It was eight years ago on the eighth of this month that the bill establishing the California Polytechnic School was signed. Though the exercises are not always elaborate, the anniversary of this day never slips by without some kind of special notice by the school. This year it consisted in the reading, by Director Smith, of a special message written by Hon. Myron Angel for this occasion.

It was over 15 years ago that Mr. Angel first began to dream of such a school, and he is really one of the fathers of the institution. His ideas were then in advance of those of the educational world in general, but he has lived to see them accomplished and a successful result ensue.

Several bills were introduced in the Legislature beginning in 1897, before the passage of the final bill in 1901.

Mr. Angel still shows the same keen interest in the welfare and progress of the school, and, though too feeble with the burden of 80 years, to address the students in person, he is always glad to respond to a request for a written article.

It was therefore with special interest that the students and faculty listened to the address, which is as follows:

MR. ANGEL'S ADDRESS.

"Again I have the honor of addressing the faculty and students of the Polytechnic school on its charter anniversary. First, I wish to congratulate you all; the faculty, students, trustees, employees and the friends of the school upon its condition and progress and upon the high position it is taking among the educational institutions of the State and the world. It is very gratifying to know that the California Polytechnic school is becoming known and recognized in different parts of the Union; that it has students from different States; has been honored by pupils from Japan and distant India on equality and without contamination or political controversy; that it has set an example in educational lines which others desire to follow, and that the State government recognizes its merits by liberal appropriations for its support.

"Hon. George C. Perkins writes me approvingly of the school from the United States Senate that he has been interested in such kind of work for many years.

"Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States Department of Agriculture, who so greatly aided this State in establishing the beet sugar
industry, also writes me from Washington of his desire to aid the school and to bring it to the notice of the department.

"In our own State other localities are striving to have polytechnic schools established in their midst. Thus it is seen how great the influence of this has been, and the duty and the pride we should have to maintain the pioneer in its high standing. In our congratulations we should pay special tribute to the intelligent and patriotic labors of the trustees, who have been untiring in their efforts for the purity and advancement of the school.

"It is impossible to express in full or to impress too deeply the obligations of the students to the public for this maintenance for so great an opportunity, and the duty the students owe to the public and themselves to do their part in the honor of the school and in their future life. This is a high school of labor, a truly American school for self-reliant and independent manhood and womanhood. Duty to one's self is paramount.

As Shakespeare says:

"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

"The world is made up of individuals, so if each individual does his duty to himself he does so to others.

"To do one's duty is the noblest act of manhood. You will be called from this school to take your part in the affairs of the world. As you play your part so will your rank and happiness be. That is as inevitable as the future to come. Every young man and woman should comprehend this fully. There is so much to win in this great, rich and free America and the development of the world that it is worth trying for. All want success and happiness and they are in reach of all.

"The lessons of this school teach the first steps to all. The last few years have shown a revolution in methods of business, by the uncovering of earth's resources, by the great inventions in mechanics and science and by the combinations of capital. The agriculturist is about the only one who can act independently, and happy should he be who can pursue that vocation on his own land. But in these days that requires learning and skill to insure success.

"The great majority will enter the field of employed or combined labor. Success in this is in faithfulness to duty. In carrying on the business of the world under present conditions, great combinations of labor and capital are necessary. The young men will enter this combination.

"The different combinations are like great armies and one who enters one of these should look forward to a life-work. The great Napoleon encouraged his soldiers by saying that "each conscrit carried a marshall's baton in his knapsack"; meaning that it was possible for anyone to obtain promotion to the highest rank.

"So it is in the great industrial companies at the present time. He who is faithful and competent will get his promotion and become an effective factor in the great combination. Each in theory and in fact, is a member of the corporation. The laws of the state and nation are tending to the greater protection of the employee and the control of the heads of the corporations. Labor unions have pointed the way for this legislation
which will bring security to both capital and labor, and although the unions are not in control as in the past, equitable arrangements are quite assured.

"This is politics, and in politics as great honesty and faithfulness are required as in study and labor. The Rooseveltian epoch has set in motion the era of greater honesty. To one who is thorough, earnest, energetic and honest, the way to success is open.

