest. To the far north San Francisco Bay stretches its blue arms landward; in the southwest lies the bay of Monterey with a fleecy fog-blanket drifting over it, while off to the east beyond the purple haze of the Joaquin looms up the dim outline of the grand old Sierras. In the valley itself but few dwellings are seen, these being the widely scattered cabins of the cattlemen, built of rough-hewn redwood logs.

GOING TO SCHOOL IN THE RAINY SEASON.

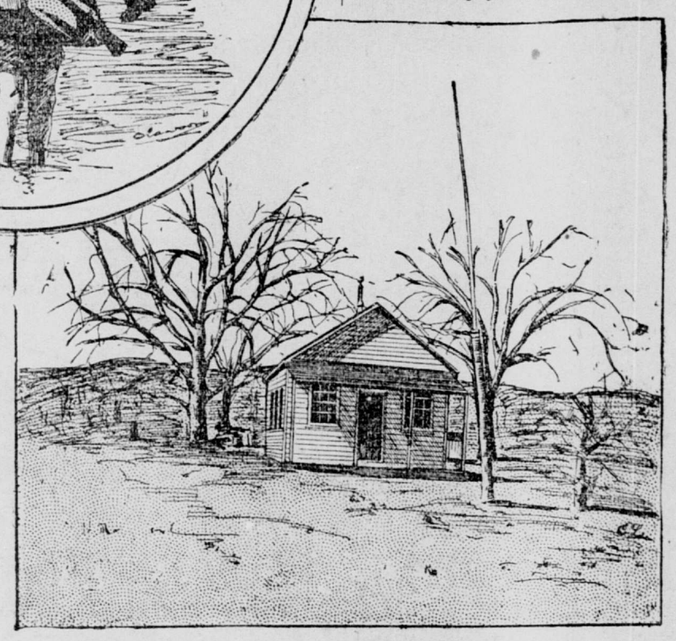
Dotted over the San Antonio are sturdy spreading oaks hung with mistletoe, and sheltering the straggling scrub growth which is the farmer's bane. The hillsides are veritable tangles of manzanita, deerbrush and chemisal, so thickly interwoven that a horse once off the trail must break through a new path for himself. This wilderness invariably forms a safe retreat for the rabbits and the whirring quail frightened by the hunter. Up the canyons the feathery pines quiver above the mountain streams.

In the midst of this rough country one comes with surprise upon the pretty little red and white building, which announces itself at a glance as the district schoolhouse. It is built of dressed lumber, neatly painted, and its interior is finished in natural wood. The light, airy room is further adorned with appropriate pictures, and on the walls may be seen the treasures of the woods gathered by the children—scarlet leaves, bits of moss, ferns and flowers and gayly colored feathers. In one corner of the room stands a neat library containing 140 much-read volumes and maps; a large modern globe, improved blackboards, etc., attest the keen interest of the mountain trustees. One great drawback is the absence of water from the school grounds, which must be daily brought from a well a quarter of a mile distant. This duty the children cheerfully perform, so that cool water, kept in demijohns encased in several thicknesses of wet gunny-sacks, is never lacking, even on the days when the thermometer registers 90 degrees before 10 o'clock in the morning.

A sturdy, sweet-tempered, rosy-cheeked lot are these mountain youngsters, trudging to and fro every day a distance of several miles, yet never complaining of the heat and dust or of such obstacles as that shown in the picture where an unbridged creek had to be crossed after a sudden freshet in the spring time.

Accommodations for the teacher cannot be secured at a less distance than ten miles, but she is provided with a horse, and thoroughly enjoys her daily ride in all kinds of weather, through waving grain fields, then beside a rippling creek, and finally through a long piney canyon, still following the stream.

Or, if she desire a longer ride through new scenes, there is still time enough after school closes at 3 o'clock. Sometimes she dashes off in a mad pursuit of a band of cattle, tearing up and down hill at a wild gait, leaping her horse over gaping gulches or rushing brooks, and pressing on and on until the stock are all corraled. Then she pauses to see the finale—the exciting, but far from pleasant process of branding after the animals have been driven into a chute or else lassoed and thrown, and the iron applied.



A CATTLE COUNTRY SCHOOL.

