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Although we are well into the New Year, compliments still being received from many sources indicate that the Eightieth Anniversary dinner meeting was one of the highlights of the Society's year. The pleasant surroundings of the Automobile Club of Southern California headquarters building, an excellent dinner, and the addition of so many college students to the guest list combined to add a delightful zest to the evening's tempo.

Mrs. Thomas E. Workman, who headed the Reception Committee, had every detail so well synchronized and operating so smoothly that each of us entering the building was immediately put at ease and into a friendly frame of mind.

Mrs. Ella Cole, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, provided the decorations which so enhanced the long dining room and the punch bowl table.

Glen Dawson's introduction of Dr. John Caughey, our speaker, was the perfect accolade to the noted author and teacher. Dr. Caughey's address, "Young Californians and Their History," will be printed in the March issue of the *Quarterly*.

High applause should go to hard-working Peg Cassidy for the countless hours she gave, well above and beyond the call of duty, in behalf of the Society's dinner meeting.

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NEWS ITEMS

For the first time in the Society's history, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council honored us with beautifully decorated and engraved Resolutions on October 29th and 30th. Present to acknowledge and accept these honors for the Society were Mrs. Everett G. Hager, Mrs. Thomas E. Workman, Miss Ruth Mahood, Miss Peg Cassidy, and Mr. J. Tom Owen.

The Society continues to note with pride the contributions of many of its members to the field of Western Americana. Among recent publications we find (in alphabetical order): *The Story of a City: Compton*, by Dr. R. C. Gillingham; *Sketches and Paintings from Mexico by Duncan Gleason*, by Dorothy Gleason; *Man-Made Disaster: the Story of St. Francis Dam*, by Charles Outland; and *Orange County: Indians to Industry*, by C. E. (Ted) Parker.

The first International Book Fair held in California, which took place in Los Angeles, October 30 to November 1, saw many Society members in attendance. Board member Glen Dawson seemed to be the busiest person there, since he was over-all director of the arrangements. Book dealers from continental Europe, England, and Japan displayed many interesting and exciting items. Of unusual merit were the colorful booths of Peggy Christian and Yale & Brown of Pasadena, as well as the Dawson Book Shop display.

A happy addition to the Turner family tree occurred on December 1st in Cleveland, Ohio, when son Paul was married and added a lovely daughter to the Justin Turner family circle.

If you haven't yet obtained a copy of the fine Annual Report, 1963, of the Cultural Heritage Board, City of Los Angeles, we highly recommend it as a worthwhile item to add to your collection of Los Angeles material. We are proud to state that four of the Directors of the Board are Society members, and that Carl S. Dentzel is serving as President, with Senaida Sullivan as Vice-President.

T. G. Wilson would appreciate contacting anyone in the Society who knew Homer Lea or who might have some pertinent information regarding the famed Lea of Los Angeles and China.

Miss Katherine Carr, one of the Society's most valued members, was honored on December 9th, when she was selected by the Los Angeles *Times* as one of the Outstanding Women of the Year 1963. An alert and interested teacher of Journalism at Los Angeles High School, she can take a goodly portion of credit for the success of many of her famous students who are now establishing themselves firmly in the field of Journalism. Bud Schulberg and Gene Sherman are but two of the names

mentioned. When Miss Carr was presented with the high award she remarked, "I'm just tickled pink!" The Society salutes you, Miss Carr.

The City of Long Beach, busily observing its 75th Anniversary, recently bestowed special honors upon Society member, Mrs. Maymie R. Krythe. Singled out as a Long Beach resident who has achieved national fame as an author-lecturer, world traveller, and teacher, Mrs. Krythe was the most honored of the local personalities gathered for the event in the Long Beach Arena.

On December 10th, more honors came to Allan Nevins, when Immaculate Heart College presented the noted historian with its Americanism Award. Dr. Ray A. Billington gave a warm, spirited biographical speech in favor of his long-time friend, Mr. Nevins. Among those attending the luncheon presided over by Sister Anita, I.H.M., were Justin G. Turner, W. W. Robinson, Robert Nathan, Eugene Vale, Jake Zeitlin, Mrs. Everett Hager, and Miss Peg Cassidy.

Doyce B. Nunis, Jr., Editor of the *Quarterly*, has been granted a Guggenheim Fellowship to pursue studies in the American Fur Trade. In order to complete his research, Dr. Nunis has taken a leave of absence from his duties as Assistant Professor at UCLA and as Editor of the *Quarterly*. During his absence, Professor Martin Ridge will serve as Acting Editor of the Society's publication.

Walt Wheelock, publisher and author, will soon see two more works in circulation. Soon to be added to his well-known work, *Angel's Flight*, will be *Bunker Hill* and *Ferries of the Southland*, both of which will undoubtedly add to the stature of his La Siesta Press in Glendale.

Through the auspices of the Los Angeles County Museum, History Division, and of Board member, Miss Ruth Mahood, the membership will be privileged to see the remarkable exhibit of the Robert Honeyman Collection. This noted private library will soon be the property of the Bancroft Library in Berkeley.

Judge and Mrs. Fletcher Bowron have recently returned from an exciting tour of Europe and plan to be with us on future meeting nights, now that the travel dust has been swept from their flying shoes.

Mrs. C. S. Izant can vouch for the sheer loveliness of Hawaii in November, and Miss Florence Farmer will soon be able to tell us of the Christmas and New Year holidays aboard the newly re-christened *Lurline* in South Pacific waters.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deepest regret that we report the death on January 11th of Miss Mary Julia Workman, a member of one of Los Angeles' most distinguished pioneer families.

