

Wednesday's Letter

from California University. □

Berkeley, Cal., May 20, 1903.  
Dear Professor  
It would be impossible in a short letter such as this is to be to give you a very complete account of my impressions of the California State University. However, I shall try to tell you some of the features which attracted my attention when I first entered here and which have been noticed in my work of two years in this institution.

There is no trouble here in finding room for buildings. The campus begins near the station in the little town of Berkeley and stretches gently up the slopes to and including the hills in the background. It covers many acres. Agricultural and botanical experiments are conducted on it. Orchards and gardens, palms, ferns and stately pines and eucalyptus trees are within a few steps of the class room. A little stream winds its way in and out, inviting "cuts" from recitation. The Berkeley oaks are known quite extensively about the bay, and are popular subjects for artists and photographers. From the campus a beautiful view of the bay can be had, and from the high hills the surrounding country, including Oakland and San Francisco, can be seen. One of these hills is the historic scene of the sophomore-freshman rush—from now on a thing of memory only, as the student affairs committee has impressed upon the student body a realization of its authority by the expulsion of three young men for disobedience in encouraging the rush.

Plans are laid and are now being executed for the Greater University. Mrs. Hearst has been the chief supporter of the institution, outside of the state appropriations, and has started the work on one of the greatest educational institutions in the United States. A new mining building is now well under way, which will be, it is said, the finest in the world used exclusively for education in mining. William R. Hearst has had built an amphitheater after the old Grecian style. It is made in a semi-circle on a hillside in which steps have been cut and covered with concrete. Marble or granite coverings will soon be made over the concrete. The climate permits open air exercises. The senior extravaganza and commencement exercises were conducted in it last week. At the latter President Roosevelt made the address. About ten thousand people were present. The plans for the arrangement of buildings on the grounds has been made by M. Bernard, of France, and is supervised by Mr. Howard, of New York, who has charge of the new buildings to be erected. Of course it will be many years before they are finished, but we rejoice to know that they are planned for. I thought perhaps you would be interested in the plans here as there are soon to be additions on the campus in Nebraska.

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