Occasional trips to Mt. Hamilton, where every effort is exerted to make the visitor's stay at the Observatory an enjoyable one, speed the hours of Saturday, and fully repay one for the long, fifty-mile ride. In this country the man's saddle is used by both sexes alike. The school teacher rides in divided skirts with apron fronts, and is always at home, either on horseback or afoot. But picture ye prim Normalite upon a half-broken mustang, with full Spanish equipment—heavy saddle, with clumsy, swinging stirrups, riata, hair-rope, capaderros, and quirt!

IDA MARCIE MANLY.

San Jose, Cal.

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THE LOS ANGELES STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Within the last decade the wonderful growth of the southern section of the State in population, industries and influence has impressed itself upon its schools. The hills and valleys in every direction are beng dotted with school houses. The constant increase of attendance at the normal school had made the building too small and the equipments too meager for the demands. In the early part of 1893 the Legislature voted an appropriation for a new building. At the close of the session in June, 1893, Mr. Ira More, under whose principalship the school had received its impetus and had become noted as an educational center, resigned, and upon his successor, the present principal, Mr. E. T. Pierce, devolved the work of directing the new building and appropriately fitting it for the increased number of students. During that school year ending June, 1893, the enrollment was 334; for the year ending June, 1897, it is 627, an increase of 293 in five years. The new building was occupied in September, 1894. It had ample room, and was especially adapted for the work, particularly in the training department. With these larger facilities and better appointments the school entered on a new era of usefulness. The former faculty consisted of eleven teachers, but as greater demands have come the number has been increased until now there are twenty-three. Every room in the school proper and in the training department is now occupied.

Great changes in educational affairs have occurred within the past ten years. Educators have been reaching forth into new and larger fields of investigation; the child in the schoolroom and at home has become a matter of intense study. It behooves a normal school to lead, or at least to keep in touch with the marks of advancement; therefore this school has sought to place its graduates on the plane of the present progress, and to enable them to continue the subjects already begun. The ideal of the faculty is to so impress the students with the greatness of their work that they may come to study and thoroughly know the child.

With this in mind, the faculty meets weekly in the seminary to discuss pedagogical questions—those that relate to their own work; those that bear directly upon the students; those materially affecting the interests and the advancement of the pupils in the training department. These studies are valuable, not only because they bring the teachers and their work into weekly contact, but also because they broaden the view of the specialist, and develop in him a sympathy for other lines of study.

Akin to this is a plan for university extension work conducted by the department of pedagogy, which outlines and superintends the various lines of investigation. In several counties the teachers are organized for this work, and are brought in touch with the studies in the Normal School.

The equipments of the school are commensurate with the demands. Science is studied in the laboratory. In physics a commodious room and well-selected apparatus enable the instructor to train his classes by experiment. The chemical laboratory in the old building was a cramped, poorly fitted room in the basement. The students now have a separate building, well appointed for thorough work. Equal facility is afforded in the study of botany and zoology, each student having a microscope for his own use. The new science of psychology has not been neglected, for attention has been given to the collection and application of apparatus, since in many instances mental growth can only be determined by these means. This has an important bearing on the work of teaching. The senior class for a year is brought in contact with pupils, ranging from the first grade to the eighth, and these student teachers are enabled to approach the child with a greater knowledge of his habits, his modes of thought, his inclinations and the general trend of his life.

In order to extend the influence of the work of the school, and to be able to take the child in his younger years, the trustees provided for a kindergarten department in September, 1896. It was the first move in that direction made by any normal school on the coast.

A fully equipped Sloyd department is one of the accessories of this school. Each class has this work on the weekly programme, and the requirements for attention to it are as binding as any other; the influence of this work is noticeable in many ways. It is well to have book knowledge; it is profitable to be able to manipulate in the science laboratories; it is useful to learn how to solve problems, but these alone would not make the rounded teacher. He must know something of the esthetic side of life; the pleasing and the enjoyable outside of the mere matter-of-fact training. Four years ago there was not a picture or a portrait in the building; now students study the portrait as well as the author; they can now form some idea of classic art by the study of the casts; they can look upon the Parthenon, splendid in its ruins; they catch some inspiration of the splendor of Greek art by examining the plaster casts of Diana and Minerva. The drawing department is rich in models, designs and engravings, all of which stimulate a desire to be in touch with the inspiring power of art. A well selected library, to which the pupils have access at all times for reference or investigation, is a close ally to help the student in his efforts.

