HERBERT EUGENE BOLTON

AN APPRECIATION

Herbert E. Bolton was 82 on Sunday, July 20, 1952. He died January 30, 1953. But let no one make the mistake of saying my friend was ever old!

While enjoying a chat with the vivacious professor not so long ago, I remarked: "Bolton, what's become of all our friends and associates? As I look around it seems as if our contemporaries are all dead and gone." Quick as a flash he came back at me with a sharp "No! My real contemporaries are aged 28! When I hear anybody talking about being old, or acting that way, I don't like it—my contemporaries are 28."

Happy transposition! Reverse the position of the digits, and lo, instead of 82 you have 28! Simple as that. Cast aside the deceitful calendar, adopt the mystic figure!

Though not a native Californian, Dr. Bolton was a resident of the state for more than forty years, all but two of them at the University of California at Berkeley, itself a remarkable record. As Sather Professor of History and Director of the Bancroft Library, he won distinction after distinction, never satisfied to rest on the laurels of accumulated attainments.

Even before coming to California he had gained eminence as investigator and scholar in Mexican and Southwestern history. His researches in the Mexican Archives date back almost to the beginning of the century. But we claim him for the Golden State—in its Hall of Fame the entire future will hold an honored place for Herbert Eugene Bolton.

A list of the published writings and translations of Dr. Bolton inspires a sense of amazement, both as to the sheer volume and the high scholarship maintained throughout. His Outpost of Empire: The Story of the Founding of San Francisco and the Rim of Christendom were awarded the gold medal of the Commonwealth Club of California. The five-volume work on Anza's California Expeditions (1774-76) is truly monumental. If his books are many, his articles and reviews are overwhelmingly legion.

Two of the finest compliments paid Professor Bolton by those who had been his graduate students are in the form of essays contributed in his honor. In 1932, New Spain and the Anglo-American West appeared in two handsome volumes, privately printed,
William B. Lake Diaries

The library has recently received the diaries of William B. Lake (c. 1828–c. 1914), who came to California from Maine in 1853 via Panama, and who for many years was active in the business life of Oakland, Sacramento, and San Francisco. The diaries were presented by his descendants, Baker F. and E. D. Lake, of Oakland. Comprising one small notebook and four large journals and covering the years 1853 to 1899, they reveal the personal impressions of a careful, if sometimes naive, observer.

The flavor of the writing is indicated by this entry, made at Salisbury Mills, Pennsylvania, on the trip to California:

"Attended Church in the afternoon in a school house, had miserable preaching. So poor at any rate that I was unable to tell whether he was Freewill Baptist or Universalist. This is quite a pleasant little village, but suits me not. All together to still & secluded. And I have seen as yet not one pretty woman or any that looked as though they possessed one half the ambition or common sense of our good old Main girls. This is rather discouraging to a young man that is perfectly unengaged."

German Documents

As we go to press, we learn that Roland E. Duncan, Bancroft's representative in England, has had some extremely good luck lately. When he learned that the captured archives of the German Foreign Ministry were in England and could be filmed, provided the costs could be met and the work done speedily, he wired University Librarian Donald Coney, who was able to provide the required funds.

With the cooperation of British, French, and American officials in London, Duncan has now filmed about nine hundred volumes of these documents, hitherto secret. The University of California, through the good fortune of having an agent in England, has thus obtained an invaluable collection of source materials on that highly significant period of European affairs—the time of Bismarck and his imperialists.

Bancroft Portraits

Last year, Philip Bancroft, youngest son of Hubert Howe Bancroft, and a steadfast friend and member of the Council, presented the Library with portraits of his grandfather, Azariah Ashley Bancroft, and Azariah's wife, Lucy Howe Bancroft. Later, he gave us another memento, the monogrammed gold watch that Hubert Howe Bancroft had carried for nearly fifty years.

Californiana

From Friend Harry N. M. Winton, Librarian of the United Nations Collection, comes the gift of two very interesting additions to the literature of Gold Rush California. One is Avventure della mia vita, by Leonetto Cipriani, who was Sardinian consultant in San Francisco during the early 'fifties. The other is the little-known Vie et aventures d'un enfant de l'Ardèche, autobiography of J. N. Perlot, a Belgian who joined the French gold seekers in 1850 and spent some years in the Southern mines. We hope to have further news concerning these items in an early issue.