"What brilliant and interesting examples history gives us of men of this character! Peter the Great, Czar of Russia, to educate himself in the art of ship-building, went to Holland and worked as an apprentice, learning the trade. This was for thoroughness and as an example to his subjects. By such work he made his empire a civilized power and obtained the title of "Great."

"I have seen at Zaandam, in Holland, the little cottage occupied by Peter while at work in the shipyard. The Russians have cared for the cottage with pride and devotion. Straps of iron now bind the decaying timbers to sustain the building precisely in the condition as when Peter lived in it as a common workman; and the plain table, chairs and bed are carefully preserved.

"Over and enclosing the whole, the Russians have erected a handsome brick building and this is a museum of relics of the great Czar's works, a gallery of appropriate Russian paintings, and is religiously visited by the royal family, the nobility and all travellers. To the Russians this house of Peter is what the Plymouth Rock is to the New Englander or the Alamo to the Texan. Such is the tribute paid to energy and earnestness of purpose in acquiring learning and doing public work.

"A few days ago the newspapers were telling of the election of W. C. Brown to the presidency of the New York Central Railroad Company, having begun his railroad life as a section hand on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul at $16.00 a month. "Section hand" is one of the lowest positions in railroad labor, and the presidency of the New York Central is one of the highest offices given to man. This is the result of faithful work.

"A former manager of the S. P. System, Mr. Towne, drawing a salary of $25,000 per annum, commenced life as a brakeman on the Illinois Central. He had risen through all the grades of railroad work and believed that every railroad employee should go through the same course. All should be thorough in their work, faithful to their company, sober and honest.

"One of the most brilliant examples of the triumph of duty is that of the late A. J. Cassatt, President of the Pennsylvania system of railroads. He was a lawyer of fine ability, and member of Congress when called to the management of a great railroad in an embarrassed condition. It is reported that President Cassatt strictly obeyed every law, suffered no accusations of rebates and corrupt practices so often charged against other managers, and at the same time raised his company to the highest financial standing of any in the United States, thus proving that success may be won and the laws honestly observed.

"Numberless instances of the rise
to success through earnestness and
devotion to duty could be cited in
every avocation and class of life to
courage the young student to appli-
cation for his purpose were it necesa-
ry. The requisites of success are
determination to win, faithfulness to
every engagement, honesty in busi-
ness and to self. Let it be impressed
on the mind the famous verse of
Pope's Essay on Man:
"Honor and fame from no condition
rise;
Act well your part—there all the hon-
or lies."

SCHOOL NOTES

The new creamery and dormitory
have been completed by the contrac-
tors and accepted by the state board
of engineers. As soon as the cream-
ery building receives the equipment
provided for it by the present legis-
lature, it will be one of the most
model, up-to-date establishments on
the coast.

A good sized nucleus for a new or-
chard has been set out and will prove
a valuable addition to the horticultu-
ral department.

A cheese-cloth propagation house,
12 by 48 feet, is soon to be erected
in the garden.

Friday morning, March 5, the
girls' glee club favored the assembly
with two selections, which were fully
appreciated and heartily applauded.

The boys' glee club has gone into
training under the able leadership of
Rev. Albert Eaton Fitch, who has had
a great deal of experience in train-
ing choirs and choruses.

Director and Mrs. Smith are mak-
ing a special point of being at home
Saturday evenings, during this month,
to receive those "who wish to drop
in for an informal hour."

On Feb. 21, Geo. Wilson, '07, of
Bakersfield, was married to Miss
Lyla Peel of Farmersville, Tulare
County. George is to be congratula-
ted on having captured such a valu-
able prize.

Owing to lack of funds for the
equipment of the new creamery and
for instruction, it was found necessa-
ry to abandon for this year the idea
of a special short course in dairying.
However, it is hoped that such a
course can be introduced next year.

Ruth Gould, '08, is clerking in Sin
shelmer's dry goods store in San Luis
Obispo.

Mr. Coleman, the school's poultry-
man, is making extensive improve-
ments in his department.
E. P.—Corn is not a cereal, is it?
C. W. R.—What is it then?
E. P.—It is maize.

Teacher.—“Pezzoni, what is the analysis of corn?
Pezzoni.—About 89 per cent dry water
Teacher.—Say that again.