Seven years ago a large and well equipped gymnasium was built. A systematic plan for work was carried out, and it is accepted by both students and parents that the physical drill given regularly each week and in the most beneficial way to the students exerts a great influence upon their health.

The aim of the school is to send forth graduates who have been trained to think, and to know something of the great pulsating life outside the four walls of the schoolroom; to see in the child great possibilities, and to study how to develop them to the best advantage to themselves and to the State; and lastly to hold as their chief purpose the making of men and women, worthy of the great aim of life, and an honor and blessing to humanity.

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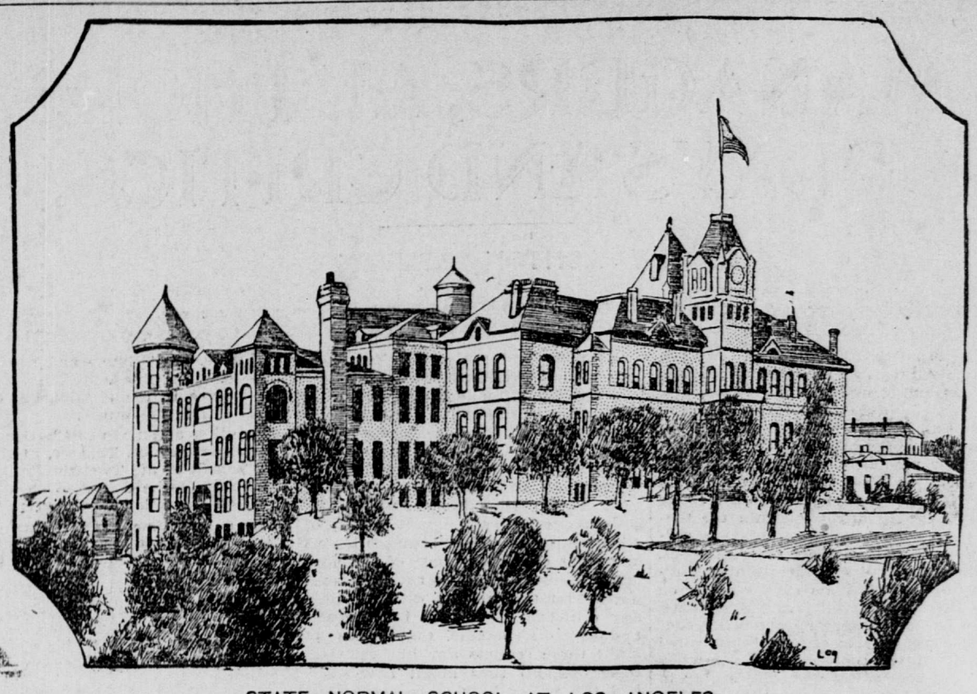

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT LOS ANGELES.

DOES MODERN EDUCATION EDUCATE?

The following is a list of questions on modern education recently propounded to Dr. Jordan by the Cosmopolitan, with the former's answers annexed:

1. Does it educate in the broadest and most liberal sense of the term

Answer of President Jordan.—That training which does not disclose the secret of power is unworthy the name of education.

2. The first article of the educational series which has been published in The Cosmopolitan was founded upon the following hypothesis: "The pursuit of all mankind is happiness.* (*From Webster's Dictionary—Happiness is generic, and is applied to almost every kind of enjoyment except that of the animal appetites. From the Century Dictionary—Every man speaks of happiness as his end of ends; he wishes to live well or to do well, which he considers the same as being happy. But men disagree exceedingly in their opinions as to that which constitutes happiness; nay, the same man sometimes places it in one thing, sometimes in another—in health or in riches, according as he happens to be sick or poor.) There is no other basis upon which any tenable theory of education for youth may be built than that the training received tends, in the highest degree, toward those conditions of mind and body which will best serve to bring happiness to the individual educated and to those about him. That, at least, is the ideal toward which education must move with ever quickening strides."

Do you believe that this is the true idea? If not—what

Answer of President Jordan.—I should say rather effectiveness. But as all true happiness depends on action, there is not so much difference. But mere pleasure or contentment should not be called "happiness."

3. Do you think that the training of the mind of youth can be accomplished by the study of physics, chemistry, physiology, psychology and English, German and French literature as thoroughly as by that of Latin and Greek?

Answer of President Jordan.—With most men better.

4. Will not a curriculum made up of the sciences and modern literature develop the reasoning powers to a higher degree than one in which the study of Latin and Greek is the chief factor?

