BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR GOOD OLD POLY.

The Polytechnic on the eve of the fifteenth year of its existence as a vocational school has been recognized by the State Board of Control as developed beyond the experimental stage and as a definite unit of the state's educational system.

As a proof of this recognition the State Board of Control has ordered the State Architect to prepare a permanent building plan similar to that of the University of California. This plan provides for the future enrollment of one thousand students.

The only parts of the present plan to be utilized are the trees, shrubbery, and laboratory equipment. All the old buildings must go as funds become available for the new units.

All the new buildings are to be of reinforced concrete of the severe mission type; the estimated cost is $1,500,000, of which it is expected one-third will be appropriated by the present legislature.

The perspective of the new plan will be completed in approximately two weeks, after which time it will be posted on the bulletin board.

DEBATE FRIDAY.

Friday, January 12th, is the date for which the second debate of this district is scheduled. The outcome of this debate is particularly interesting, because the results will determine the team that will have the honor of participating in the Inter-League Debate. Poly being second with three decisions to Arroyo Grande's four, must win four decisions on January 12th to be the successful school.

According to reports received Tuesday morning, Santa Maria has withdrawn from the league and the fight Friday will be between Arroyo Grande and Poly only. This will simplify matters greatly but it will make a much more difficult battle as Arroyo Grande's teams are recognized as our most dangerous opponents.

Both of our teams are working faithfully and Arroyo will find that they are not debating against Santa Maria.

The affirmative has been handicapped greatly by the absence of Donald MacMillan, one of Poly's most forcible speakers but the alternate, Ben Toggnazini is working doubly hard to overcome the loss of time incurred. It is whispered that Mac is suffering from an attack of cold feet. This report being true, he receives the heartfelt sympathies of the club but they hardly think that Mac would desert the colors in this fashion.

The negative, undoubtedly, has the least chance of winning as they speak before a non-sympathetic audience and more less prejudiced judges. For this reason every fellow who can possibly make arrangements should accompany the team to Arroyo Grande and do his part to help make the team win there.

Poly's teams are: affirmative- Miss Sarah Bushnell, Ben Toggnazini; negative-Percy Peterson, Howard Sebastian.
Track season opened immediately after Christmas. The time from now until the track meet is of great value to all track men. Training makes a track man; without training there is small chance of making first place. Schools all over the state have been training since the middle of December. Time is valuable. Take every opportunity possible to be out on the track in track suit. In plain words - train for a place worth while.

Owing to the scarcity of news and the difficulty experienced in obtaining appropriate stories and jokes, the Polygram is again late with its issue. The Polygram staff is trying to the utmost of its ability to put out a paper capable of the school and to produce it on time. It is very difficult in a school of this size to put out a paper without the support and cooperation of the entire student body. There are a few individuals among us, who, it seems, are inclined to criticize the paper, to pick out the jokes that are not original, and to knock when the paper is not issued on time or when mistakes are made in the printing. For the benefit of these people and for those who would like to help the paper along, the Polygram staff will accept with pleasure any original jokes or stories supplied. We will be glad to consider and print if requested any criticisms of the work we are attempting to do.

"Tis the coward who quits at the light of day;" "Tis the fool who wins half the battles then throws all his chances away; "Life's good things all come thro' hard pounding;" The butter is whipped from the cream. Success is the bride of endeavor; And luck but a lazy man's dream. "The time to succeed is when others discouraged show traces of tire; The battle is fought on the home stretch, And won 'tween the flag and the wire."
WEDNESDAY'S ASSEMBLY.

At the Assembly Wednesday morning, Mr. A. D. King, former mathematics instructor at Poly, was the speaker. He spoke on "Vocational Guidance" and illustrated his talk with charts showing the necessity of technical training. He quoted statements from two prominent business men;—"Any vocational guidance that does not keep boys and girls in school, is a failure." The other was—"Outside of the parasitic occupations, there is no place in the business world for boys and girls under sixteen."

The girls' band made their first appearance in assembly yesterday and gave three selections.

ON THE SICK LIST.

Miss Smith of the business office has returned to her work after an enforced vacation of two or three weeks caused by the necessity of an operation on the maxillary bone of the jaw.

Mr. Brooks is quite ill and unable to meet his classes.

Raymond Herr and Richard Ellis were unable to attend classes Tuesday on account of illness.

John Perozzi, mechanics assistant art is in the Pacific Hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

While turning his car on lower Higuera St., Mr. York miscalculated the speed of an approaching car and a collision resulted. Mr. York was thrown from the car and sustained a badly broken leg. At the sanitarium a silver plate was attached to the bone. Several days elapsed before this operation could be performed. About three weeks after the accident, Mr. York was able to attend a class.

Major Beaty took charge of the class in Chemistry Monday. During the last period, Hodges and Nix got into an argument and it required Rollo's muscular efforts to conclude hostilities. The class regard Major Beaty as a "good Prof." in spite of the fact that the Chlorine caused a burning sensation in the lungs.

A couple of new recruits to the Army of General Nuisance are Corporal Punishment and Private Sanitarium.

GET THAT POLY SPIRIT.