C. W. R.—Hall, where is corn chiefly grown?
Hall.—In the middle and central states.

A dairyman was on trial for selling thin milk.
Attorney for Defense—Skim-milk is milk.
Prosecuting Attorney.—Skim-milk is not milk within the meaning of the law.
Attorney for Defense.—It is. I can prove it from the statute book. It reads, “Skim-milk is milk from which the cream has been taken.”

Freshman.—“They must think I’m a squirrel, they put about two dozen walnuts in my lunch this noon. They will have me climbing trees pretty soon.”

“What is Baumgardner’s favorite state?”
“Georgia.”
“What Georgia Who?”
“Georgia A—m.”

Head Janitor (not a mechanic,) fixing the electric clock: “I guess I will have to wire the batteries.”

“What do we mean by ‘muse’?”
“The muse was feeding in the distance.”

Freshman Exam. in English.
Question.—What is the Holy Grail?
Answer.—The cup was holy and the Grail was a journey; hence, journey after a cup.

Hopkins, the Trig. shark;
“The shortest side is opposite the shortest angle.”

Horticulture student to instructor:
“Hadn’t you better send for some Limburger apple trees?”
Cheese it, Curl!
BARN DANCE.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the faculty, students and friends of the Poly, Friday, Feb. 19. The Dormitory boys of the school gave a genuine "Barn Dance" and spread in "Johnston's Hall," commonly known as the carpenter shop. The attendance was one of the largest, and all came early and stayed late.

Every one spoke of the marked difference between the floor of the "Hall" and the assembly floor. It was certainly at its best, owing to the amount of hard work and time the boys spent upon it. The music was furnished by St. Clair's orchestra.

DIRECTOR SMITH'S RECEPTION TO THE SENIORS.

Director and Mrs. L. B. Smith gave their annual reception in honor of the Senior class, Saturday evening, Feb. 27, in the Household Arts Building. The reception room was decorated with the Senior class colors and produced a pleasing effect.

There were several of the faculty and two of the alumni present.

As each one entered the room, he was given half of a heart-shaped valentine and he must find the other half. As soon as partners were secur-
ed, they were taken into a "Parisian Art Gallery" which contained a collection of curios beyond description. Each one was given a slip of paper with sentences relating to the articles in the gallery and was requested to fill in the blank spaces. In a given time the slips were handed to a committee and the one having the largest number right, received a prize. This prize was awarded to Rachael Ramage.

During the meantime, Mrs. Smith had called out of the room, Misses Chase, Gould, Wood, Ramage and Righetti and Messrs. Rubel, Murphy, McDowell, Tilton and Hall. To each one she gave a verse stating the reasons why he or she had remained single. These were read much to the amusement of the audience, who voted Mr. Rubel most sincere of all and he received a prize. There were several musical numbers during the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Tavenner and Mrs. Rubel, all of which were greatly appreciated. The banquet was served by the Junior girls in the English room, which was gay in the colors of the Senior class.

After the banquet, every one returned to the reception room where old-time songs were sung. The last song was suggested by Mr. Smith, "Good Night Ladies," ending with a
A great deal of interest has been shown in the Agricultural Club during the past few weeks by the presence of a goodly number at the meetings, which are held on alternate Thursday evenings. More should come, however, as the opportunity of hearing such topics as are discussed in the meetings is not to be found everywhere and a great deal of good can be obtained from them.

On account of the wet weather, the meeting which was called for Feb. 11, was postponed until the following week Feb. 18. This meeting was held in one of the rooms in the Domestic Science Building, and a large attendance was present to hear the carefully prepared program. Kenneth Beck first gave a paper on the milking machine in which the working and efficiency was discussed to some extent.

Mr. Edwards next gave a very interesting talk on the history and development of Agricultural Education in the United States, in which he told, among many other things, of the different bills and appropriations by the government for the advancement of agriculture and agricultural education.

After the program, a short recess was declared and refreshments were served, after which a short business meeting was held.

Another meeting was held on the evening of March 4. The program was as follows:

"French Methods of Intensive Gardening," by Leo Weisenberger.


"Transportation and Marketing of Fruit," by Mr. Coleman.

"Problems of the Buttermakers of Today," by Mr. Rubel.