Answer of President Jordan.—With most men—yes.

5. Inasmuch as the student, in a large percentage of cases, immediately following graduation enters upon a professional or business career and not infrequently assumes family cares, should not provision be made for thorough instruction by lectures on choice of occupation or profession—the intention being to afford him the widest possible information regarding the occupations of life, and to enable him to choose with knowledge rather than with prejudice?

Answer of President Jordan.—Lectures are not very effective in this regard. Personal conversation is better.

6. Should not thorough instruction regarding the duties of the married state, the psychological aids to selection and to happy wedded relations and the proper bringing up of children, constitute an important part of every college course?

Answer of President Jordan.—Such information is most valuable and should be included. But it should not be spurious, hysterical, mawkish. It takes a manly man with thorough knowledge to give such instruction.

7. If Latin and Greek should be omitted from the curricula of school (six years) and college (four years), would there not be ample time not only to train the mind in science and two modern languages (including English), but also to teach the things most requisite for properly embarking upon that active life which usually follows college graduation?

Answer of President Jordan.—When time is well spent, four years becomes far too short for all that is needed.

8. Do you hold that time should be obtained for the most important studies by omitting those which are least important?

Answer of President Jordan.—I hold that each student should be educated for himself in his best way and that any curriculum not involved in the nature of the subject is a hindrance and an impertinence.

9. Shoud not all students be compelled to include, as part of their daily duties, exercise sufficient to develop sound bodies while establishing habits tending to maintain health at a maximum of efficiency?

Answer of President Jordan.—A student should be led to seek such training, but education is largely a training of the will. He should seek it for himself, not be obliged to take it.

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FRATERNAL NEWS

ORDER EASTERN STAR.

King Solomon Chapter at its last held meeting received eight petitions, and Mission Chapter at its next meeting will have ten candidates to initiate.

Golden Gate Chapter will have a district meeting on the 17th inst. Last Thursday night the members tendered a reception to Mrs. Mary H. Lewis, the pleasant and painstaking sentinel, who for twenty-six years has been a member of the chapter. She was presented a tribute of affection, and was informed that the reception was in celebration of the anniversary of her birth in 1827. Of the many kind things said there were none more welcome to her ears than the assertion that as sentinel she has always been faithful and careful.

Harmony Chapter had a short meeting last Friday night, and at the close thereof the members were entertained with phonograph recitations, dancing, song and the serving of a collation. A very enjoyable time was had by the many who attended the meeting. There were a number of visitors from Mission Chapter.

Oak Leaf Chapter will give a children's party on next Thursday night. The previous one was one of the very enjoyable affairs that this up-to-date chapter knows how to get up.

Fallen Leaf Chapter of Placerville gave a colonial reception on the evening of Washington's birthday, and, according to the local papers, it was a magnificent affair. There were at least 200 persons present, and the stately minuet was one of the most attractive features. G. H. Burnham represented the father of his country and Mrs. H. S. Morey represented Martha Washington.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

Frank Perkins, who had been a member of the order for fifty years and was well known around the Odd Fellows' quarters, died a few days since and on Friday was buried by the Veterans.

Franco-American Lodge was visited last Thursday night by the relief committee, Western Addition Lodge, Golden West Lodge and Germania Lodge, and the occasion was made one of congratulation to L. L. Remy of the visited lodge, recently elected to the office of president of the relief committee.

Unity Encampment on last Friday night paid its annual visit to Golden Rule Encampment, it being the occasion of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the institution of the visited encampment. The grand patriarch and other grand officers were present, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

A new subordinate will soon be instituted at Kings River and another at Lemoore.

THE REBEKAHS.

California Rebekahs' apron and necktie party on Saturday, the 26th of February, was well attended and was a great social success. In addition to the dancing there was a programme that included a recitation by F. W. Jaegher; vocal solo, Mr. Carlton; original poem, dedicated to the lodge, by Jeanette Harowitz; vocal solo, Miss Posner; fancy dance, Miss Julia Turpin, and recitation by Dorothy Blum.

Amity Rebekah Lodge held an open meeting on the 26th of February, and there was a very large attendance. For the entertainment of those present there was a piano solo by Miss Fannie Igo; vocal solo, Miss Helms; recitation, Otto Herzau; ballad, George Durston; fancy dance, Alice Bell; vocal duet, Miss Helms and Miss Igo, and song by Messrs. Hansen and Price. A pleasant dance programme followed the entertainment. This lodge entertained the relief committee, Oriental Rebekah Lodge and Unity Encampment and the deputies of the district last night.