Yerington Papers

Henry M. Yerington (1828–1910), who drove the first and last spikes of the famous Virginia & Truckee Railroad and was its vice-president and general manager from its beginnings in 1869 until his death, was one of the West's great promoters. From his desk in Carson City he directed many enterprises, including the Inyo Development Company, which operated a soda works at Keeler, California; the Southern Development Company, which ran the Walker Lake & Bodie Toll Road; and the Carson & Colorado Railroad, a narrow gauge line running from Mound House, Nevada, to Keeler. It was of this latter venture that one of the owners, D. O. Mills, is supposed to have said, "Gentlemen, we have either built it 300 miles too long or 300 years too soon."

The library recently purchased a large collection of the correspondence and papers of Yerington, including a group of business records of his various enterprises. Of major importance are his letterbooks, which afford a
Our Treasurer Reports

Since the Friends of the Bancroft Library was organized in the fall of 1946, it has been growing as steadily and as surely as the West itself.

In 1947, the newly banded Friends contributed $7,498.00 to the treasury. In the succeeding years the record continued to be impressive. Here is the story to date:

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The last figure is deceptive, since many more contributions were given late in 1952, but in our system of accounting these will be credited to the year 1953.

This sum of nearly $15,000 has enabled the Friends to issue three books, seven issues of Bancroftiana, and to make several notable gifts to the Library, the latest of which was the Wyland Stanley Collection of photographs of early San Francisco.

Kenny Papers

Robert Walker Kenny, former Attorney General of California and (appropriately enough) grandson of George K. Kenny, Hubert Howe Bancroft's one-time partner, has presented his voluminous correspondence and papers to the Bancroft Library. The Kenny Papers, when arranged, will afford the student of recent California history superb documentation for many of the major events of the period from about 1930 to 1946.

Kenny was born in Los Angeles in 1901 and graduated from Stanford in 1921. After a short career as a newspaperman, including a stint with the United Press in London, the

Chicago Tribune in Paris, and three years on the old Los Angeles Evening Herald, he was admitted to the California bar in 1926. He jumped into political prominence as secretary to Governor James Rolph, Jr., and as a leader of the Southern California "Wets." Kenny was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1931 and to the Superior Court in 1932 by his friend, Governor Rolph.

Kenny became a Democrat in the New Deal years and in 1938 acted as treasurer of Colburn L. Olson's Southern California campaign committee in his successful bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor. At the 1938 general election Kenny won the Los Angeles County seat in the State Senate, and in 1942 he was elected Attorney General. With the defeat of Governor Olson in that same year, Kenny inherited the leadership of the Democratic Party of California. In 1946 he was defeated in the primaries in his attempt to unseat Governor Warren and he retired from public office to devote himself to his law practice in Los Angeles.

A New '49 Diary

The 1839 diary of Tipton Lindsey, who literally walked from Indiana to California as a member of the "South Bend—California Joint Stock and Operating Company," was recently presented to the Library by his grandson, Harold T. L. Frasier of Fresno. It is a handsome addition to the Bancroft's collection of overland sources. Apparently compiled by Lindsey in the winter of 1839-40 at his digs in his contemporary journal, the diary gives a vivid impression of a trip that was characteristic of the time.

The "Company," like most of its kind, disbanded upon arrival in California, and Lindsey tried the hand at mining, with little success. He took up ranching near Gilroy in 1850 and in 1860 settled near Goshen in Tulare County. His last move was to the new town of Visalia, in 1863, where he resided and conducted the first post office.

U. C. in 1869

We found an interesting item recently among the letters of William Anderson Scott, the distinguished Presbyterian minister whose papers have lately been catalogued by our manuscripts department. It was written by Governor Haight and is of sufficient local interest to warrant printing in full:

State of California—Executive Department
Sacramento, Jan. 20, 1869

Rev. W. A. Scott D. D.

Dear Sir—

Yours of 31st ult came to hand the other day and I will respond as well as I can to your enquires. The salaries of professors are fixed at $300 per month. The chairs filled are, Languages—Greek — Latin — mental and moral Philosophy — Physics — Chemistry & Geology. The chairs vacant are mathematics—modern languages, & it will be necessary to provide a chair of Constitutional law & Political economy—agricultural chemistry—Greek or Latin—mental and moral Philosophy.

