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*"The Monterey Assembly opened its two weeks' session under the happiest auspices, on June 28. The Central Pacific railway bore "on swiftest wings to this California paradise," from day to day, eager crowds of people. The grove, which is one of the finest natural situations, had been beautifully fitted up, and everything which could contribute to physical recreation had been provided. On Opening Day the commodious chapel was profusely decorated with flowers, flags, and mottoes. The address was delivered by Dr. C. C. Stratton, the President of the Assembly. His theme was "Books and Reading." It was a resume of standard works, and told what to read and how to read. The lecture course embraced many of the leading minds of the country, and was in every respect all that could be desired. Three of the chief colleges of the state were well represented: the University of the Pacific, by Dr. Stratton; Mills College, by Dr. Homer B. Sprague; and the State University, by Prof. Joseph LeConte. The Normal Classes were under the direction of Dr. Worden, and more earnest teacher and students could never be found anywhere. At the regular annual business meeting of the C. L. S. C, the following officers were elected: President, C. C. Stratton, D. D.; Vice Presidents, C. L. Anderson, M. D., Robert Bentley, D. D., Dr. Homer B. Sprague, Dr. J. H. Wythe; Secretary, Mrs. M. H. Field; Treasurer, Mrs. Eloise Dawson; Curator, Rev. T. H. Sinex. Recognition Day, the most important of all days, occurred on July 9. Bishop Warren, of the Methodist church, gave the address which consisted of a history of the great C. L. S. C. movement. A graduating essay on "Roman Literature" was read by Miss Fitzpatrick, and "Reminiscences of the Class" given by Mrs. M. D. Parkhurst was a bright and sparkling production. Then followed the presentation of fourteen diplomas. In the evening the*

*annual Camp Fire took place. And thus with pleasure, friendship, and the best of good wishes for the coming year, the Seventh Monterey Assembly closed.”*

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