On the 26th of February Mission Rebekah Lodge was officially visited by Mrs. M. Karsner, president of the assembly, and other grand officers. There were present visitors from Yerba Buena and Occidental lodges of the Odd Fellows, and during the evening a very acceptable programme was presented, a feature being the selections of the Knickerbocker quartet. A number of toasts were responded to at the supper that was served during the evening.

THE WORKMEN.

Workmen's day at the fair was a decided success. A stirring address was delivered by W. H. Jordan, P. S. M. W. The contest by the drill teams for a banner was between Prosperity of this city and Mount Hamilton of San Jose. The latter carried off the prize.

Retiring Past Master W. J. O'Connell was at the last held meeting of Central Lodge of Oakland made the recipient of a handsome jewel.

A new lodge with twenty-seven members was instituted at Montague last Tuesday, and the same night one was established at Sebastopol with thirty-five members.

Grand Master Vinter delivered an eloquent address at a Bohemian given by South Berkeley Lodge last Friday.

Franklin Lodge on last Friday initiated a candidate and declared itself opposed to the establishment of a home for aged Workmen at this time on the ground that the project is not now feasible.

A number of the interior lodges are making arrangements for the observance of the anniversary of the order on the 26th of April.

NATIVE SONS.

Bay City Parlor has arranged for a grand trolley ride on the evening of the 5th of April.

A general committee has been organized at San Jose, with W. J. Kirkpatrick as chairman, J. S. Williams vice-chairman, E. H. Leitch secretary and W. F. Leuzen treasurer, to go before the Grand Parlor and make a contest in behalf of the Garden City as the place in which to hold the next Admission day celebration.

Sequoia Parlor has elected R. W. Martland, R. D. Barton and S. A. White as delegates to the Grand Parlor.

Grand First Vice-President Judge W. M. Conley will officially visit El Dorado Parlor next Thursday.

The Native Sons and Daughters had their time at the fair last night. There was a grand concert by the Sequoia band, also addresses by George D. Clark, G. P.; Frank D. Ryan, Frank L. Coombs and John T. Greaney, past grand presidents; a poem; a patriotic song by the sons and daughters and the presentation of a golden key to the grand president.

THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS.

Last Wednesday night Golden State Parlor received two applications and was honored by a visit from Miss Mae B. Wilkins, past grand president.

Buena Vista Parlor had a social last Thursday night, and it was a very enjoyable affair.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS' HOME.

Several years ago a charitable citizen donated to the Native Daughters the sum of $600, to be used as the nucleus of a fund to be created for the assistance of such members of the order as needed such after they had drawn all that the laws of the parlors to which they belonged allowed them. This was placed under the direction of a board of relief, composed of fifteen members named by the grand president. Subsequently a small yearly tax was levied on each parlor, and so little was drawn from the fund that at this time it amounts to about $1200. Mrs. T. L. Kane is the present president of the board, and Miss Clara K. Wittenmeyer the secretary. The latter recently suggested the idea of using the fund for the purpose of starting a home on a small scale, to be enlarged in the future, for the use of such members of the order as may desire a temporary habitation or be in need of medical attendance which they could not obtain in their homes. A plan is now under discussion, and in about two weeks a report will be presented, when action will be taken.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

The San Francisco Cabinet at its last held meeting decided to give a first-class literary and musical entertainment on the 11th of May in celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of the institution of the order.

The presentation of the banners and badges to the Cabinet by President Hastings was on behalf of the Senate.

MEADE CORPS NO. 61.

At the last held meeting of Meade Corps, G. A. R., Mrs. Gaffney, a member, presented to it a large picture of Lincoln, which was covered with the American flag, the last Union emblem that floated over Libby Prison and which is now the property of General George Meade Post. The presentation speech was by Mrs. Goodwin on behalf of the donor. There were a number of the members of the post present to witness the unveiling. During the presentation and the acknowledgment of the gift, there was an allusion to the flag to the effect that it could not be put to better use than that of adorning the picture of the martyred hero, for like him it had done noble duty, and like him it was laid away, but that while he could not be recalled, the flag can at any time be unfurled to the breeze again to inspire those ready to defend the honor of the country.