One of the important features of the club at the present time is the issuing of a special Agricultural Edition of the Polytechnic Journal, which will probably be the April number. This issue will be composed almost wholly of agricultural topics, and of as large a number of Polytechnic pictures as possible.

EXCHANGES.

We have received and read with pleasure the following exchanges:—

DEBATING.

The instructors in second year English have succeeded in infecting their classes with a severe case of debating fever. Since the issuance of the last Journal, Miss Chase's section has had another lively debate—this time, on the Oriental immigration question.

Miss Chase made the work more or less voluntary, but Mr. Berringer is "going her one better," making it an essential part of his course. Thus, beginning March 8, a very interesting series of forensic contests has been taking place under his direction. We regret that space forbids our giving a full account of them.

Though some of the students think that compulsory debating is a hardship, we believe that it is a good thing. It brings out good material for interschool contests which might otherwise remain undiscovered, and it is excellent training for all who participate in it, however unwillingly.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE LUNCHEONS.

On Tuesday, March 23, the last of this year's series of domestic science luncheons will be served. This will complete the unique series of functions in which each of the Senior girls is required to plan and prepare a luncheon and preside as hostess at its serving. She also has to take her turn as servant. The guests in each case are invited from among the faculty or the parents and friends of the hostess. For obvious reasons Miss Secrest, the instructor in this department, is in each case one of the guests.

In point of equipment and instructors, our household arts department is
one of the best equipped in the country and should be taken advantage of by every girl who wishes to know how to properly manage a home, and, by the way, there is more to be learned in this line than one would suppose, until she begins to study it. If you do not believe this, just come and see.

It is exceedingly gratifying to note the interest being shown in athletics by so many of our students. We are especially pleased with the development of the track interests in the past two or three years. Before that time we had neither track nor trainers, and practically nothing was done in this line. But the school trustees did the handsome thing when they provided a track and then chose for chemistry instructor, a man who was well versed in track athletics. This man, Mr. Edwards, has been a powerful factor in building up this branch of sports in the school. Our teams won a sweeping victory in the meet last spring and expect to repeat it this year.

It is being planned at present to make the April issue of the Journal an agricultural edition, devoting it largely to the agricultural interests of the school.

A few days ago a visitor passed the athletic field during the noon hour while a big bunch of fellows was working with hoes, shovels and wheelbarrows, putting the track in good shape.

"My!," he exclaimed, "I never before in all my life saw fellows work like that." Yes, the Poly boys do know how to work, and they do it cheerfully and with a will.

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**BASE BALL.**

The season opened with the first game at Santa Maria, between the Santa Maria High School and Polytechnic on Feb. 20. It was a close game from beginning to end, resulting in a score of 5 to 6 in favor of Polytechnic. It was a pitchers' battle from start to finish and the result was but few hits. The game would have ended in the ninth inning, but Colthart fell into a ditch and dropped a long drive, which resulted in a run for Santa Maria, which tied the score. In the first half of the thirteenth inning, Polytechnic got two more runs with the aid of Murphy's two bagger and Buck's single. In the last half of the inning, Santa Maria got a man around and another
as far as third, but Murphy struck the next man out and ended the game.

Two more league games are yet to be played, one with Santa Maria and one with San Luis High School. These two games will decide the championship.

A good deal of attention is paid to the inter-class games which take place every noon hour. Thus far, the Senior team holds the pennant and will continue to do so in all probability.

**TRACK.**

The season opens with a big squad of men on the track each evening. The freshmen class brought in "all kinds" of promising material and Captain Beck promises a greater victory than last year.

When it comes to long distance running Freshman Davis has them all beaten. Two better men than Feldler and Briggs for the hammer throw will be hard to find, while Pezsoni and Buck come in for the shot put. Cox still holds his ground in the sprints.

Reilly is a promising man in the 880 and the pole vault, while Beck and Tilton take the hurdles at a pretty good clip.

A novice meet will be held in April, entering all those who have not taken a place in any previous meet. A try out meet will be held soon after, for the choosing of the team to go to Santa Maria for the annual meet. The team will also go to Santa Barbara again this year.

A dual track meet has been arranged with the Alameda High School, to take place on the Polytechnic grounds about April 17.
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