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Annals of Vespertine Society, Read at the Entertainment, June 10, 1879, by Miss Cassie Stump.

In the fall of 1872 the trustees of Christian College passed a law prohibiting the young ladies of the college from participating in the exercises of the literary societies conducted then in the most part by the young gentlemen. However the girls proved to be no less ambitious than the boys to receive the culture that a literary society would afford them, and as the trustees and professors were kind enough to allow us a time in the afternoon of each Friday for meeting, and the privilege of using the west school room, then known as Prof. J. C.'s room, a dozen or more met and organized the Vespertine Society, drafted a constitution and by-laws, and started in real earnest, determined not to be out-done by either the Philosophians or Hesperians.

Though there have been more names on the roll this session than any year before, but few of those who first signed the constitution have been with us.

Mary Rohrer, one of the charter members, is now in Indianapolis, assisting her mother in preparing a blessing for poor humanity, in the form of a remedy for any disease of the lungs.

Annie Burnett graduated in Santa Rosa, Cal. and is now doing a good work in that city, teaching.

Lu Holman, our first secretary, took the degree of B. S. in June, 1877, and most of the time since has been at her home in Yamhill county. She was the first to suggest Vespertine as the name for our society.

In December, 1874, Flora Shirley, one of our first and fairest, was laid away to rest till the resurrection morn'; although we felt her less deeply, we knew she had gone to that happy home where sorrows never come.

Mary Hendrickson Belshaw is one of the number that was content merely to do well, and at present is making home happy for her husband.

Frankie Boone Keith is doing likewise; but Rosa Bently is still a true member, and this year will leave school with the degree of A. B.

Josie Wolverton received her diploma in 1877, and has ever been a constant and earnest worker in the society, but it is feared that she will soon take wings and fly away from us.

Allie Catron, though one of the first to join the society, has never become tired of its work, and has attended as regularly this winter as ever before, and in her essays she has given us some glowing descriptions of

Palouse; her spare time is all spent in perfecting herself on the pianoforte.

Helen Bushnel was with us only a short time, but in that time she made herself such a favorite of every one that she was greatly missed when she had to leave us.

When the typhoid fever was raging in the winter of '75, Lydia Fletcher fell a victim to its deadly touch, and she was taken from us.

Rosa Childers and Sarah McCall were good members during the time they were attending school.

Marintha Powell, though not a charter member, has been a good one for several sessions, and to-morrow she will receive her diploma from the college with the degree of A. B.

Katie Lucas has been faithful and true for years that are gone, but we hear it whispered about that the cage being built for her is almost completed and before the Vespertines have another meeting she may be living in another county.

Clara Rawlings has been teaching in Oxford, Indiana, for quite a long time, and anyone knowing Clara could easily bespeak for her a successful career, for her intellect was much above average.

About two years since Lavilla Butler left our society, school, town and her home, and changed her name to Mrs. Boothby.

Mary Churchill was one of the first and a very active member, and still lives in sight of the college, but since she received her degree of B. S. and became Mrs. Fenton, she no longer cares for such girlish employments.

When Mary Davidson Malson and Maria Lane left school and went to their homes in Linn county, they were too far away to meet with us, and though we missed them we knew they had only left us to make others happy.

Viola Cooper Sloper was married about three years ago and ceased to be one of us.

Laura Lindsay had very poor health all the winter of '73 and '74, but as is always true of those who take that fatal disease—consumption, she hoped to be better in a few days or weeks at most, till May, '74, the icy hand of death touched her, and her friends knew all hope was gone for this life.

In just one year from that May our beloved member, Emma Lindsay, died of the same disease, and has gone to that happy home from which none ever return.

Maggie Butler has always worked to make the society both interesting and instructive, but she has appeared to take great interest in the Palouse letters this session. In '77, she took the degree B. S. Those who listened to her essay last night and her recitation this evening, will know what a worthy member she has been.

Emma Riggs, Florence Sheets and Lida Wilkins, were active members in '73, but have not been here since.