Post Commander Leavitt, after that, delivered a stirring address in which he defended the granting of pensions to those who had seen service in the war, but was severe in his criticisms of those who draw big fat salaries in the pension office. He said that if there was less grab the real soldiers would receive at least $12 or $15 a month instead of the paltry sum they now receive. He said that the old soldiers desire enough to keep body and soul together. He declared that should the President to-day call for volunteers every old soldier who can walk and shoulder a musket will respond.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS.

During the latter part of last month, Friendship Council of Sacramento and Phoenix Council of this city each initiated a candidate.

Last Thursday the initiatory team initiated four candidates in the hall of Social Council in the presence of the following named officers: H. W. Hutton, S. V. C.; C. M. Arnold, P. S. C.; Grand Councilor Boehm, Grand Recorder Wallis, Grand Treasurer Clara McDonald and Grand Prelate Mrs. Sweeney.

San Jose now has an initiatory team and is ready for work.

Pacific Council, on Friday night, had one of its old time meetings. Trustees Newman and Jackson addressed the members. Councilor Nicholson recited an original poem. Miss McCrery, P. C., Mrs. White, Mrs. Leon, Miss Bray and others added to the enjoyment of all present. Trustee Newman promised an interesting topic for the next meeting.

THE DRUIDS.

At the close of February, Acorian Grove, Sacramento, was visited by H. J. Goller, N. G. A., and J. M. Graves, G. S. They were met by a committee at the depot and escorted to the hall, where they were welcomed by a goodly number of members.

On Monday night the grand officers visited Walhalla Grove in company with Dr. Silva, N. A., and A. J. Santos, V. A., of Acorian Grove. The third degree was conferred, followed by addresses by the visitors. Then followed a banquet, at which Judge Henry of the visited grove was toast master.

Last Tuesday Perseverance Grove conferred the second degree on two candidates, and Aurora Grove, at its last held meeting, conferred the same degree and received an application.

El Dorado and California groves, in joint meeting, were officially visited by the grand officers last Tuesday night. They were pleased with the work of the groves and were well entertained. The following day they were taken to all points of interest and shown the monument erected to the memory of Frederick Seig, founder of the order in this State.

THE DRUIDESSES.

El Dorado Circle at its last held meeting had two applications and after work, the "baby circle" was entertained by visitors from Boadicea Circle, John Hutton, D.D., A. S. Hall of Golden Gate Circle, Mrs. R. Fraser, A. D.; J. J. Mollison and many others. This circle will give an entertainment in Austrian Hall next Saturday night.

FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

Last Friday night Court Golden Era gave its annual high jinks in its hall in the Alcazar and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. There was a good programme of entertainment, which included music, song, instrumental selections, boxing and wrestling matches and the telling of amusing stories. The boxers were the Castle brothers and Graney and Jennings, while the wrestlers were Lichtenstein and Manlock, and S. L. Waller and J. Mahlstedt. The others who participated in the programme were Messrs. Lewis, Beckel, Weaver, Schmitz, Edwards and others. I. Michaels was the chairman of the committee of arrangements, that in addition to the programme provided a collation and smoking material. W. Goff, the retiring past chief ranger, was presented a handsomely framed certificate and badge of the order.

Court Acme was to have had a banquet last Thursday night and nearly 200 ladies and gentlemen met in the Alcazar according to the invitation, to be told at 10 o'clock that the banquet had been postponed until Tuesday night, because of the failure of the committee to notify the caterer.

Court Bonita received an official visit last Monday from Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Samuels and the meeting was a decidedly pleasant one.

COMPANIONS OF FOREST, F. O. A.

The grand chief companion, Mrs. Harrington, is visiting circles in Stockton and vicinity.

Robin Hood Circle on last Wednesday had an initiation and the work was exceedingly well done. The same night Inter Nos Circle had an initiation in its usual perfect manner. In each circle there was at the close of the meeting a social hour that was productive of much enjoyment to all.

Last Wednesday night Bay City Circle had a very pleasant social in Alcazar Social Hall, and it was stated that the unusual large attendance was attracted by the previous announcement that the three beauties of the circle would be there, and they were. The committee, consisting of Mrs. H. Worms, Mesdames Burkheim, Marks, Pechner, Roach and Kemper, Miss Wolmer and Messrs. Marks and Lorier, did much to make the enjoyment of the evening complete.

