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**Biennial Report of the President of
the University on behalf of the
Regents to His Excellency the
Governor of the State**

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The Department of Romanic Languages lost by death during the past year two of its most valued members. On December 23, 1903, Félicien Victor Paget, Emeritus Professor of the Romanic Languages and Literatures, passed to his rest in his seventy-first year. For sixteen years he had been connected with the University as a teacher, and since 1894 as head of his department, though for the year preceding his death illness had prevented him from engaging in the active work of class instruction. He was a scholar and a gentleman of the best, old school; and he and the partner of his life, who survived him but for a few days, had joined in a loyal affection for the University, which impresses with a sacred value their dying gift to the University of all they had to give. A legacy by the will of Madame Paget provides a scholarship to be bestowed annually in memory of her husband upon a student of the literature he loved.

On May 24, 1904, Marius Joseph Spinello was taken from us by untimely death. For two years he had been assistant and instructor in the department, but he had made his life part of our whole life far beyond the expected measure of those years; his chief attention was given to Italian and he taught also French, but there was no interest of the University he did not make his own. He was an ambitious scholar, an inspiring teacher, an unselfish man, and a bringer of good cheer.

The work of the Semitic Department, addressing itself largely to the use of advanced students, is maintained upon a high plane of scholarly efficiency. In January, 1903, there were twenty-four students enrolled, of whom ten were graduate students, four of them candidates for the degree of Ph.D. At the request of the Department of History, Professor Margolis will offer during 1904-05 a course on the History of the Semitic Nations to the Rise of Islam, to be followed in 1905-06 by one on the History of the Mohammedan Countries from the Rise of Islam to the Present Day.

The scientific work of the Department of Zoölogy has received decided stimulus from the establishment of a sea-

side laboratory. In the summer of 1903 the headquarters of the marine work of the department, which had been at San Pedro for a number of years, were transferred to Coronado, the Chamber of Commerce, through the initial efforts of Dr. Fred Baker of San Diego, having volunteered to meet the expense of moving, and to provide funds for carrying on the investigations during six weeks of the summer and three weeks of the following mid-winter vacation. In the September following an organization styled the San Diego Marine Biological Association was effected, with the purposes, expressed in its by-laws: "to carry on a biological and hydrographic survey of the waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to the coast of Southern California; to build and maintain a public aquarium and museum; and to prosecute such other kindred undertakings as the Board of Trustees may from time to time deem it wise to enter upon." It is the intent of the association, declared in its articles of incorporation, to transfer its property and undertakings to the University after a specified time sufficient to establish the work upon a financial basis such that it will involve no burden to the University. The first officers of the association are: Thomas H. Peters, president; Ellen B. Scripps, vice-president; Wm. E. Ritter, scientific director; Fred Baker, secretary; Julius Wagenheim, treasurer; E. W. Scripps and James MacMullen, additional members of the board of directors. One of the the first steps taken by the board of directors was to provide for the support of three years' survey work of the sort contemplated in the declaration of purposes. To this end a written guarantee of a minimum yearly sum of \$4,500 was furnished to the association by three members of the directorate—Mr. H. H. Peters, Miss Ellen B. Scripps, and Mr. E. W. Scripps. Of the equipment necessary for carrying on the researches the following items have been provided: 1. For a laboratory, portions of the boat-house on Glorietta Bight, owned by the Coronado Beach Company, have been fitted up by the company and placed at the disposal of the association. 2. Mr.

E. W. Scripps has placed his nineteen-ton schooner *Lorna* at the service of the laboratory, and has given \$1,500, in addition to his contribution to the fund for running expenses, toward putting a gasoline engine in the schooner and equipping her with scientific apparatus. 3. The Union Gas Engine Company of San Francisco has given about \$300 toward the engines for the schooner. 4. The Charles Nelson Company of San Francisco has also contributed about \$300 toward the equipment of the vessel, and Messrs. Hopps and Ransome, consulting engineers of San Francisco, have given their technical service in connection with installing the engines and scientific apparatus. During the year 1904 the association will have received in gifts about \$9,000. During March, 1904, the U.S.S. *Albatross* of the National Bureau of Fisheries carried on explorations in the vicinity of San Diego under the immediate charge of Professor Ritter. Most of the dredging was done in deeper water, for which the *Albatross* is admirably fitted. This work is beyond the reach of the association's smaller vessel.

For the Lick Observatory, the Wilmerding School, The Hastings College of the Law, the Medical Department, the Dental Department, the College of Pharmacy, and the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art, I beg leave to call attention to the special reports appended hereto.

An important forward step has been taken this present year in the full recognition and active assumption on the part of the Board of Regents of its legal responsibility for the financial and educational direction of the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry. These colleges are departments of the University in the same sense as other departments; they exact, however, a tuition fee of their students, and it is the expressed policy of the Board that the proceeds of these fees shall provide for the maintenance of these departments, exceptions having been made only in case of scientific branches, such as physiology, anatomy, pathology, and bacteriology, fundamental to the professional study of medicine. As yet no direct university aid has been rendered,