The first semester is nearing completion, the exact date being January 26. As everyone has most likely realized, freshmen especially, this will be the date on which eligibility for further instruction at this institution will be decided. Several faces have disappeared recently to everyone's sorrow for we hate to lose a man at Poly. We like to see everyone get that Poly spirit and make good. If you are one who has not been imbued with this spirit now is the time to get it into you. What if you are low in a few studies. Get down to work and just show that you are not a quitter and are still in the game. If some brilliant senior tells you, "Oh, I don't study, what's the use of studying," don't you believe it for he would not be a senior at C. P. S. if he did not study, so let's go from now and come out strong on the finish, January 26.
SOCIETY NOTES.

An informal reception was held in the Household Arts Building last Friday afternoon in honor of Major Ray and his bride. All the faculty members and their wives were there and welcomed Mrs. Ray to the faculty circle.

Miss Nichols Entertained For Dorm Boys.

The boys who remained at the dormitory during the holidays were entertained at several parties. Miss Nichols gave a party for them at her home on Wednesday evening, December 26. There were good eats, a Christmas tree and a jolly good time for about sixteen of the boys and girls. It is hoped Miss Nichols will invite us again.

A number of former Polyites visited the school Wednesday. They came in time to attend Assembly and had luncheon at the Dining Hall, remaining for the afternoon session. The party consisted of Misses Maude Cheda, Dorothy Gould, Lillibell Wade, Charlotte Perner and Geraldine Fitzgerald.

From "The Boys."

On the evening of January 4, 1917, the Dorm boys gave an informal party for Major Ray and Mrs. Ray. Rollo Beatty presented them with an electric percolator as a present from the Dormitory boys and the Major gave an interesting talk in which he commended them on their behavior and attitude in the Dormitory. The meeting was closed by fifteen "rahs" for the newlyweds.

TAKING TRAINING COURSE.

Miss Josie Renetzky has gone to San Francisco and has entered a sanitarium to take the nurses training course.

Will Give Reception.

Mrs. J. M. Johnston will be hostess next Saturday afternoon at a reception for Mrs. Ray.

Another number of the Poly students attended a dancing party given for Edmund Rogers at his home on Palm St. The students reported an unusually good time and hope Edmund will soon be home that they may again have another party.
Pleasant Vacation.

Wilford York spent part of his vacation with Fred Spreng, a former Polyite who is now residing in California. Wilford proved quite a successful hunter.

Mr. C. T. Keefer, a former member of the Polytechnic faculty, stopped over for a short visit with friends here during the holidays. Students are able to account for the greater part of his visit.

Thelma Gibner returned to San Luis Saturday. On account of poor weather, Miss Gibner was delayed in reaching Poly.

A NEW ADDITION.

There is a new addition to the collection of Fords and automobiles which line up around the shops now. It is a strange-looking affair and the make is almost as difficult to ascertain as some Fords we see in disguise. Dante Zanotti, the owner, however, says it is a Maxwell. The Maxwell factory then has been in operation for some time we must infer. But, my goodness, it runs much nicer than its looks betray, and it has a whistle that counters any lack of cylinders or latter day refinements. Dante is becoming quite expert at playing tunes on the whistle and promises soon to be rendering all the latest popular music.

Excitement Among Freshmen.

Much excitement prevails among members of the Freshmen class since the holidays with bright, new class pins. The pin is a very neat little design with the letters C.P.S. and the number 20.

The upperclassmen have taken exception to this move on the part of the Freshmen and declare that until the week passes by, the pins will be no more.

Begin over, today. Forget yesterday if it held failure and disappointment. Today is yours to make or mar as you please. The results are not the important part; the aim and effort alone count.

We watch for snowy sails,
And wait the happy day
When all our dream ships, coming in
Shall anchor in the bay.

But we shall wait in vain,
And weary vigils keep,
If we have no craft abroad
To sail upon the deep.

We each must launch and load,
Our ship and send it far,
Before we sigh for homing sails
And watch the harbor bar.

Said he: "Some day we'll hire a sail and take a ride in miss Shipsey."

He kept his pledge, but what a pity
He took her in a jitney.

AFTER ASSEMBLY.

As Hill: "Oh, Mr. Schlosser, you must never tell me again that you can't play. I know now."
When the wool falls out and the been gets bold,
And you feel undressed when you've laid aside your hat,
You can't even blush and confine it to your face,
For it covers all the space on a high-browed map.

Mr. Nelson had assigned a long hard lesson to the girls in Poultry and they were "ching and ching" in despair.
Mr. Nelson: "Oh, that's nothing girls, I even have one of the boys scratching."

Mr. Russell, Br. (Cotton's Dad.) "I am delighted to meet you. My son took Algebra from you last year, you know."
"Pardon me, replied Prof. King, "he was exposed to it, but he didn't take it."

"Noah, there was time in your career
When easily you could
By very simple means, indeed,
Have done exceeding good.
But you, alas, were derelict
And lost the glory-prize
By failing, when you had the chance
To swat that pair of flies."

To be cut by friends makes a man feel small
And a cut in your pride is always a facer;
But the most unkindest cut of all
Is to cut yourself with a safety razor.