Bonita Circle had a pleasant meeting last Thursday night, followed by an hour of entertainment and dancing.

THE PAST CHIEFS, F. O. A.

At the meeting of the Past Chief Companions' Association on Monday night it was decided to notify each circle in this city of the next meeting which will be held on the last day of this month, and invite all past chiefs as well as the membership to attend. This with a view to obtain an expression of opinion to the end of propagating the order and keep up with some of the jurisdictions in the East, which have been advancing at a remarkably rapid pace.

THE JUNIORS.

The State officers of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics are busy at this time preparing their reports to be presented at the session of the State Council that is to meet on the 15th inst.

The order has secured from the railroad company transportation from all points in the State at one and one-third rate for round trips.

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY.

California Council at its last meeting celebrated the third anniversary of the foundation of the order by the presentation of a short programme of music and song to a good number of persons who were in attendance. Then followed a dance and the serving of cakes and coffee. The affair was managed by Misses Laura Cantus, Emma Cantus and E. McIntyre.

B'NE B'RITH.

Columbia Lodge will, to-morrow night, tender a farewell reception in B. B. Hall to Past President Eugene Michaels, who will shortly leave for Johannesberg, Africa, where he will institute a lodge of the order.

Montefiore Lodge will celebrate its thirty-fourth anniversary by a grand ball in B. B. Hall on the 23d inst. Invitations will be complimentary, and but two will be issued to each member.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE.

The open meeting of Fraternity Council of East Oakland on the 24th of last month was well attended and proved very interesting.

Last Wednesday there was a large attendance at the district meeting of Councils Nos. 72, 74 and York at the Potrero, which was presided over by District Deputy P. J. Hagan. There was also a large number of the members of the order at the district meeting of Councils Nos. 35, 55 and 460 last Thursday night in the Alcazar building. The meeting was presided over by District Deputy W. A. Breslin.

On the 10th inst. James T. Foley will preside at a district meeting of Nos. 1, 4 and 34, to be held in the Alcazar building.

Last Friday night preliminary steps were taken for the organization of the council in St. James parish.

Rev. Henry Woods, S. J., will lecture before Columbia Council in St. Ignatius College Hall on "Explosives" on the 15th inst., and on the 23d Professor Griggs Stanford University will lecture in Metropolitan Hall before Mission Council on "Shakespeare."

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Grand Dictator Archibald returned last Monday from visits to lodges in Monterey, Salinas and Santa Cruz.

Many members of Anchor, Polar Star and other lodges were with Liberty Lodge last Monday to listen to an address on Constantinople by Professor Prior. Among the visitors were P. L. Archibald, G. D., and Thomas Learned, G. V. D.

Monday night Yerba Buena Lodge had one initiation, a lengthy debate on the subject of the investment of the lodge funds and other matters. This lodge will give a smoker and increase meeting on the 14th inst.

Prescott Lodge initiated one candidate last Wednesday and received five applications. The lodge was visited by Grand Vice-Dictator Thomson.

Keystone Lodge, at its last held meeting, installed P. D. Mullany as trustee and initiated a candidate. The lodge expects quite an addition as a result of its recent open meeting.

The March list from the supreme lodge shows 166 deaths, of which twelve occurred in California. The claims will be paid during the current month.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

There was a gathering of the members of Zerin Kapi Temple No. 52 of the D. O. K. K. last night for the purpose of inducting, according to the ancient custom, a number of tyros into the mysteries of the order. On Saturday next there will be a pilgrimage to Benicia by way of the Southern Pacific Railroad, where the caravan will pick up a number of tyros.

Grand Chancellor Grant announces the following visits: March 10, to Palo Alto; March 11, Los Gatos; March 12, New Almaden; March 15, San Jose, where Triumph and San Jose lodges will meet jointly.

ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS.

At the last held meeting of Court Robin Hood, there was work of initiation, and the following named were elected delegates to the subsidiary high court, that is to meet in May: Alexander Nicholson and Thomas Watson, regulars, and Charles Morris and G. R. Morgan, alternates. Alexander Nicholson, P. D. C. R., was chosen to furnish the press with items about the court. There were a number of visitors present, and under good and welfare there were many interesting speeches.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

The Past Chiefs' Association held a meeting last week and made arrangements for the purpose of entertaining the delegates who are to meet in this city on the 16th of May and attend the session of the Supreme Circle.