"Miss Mary," as she was known to her friends, was the daughter of the late William Henry Workman, one-time mayor of Los Angeles, president of the Board of Education, and charter member of the Chamber of Commerce.

After graduating from the College of the Holy Name in Oakland, in 1890, Miss Workman took her teacher's credential from the old State Normal School and embarked upon a 21-year teaching career in the city school system.

Among Miss Workman's many activities was the founding of Brownson House, the oldest existing settlement house on the Pacific Coast; organizer and first president of the Los Angeles Council of Catholic Women; and president of the Civil Service Commission from 1926 to 1928. She was the first woman in Los Angeles to receive the papal medal "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," awarded to her by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

Surviving Miss Workman are a brother, Thomas, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles M. Masson and Mrs. Walter F. Furman.

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SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

December 4th proved to be a wonderfully stimulating evening for the hundred members and guests present to hear Dr. Ray A. Billington, of the Huntington Library, speak on "Words That Won the West." The audience expressed its hearty appreciation for the interesting and exciting speaker with quick and spontaneous applause.

Mrs. Edmund Ducommun was hostess for the evening, and Mrs. Ella Cole created unusual Christmas decorations for the enjoyment of everyone. Mmes. Ducommun and Jean Giles presided at the urns.

Winners of the two books were Jean Sproul and Herbert W. Stanton.

The New Year was off to an exciting beginning at the January 8th meeting, when Dr. George P. Hammond, Director of the Bancroft Library, spoke on "H. H. Bancroft, Outstanding Collector and Historian of Western America." The meeting was one of the best attended that the Society has had, and the audience was enthusiastically responsive to the words of Dr. Hammond.

Among the honored guests of the evening was Mrs. Susanna Bryant Dakin, one of the great women historians of California. Mrs. Dakin is a member of the Society and journeyed down from San Francisco to share in our exciting evening.

The table decorations by Mrs. Ella Cole were as lovely as usual. Mrs. Dudley Gordon served as hostess for the Social Hour.

Winners of the two books were Mrs. Ruth Craig Wrong and David B. Quinn, of the University of Liverpool. Mr. Quinn is presently doing some research at the Huntington Library.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 5th: Prominent Civil War historian, Ezra J. Warner of La Jolla, will speak on "Civil War Brass in California." Mr. Warner is the author of *Generals in Gray*, published in 1959, and *Generals in Blue*, to be published in 1964.

March 4th: Rev. Maynard J. Geiger, O.F.M., historian of the Santa Barbara Mission, has accepted an invitation to share his treasures concerning the "Queen of the Missions," Santa Barbara. Through the medium of projector and screen, Father Geiger will outline the history of this noted mission.

April 1st: Mr. Frank C. Balfour, President of the California Right-of-Way Agents, will speak to us on "Roads and Floods in Southern California." Those of us who have lived through a few rainy seasons should find Mr. Balfour's talk of great interest.

May 2nd: Underscore the date on your calendar. It is the date of the 36th Annual Pilgrimage. This year's trek will be made to fabulous Palm Springs. Stanley Malora, in charge of the trek this year, has a most unusual day planned for us, which will include a visit to the Palm Springs Museum and a ride on the spectacular new aerial tramway. Full details will be available at a later date.

NEW MEMBERS

The President and Board of Directors are pleased to introduce the new members who recently have joined the Society, and extend to them a cordial welcome.

Life

Bart Lytton

Sponsor

Mrs. Everett G. Hager

Contributing

William L. Pereira

Dwight L. Clarke

Sustaining

Samuel I. Grodin

Justin G. Turner

Western Federal Savings and
Loan Association

Mrs. Everett G. Hager

Active

Mrs. Pat Adler

Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Hager

Ingle Barr

Justin G. Turner

Congressman Alphonzo Bell

Mrs. Everett G. Hager

Bell High School

Membership Committee

Belmont High School

Membership Committee

Dr. Ray A. Billington

Doyce B. Nunis, Jr.

William W. Clary

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Mrs. Everett G. Hager

Mrs. Edward Downie

Sister M. Anita, I.H.M.

Miss Augusta Fink

Everett G. Hager

Leo J. Friis

Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Hager

Mrs. Albert C. Germann

Miss Clementina deForest Griffin

Raymond Girvigian

J. Thomas Owen

Gompers Jr. High School

Membership Committee

Miss Gertrude E. Gorombey

Miss Dora Robbins

NEW MEMBERS (Continued)

Active

Wesley S. Griswold
 Mrs. Raymond E. Hay
 Robert V. Hine
 Hughes Jr. High School
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 Harvey S. Johnson, M.D.
 Robert W. Kaune
 Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Kennedy
 Donald LaChance
 Mrs. Orr Ninteman
 C. E. Parker
 Leonard Pitt
 Miss Emmy Ruud
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Severns
 Louis Shub
 Sunnyvale City Library
 Hon. Eugene E. Therieau
 University of Connecticut,
 Wilbur Cross Library
 Walter W. Wheelock
 Robert W. Winter
 Jake Zeitlin

Student

Ralph J. Bourdon
 John O. Pohlmann

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Date _____

To the Board of Directors:

Please accept my membership as a _____ Member in the
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\$ _____ for dues for the fiscal year of _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Proponent (if any) _____

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Active Member	\$15.00	Patron Member	\$100.00
Sustaining Member	\$25.00	Life Member	\$300.00
Contributing Member	\$50.00	Student Member	\$ 7.50

Dues include subscription to the Society's *Quarterly* and *Newsletter*. All dues, contributions, bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and contributions.