It is a little sad to see a widower trying to take care of his family by himself. Nettie Bushnell thought it would never do, so she became Mrs. Pitney some time ago, and is now acting the part of a good step-mother.

In the natural course of human events, it will sometimes happen that a gallant youth will entirely captivate the heart and head of some happy maid and after they are made one, they enjoy the honey-moon a due length of time; such has been the fate of Columbia Ruble Maxwell, Susan

Boone Whittaker, Norah Craig Ruble, and some others.

When Mrs. Powell attended school she gained the hearts of all the students and more especially those of the society girls, but duty called and she went away to her home in Southern Oregon.

Allie Butler was one of the first members and she has scarcely missed a meeting in the past five years. The society would feel her loss greatly if she should take a notion to go with that company to Eastern Oregon.

Euretta Castleman and Mary Rowland were here but a short time in '73-74.

Mildred Bidwell received her diploma with the degree B. S., in '76, being the only lady in the Centennial class; she has been a faithful teacher in the college most of the time since.

Lu Miller came from Jefferson to attend school at this place in '76, and was here again a short time this session, and always while here made herself a useful society member.

It is impossible for the Vespertines always to remain here and while they scatter to the east and west some are taken to their eternal home, and are beckoning to those of earth to make themselves ready to come up higher. When in the entertainment Annie Bidwell recited "Hiawatha" with so much pathos and tenderness we little thought that those bright eyes would so soon be closed to the beauties of earth, and she would go so long before the rest and be the one to welcome us at the beautiful gates of the heavenly city.

An orphan lot is always a hard one, and Lucy Shelton had our sympathy when her mother was taken to join the angel band and left her to care for the little ones at home.

We always appreciate the kindness of a mother who arranges everything convenient for her daughters to have the advantage of school and society, but it is still better when the mother comes to society as Mrs. Smith did with her daughter Ada.

Alice Hooper became Mrs. Baker several years since and left the valley with Mr. Baker to find them a home in the unsettled portions of Palouse.

In the progressive nineteenth century girls are no longer compelled to confine their talents to the ceaseless round of house work, but there is now open to them most any field of labor they may choose to enter. There are lady doctors, lawyers and editors, that do no discredit to their professions. Millie Doughty has been learning to set type for sometime and has proved herself as worthy to fill the place as her brother. Mary Hermann too could set as clean a proof as many who had worked in the office a much longer time.

Emma Waller shows her taste in trimming hats and bonnets and finish-dresses.

Kittie Bell, the 44th member, moved to Palouse with her mother in '76, for the benefit of her health, but she was too gentle a flower for earth and in the Spring of 1878, she was taken to her long home.

Eva Borst is keeping house for her mother in Skookum Chuck, W. T.

Millie Buchanan remained with us but a short time, and is now living in Palouse.

We miss the sweet voice of our sister Vespertine, Martha Shelton, as she was once the life of our music, but her songs and sweet smiles are now all for her husband, Mr. Graves.

Irene Powell has been one of the

faithful few and if she does not forget that her home is south from here and not north after commencement, we think the society may have an opportunity of welcoming her back next September.

Vietta Frazer has been married recently and is now living near Bethel.

Fannie Murphy has been traveling around for the benefit of her health and is now with friends in Salem.

Varian Craig is living at her home near Leitchville W. T. Adah Griggs Nixon is also living in W. T. where she and her husband are making themselves a home.

Susie Lucas with her bright smiles and happy ways has always been since she became a Vespertine, a charming member and one that would be greatly missed.

Since women have been allowed to take up land in their own names in that vast country east of the Cascade Mountains, some have not been slow to take advantage of the opportunity and Nancy Springer one of our members in '76, is now living on and taking care of her own farm. Nancy graduated in the scientific course June '71, and completed the classical course in '77.

Stella Rowland and Etta Davidson have been proving this Spring that girls are no less capable of conducting schools than their brothers; both were good members during the session just past.