There was a large attendance at the open meeting of Sherwood Circle in Foresters' Hall, O'Farrell street, last Monday night. On that occasion the committee on entertainment, of which Mrs. M. A. O'Brien was chairman, presented a programme of which the chief features were: Recitation, Mrs. Perry of Alba Circle, Vallejo; fancy dance, Miss Julia Turpin; vocal selections by the Sherwood quartet; Spanish song, Bertha Giago; recitation, Walter Doxey, and vocal solos by Miss Lynch, Mr. Abrahamson, William Coughlin and Mr. Scanlan. After that there was dancing and enjoyment for all till midnight. During the evening Washington Circle visited in a body.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

The last held meeting of Golden West Council was well attended, two applications were received and several more promised. The renewed interest in the council is encouraging. What is being done in this and other councils warrants the assertion that the Grand Council will be undoubtedly instituted in May. D. R. Thomas of Boston died in this city, and though not affiliated with any of the local councils the order took charge of his affairs, and in three weeks his beneficiaries received what was due them. An effort is being made to have all the local councils meet in the same building.

THE OHIO SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Ohio Society of California on last Tuesday, the ninety-fifth anniversary of the admission of the State of Ohio into the Union, there was a large attendance of members and much enthusiasm was displayed. Each member wore a tri-colored ribbon surmounted by one of 10,000 buckeyes sent to Norman R. Arter, financial secretary, by Job Reeder of Hanoverton, gathered from trees in the immediate vicinity of the home of President McKinley of Canton. It was shown by the reports that the affairs of the society are in a flourishing condition. The officers elected for the current term are: Ben B. Haskell, president; Oren B. Fogle, D. D. Stubbs and J. H. Healy, M.D., vice-presidents; Louis P. McCarty, secretary; Norman R. Arter, financial secretary; H. A. Iddings, treasurer; and H. L. Tickner, J. H. Belser, G. A. Scheer, Milton E. Baker and J. W. Richards, executive committee. After a short address by the president, felicitous and timely remarks were made by J. Thomas Ferguson, J. H. Belser, N. R. Arter, M. E. Baker, E. W. Currier, L. P. McCarty, A. Arter, M. G. Pumphrey and G. A. Scheer. Much good feeling was displayed.

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST.

Lincoln Lodge has arranged for a character and hard times unique social to be given in Washington Hall March 21. A special feature will be a gypsy camp.

Mizpah Lodge initiated two candidates at its last held meeting. In future Richmond Lodge will meet on the second and last Thursday of each month.

IMPROVED ORDER RED MEN.

Kiowa Tribe, which numbered nearly sixty, by a decided majority, has agreed to consolidate with Pocahontas Tribe, and by so doing the membership of the last named will be increased to more than 100.

Last Wednesday there was a large and enthusiastic meeting in the wigwam of Bald Eagle Tribe, the occasion being a visit by Osceola Tribe, which turned out in full numbers. There were also many visitors from Oshonee, Althomas, Manzanita, Miantonomah, Poanochee, Sotoyome, Modoc, White Eagle and Montezuma tribes. Two pale faces were adopted, after which there were short talks by Great Chief of Records Burgman, Great Michinevah Jennings, Past Great Sachem Brandt, Past Sachems Seymour, Goldman, Fuller, Swan, Glynn, Rudolph and McCarthy, and Sachems Holder and Ross. The principal talk was in regard to the grand parade on the Fourth of July, when it is expected the Red Men will turn out in great numbers.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.

The Saturday night party, recently given by Mrs. Leland Stanford Division No. 106, Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in Mission Masonic Hall, was a most enjoyable one. Previous to the dancing there was presented a programme of entertainment which had for features vocal solos by Miss Hadin, and Messrs. Soderer and Missner, recitation by Miss Bowley, and "Mother Goose and her family." The old lady was personated by Mrs. Alger and her favorite children by Miss Adelaide Tubbs and the Rhen sisters.

SONS OF BENJAMIN.

Minerva Lodge of the Sons of Benjamin had a very pleasant social in Alcazar Social Hall last Tuesday night and the large number of the members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening. The success of the affair was due to the efforts of the committee that had charge of it and which consisted of Mrs. H. Samish, Mesdames Konigstern, Cohn and Kramer and Miss Kramer, Miss Franklin and Miss Zier, with the genial Jacob Label as floor manager.