The organization is not yet complete and will not be until a President is chosen & the faculty organised. On the subject of the Presidency there is great diversity of sentiment among the members of the Board of Regents. It is difficult to say upon whom the choice will fall. I am officially connected with the University & shall do all in my power to secure its permanent success.

It has however been my design after my term of office expires to endeavor to secure an endowment of the City College which has now about $200,000 of property & connect myself permanently with that institution. Political influences so often mar the prosperity & destroy the usefulness of State Universities that I feel doubtful whether at some future time, politics may not reach & ruin the institution which the State is founding. I have endeavored to prevent any such result under my administration but it may come in the future.

We need in California a State University not political, not sectarian. We also need denominational colleges conducted in a liberal spirit under the control of those who harmonize in their religious views. All this we will have in good time & that not distant. The state is very prosperous—increasing rapidly in wealth & population and its prospects for the future very bright. We need to lay foundations not only for learning but for a sound religious sentiment without which no progress is safe or helpful.

My wife & myself have sympathized deeply with you in the loss of your son having ourselves had experience of similar sorrow.

With much regard, very truly your friend

H. H. HAIGHT

Literary Manuscripts

While the Bancroft Library's Frank Norris Collection has drawn much attention (see, for example, the March California Monthly) and has continued to grow, the project to collect materials of other California authors has made some notable strides recently. Among the more important acquisitions are the correspondence and manuscripts of the poet Lincoln Fitzell; correspondence and manuscripts of Professor Josephine Miles, poet and member of the Department of English at the University of California, Berkeley; and the manuscript of that curious item of San Franciscans, The Chronicles of Manuel Alana; A True Story of Old San Francisco, by L. Ernest Wynecken, published in a very small edition in 1908.

A tape recording of interviews with Alice B. Toklas concerning her California days and her relations with the family of Gertrude Stein was made in Paris by Roland E. Duncan, Bancroft's London representative, on the basis of a plan devised by our own Professor James D. Hart.

A Palou Discovery

When Professor Herbert E. Bolton became ill last July the Bancroft Library had recently acquired photographs of some seventy original letters written by Father Francisco Palou. They were secured for the library through the efforts of Professor Woodrow Borah of the Speech Department, then in Mexico on a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Dr. Bolton was greatly interested in the new acquisition. His four-volume work, Pa-
lou's New California, had provided the foundation for the early documentary history of Alta California. These new letters would supply a missing chapter in the life of the pioneer padre in the years before he left the old missions of the peninsula to join Father Junípero Serra in the north. Unfortunately, Dr. Bolton was unable to begin work on them. He would be happy to know, however, that these letters are being translated, edited, and prepared for publication by his two assistants, Margaret Mollins and Virginia Thicknes, who have worked with him for the past four years.

The letters span the years when Palou was president of the missions of Baja California and are, for the most part, his reports to the Father Guardian of the College of San Fernando in Mexico City, from 1768 to 1777. They are personal and confidential letters that reveal his struggle to make a success of the old Jesuit missions, his exasperation with the military authorities, and his constant desire to escape from his arduous assignment as president. His outspoken comments will help to round out our picture of personalities and events in the founding of California.

New Sources on Mexico

Correspondence between the British Foreign Office and its diplomatic and consular representatives in Mexico (1822-1902) has been microfilmed by the Public Record Office for the Bancroft Library. The 531 volumes of this series were copied in their entirety elsewhere. While no index to the F.O. 50 series is yet available, a very brief listing of the contents of each volume is contained in List of Foreign Office Records to 1878 Prepared in the Public Record Office (London: PRO Lists and Indexes, No. II, 1929, and supplements). A brief description of selected volumes relating to the United States (1822-1860) is contained in Charles O. Paullin and Frederic L. Paxson, Guide to the Materials in London Archives for the History of the United States since 1783 (Washington: Carnegie Institution, 1914), pp. 173-187.

Information concerning use of the film may be obtained from Dr. George P. Hammond, Director of the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley 4, California.