If Rilla Marshall does not return next session, it will be difficult to find another that will keep all the society in so good a humor as she can.

There have been more new members this last session than at any one time before, and they are all school girls except Grace Doughty who has been working this spring, and Fannie Griggs who has been keeping house for her father.

Mary Mescher has been teaching near Silverton since she left school.

Dilla Butler continued in school till the close, and will take her degree next June.

Corde Byrd came from Fairfield last fall, and has been a constant member during the whole session, and we hope she will do as well next year.

Rebecca Watkins will never be forgotten by those who have known her this session, and may success crown her efforts wherever she may be is the wish of all, and we know as bright a girl as Rebecca could never have such a word as fail in her vocabulary.

Lulu Morgan came from Washington county late in the winter, and in the short time she has been here she has made herself quite a favorite, and she will be gladly welcomed back next fall.

Jesie Rodabough came at the same time that Miss Lulu did, but from her home in Southern Oregon, and we will sadly miss her sweet winning ways if she does not return next session.

Clara and Lucy Gard have been members but a short time, only just long enough to get a good start for next year.

None but a noble and ambitious girl would undertake to care for little brothers and sisters when the mother had been taken from them and never cease striving for an education that will fit her for any place; such is the character of the last name on the roll—Alice Tatom.

To-night we separate perhaps never

more to all meet again as we have done every Friday for the last nine months, but we hope each and every one of us to be welcomed at heaven's gate to dwell there forever an unbroken band.

From Bro. J. W. Fulton.

SANTA ROSA, June 15, 1879.

Bro. T. F. Campbell:

DEAR SIR,—I send you a few items from this place that may be of interest to some of your readers.

Bro. Taylor, of Texas, is preaching here, and is engaged to labor with the church for at least one year; he is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Bro. W. H. Briggs, who is a late graduate of the Santa Rosa Christian College, has been preaching at Forestville, in this county, for several weeks past, and has met with good success; about twenty-five additions having been made to the church. Bro. B.'s zeal in the Christian cause is commendable.

The church at Santa Rosa is at peace among themselves; she is not dead as some of our scribblers would have her. I see in your paper of May 30th, under the head of "Items from California," several statements that should be noticed. The church here numbers about 200, instead of 300, as stated by "Argus." The brethren are nearly all poor, and none of them wealthy; and for the covetousness of the brethren here, that your itemizer speaks of, let facts bear record. He certainly had the "nightmare," as he calls it, or at least he was misinformed.

Now we do not wish to boast of what we have done, but circumstances demand that we should speak.

It is true we have had no regular preacher for some time, but have been cooperating with the college here and trying to save that institution to the good of the cause; and I believe the brethren here have given as much or more for the cause, according to what they are worth, than any other brethren on the Pacific coast. They have paid, at least, \$30,000, in the last six years. We have been struggling along, hoping to receive aid from some of our rich brethren elsewhere, but it has not come.

Now will not "Argus" open his own heart and use his influence and help us to save our college for the cause and advancement of the Bible. We must have help at once or it must have help at once or it must be sold. If the brethren all knew the good that would be accomplished I know they would assist. May the Lord incline our hearts to good and righteous acts.

Respectfully,
J. W. FULTON.

The Way of The World.

There are beautiful songs that we never sing,
And names that are never spoken;
There are treasures guarded with jealous care,
And kept as a sacred token.
There are faded flowers and letters dim
With tears that have rained above them,
For the fickle words or the faithless hearts
That taught us how to love them.
There are sights that come in our joyous hours
To chasten our dreams of gladness,
And tears that spring to our aching eyes
In hours of thoughtless sadness;
For the blithest birds that sing in spring
Will fit the waning summer,
And lips that we kissed in warmest love
Will smile on the first new-comer.

—It is proposed to hold a "Normal Educational Conference" at the Thousand Island Park, from August 11th to 16th, in which the prominent instructors of both United States and Canada shall take part.