R. E. B.

Early Monterey Sketches

Two delightful water color sketches of Monterey in 1827, as seen by Captain William Smyth, artist of the Beechey expedition, are the recent gift of our good friend, Miss Edith M. Coulter. Many of our readers will perhaps already familiar with these views as reproduced in color by the Grabhorn Press in An Account of a Visit to California, 1826-27, reprinted from a Narrative of a Voyage to the Pacific and Bearings Strait performed in His Majesty's Ship Blossom under Command of Captain F. W. Beechey, in 1825, '26, '27, '28. Although these views were not included in the original editions of Beechey's Narrative, lithographs from them have appeared in many books on early California, from Alexander Forbes on down to present-day authors. The original paintings, however, had been lost in private hands until the two of Monterey turned up for sale in London some twenty-odd years ago, at which time Miss Coulter was fortunate enough to acquire them. Now that she has reproduced them in her edition of Beechey, described above, she has decided that the originals should be generally available and safe. So we announce with pride that they are now in the Bancroft Library.

Overland in '44

Among Overland Narratives, that of Moses Schallenberger is one of the most remarkable. In 1844, as a lad of 17, he joined the Stevens, or Murphy, party and set out for the West. Owing to various circumstances, the group was caught by storms in the mountains near Donner Lake, so named two years later. Thinking that the snow and wind would stop in a short time, the men had no worries, but the snow did not stop till it had covered the countryside and the hunters could procure no food. Then, realizing their plight, the last of the emigrants set out, on foot, for Sutter's fort and reached it safely. Young Schallenberger, however, had become ill and returned to the shack in the mountains. Here, all alone, he survived the winter by trapping coyotes and foxes with some traps that others had discarded. Not till spring was he rescued and brought to the Sacramento.

Later in life, Schallenberger's daughter, on the basis of her father's notes, wrote a narrative of his adventures. This, however, was subsequently burned, though not till Hubert Howe Bancroft had seen it and used it in a footnote in his History of California, which was already in type. It was used also by Mr. F. W. Beechey, in 1825, '26, '27, '28.

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Desiderata

On the suggestion of some of our readers, as we fondly call you, we include in this issue a few titles on the history of California wanted by the Library. Some of them sound entertaining and would, we think, be helpful to the research worker. In any event, the books listed below would find a congenial home here.

If a list of this sort proves to be of interest, or profit—please excuse the word—we plan to submit others. We can whip our bibliographies of our needs on the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain States, etc. Not to brag, we could even do subject lists on western railroading, mining, shipping, cattle ranching, fruit growing, moving picture making, and the like.

Stay tuned, then, for the first California Want List.


Benton, Joseph Augustus. California as she was; as she is; as she is to be. A discourse delivered at the First Church of Christ, in Sixth street, Sacramento city; on the occasion of the annual Thanksgiving, November 30, 1850. Sacramento city: Place Times press, 1850. 16 p.


[Brown and Jingo]

Adventures of the firm of Brown & Jingo in California. Compiled entirely and with the strictest adherence to truth from Mr. Brown's own private journal, without that gentleman's permission (here Mr. Brown is recommended for the future not to leave his journal in charge of the barkeeper wherever he travels!!!). San and sold by Cooke & LeCount [1851]. Part I, 16 leaves; Pt. II, 14 leaves. Cover title.

California: its present condition and future prospects, with an interesting account of the gold regions. By a scientific gentleman several years resident in California. Adelaide (Australia). Printed by Andrew Murray, 1850. 52 p.

The California hoax, in which are contained the good and bad effects to be derived from a voyage to California; showing the deception to be endured, with the utter impossibility of obtaining food in the golden region. London, Published [sic] by W. G. Keron [ca. 1850]. 11 p.


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Friends in Print

We are always proud to see the names of our friends in print and list those we have noticed. If you know of any that we have missed, will you please write us.


PETER M. Dunne, S.J. "Lower California an Island." (Mid-America, January, 1953.)


Mrs. GUY Gilchrist. Dutch Flat. Auburn, 1951.


—"Bartolome de las Casas: an Essay in Hagiography and Historiography." (Hispanic American Historical Review, February, 1953.)

Phil Townsend Hanna and William Webb. A Map of the Marked Historical Sites of California, Compiled from the Official Registrations of the California State Department of Natural Resources. Los Angeles, 1953.


Roscoe R. Hill. "Latin-American Archivology, 1850—1851." (Hispanic American Historical Review, August, 1952.)


