L'Agenda

L'AGENDA was founded by the class of '89, and the first volume appeared in May, 1888. The editor-in-chief was Raymond M. West, and William C. Gretzinger was "financial editor." The creation and the founding of a college annual in the eighties was considered a stupendous undertaking, for the board had no precedents to follow, and so it was only after persistent effort that the class was induced to undertake the task. For a long time the editors worked without a name for the annual, but finally the title L'AGENDA was given by J. M. Wolfe and C. A. Walker. The name was suggested by the following French sentence from Halevy, and it appeared in the first numbers of the book:

"Lui, sur un Agenda, tous les matins, et tous les soirs sans phrases, en style télégraphique écrivait un petit programme et un petit bulletin de sa journal."

The first volume had a cloth-bound cover in the college colors, which was an innovation at that time in college annuals. It was only five and a half by eight and a half inches and contained 114 pages. Perhaps its most striking characteristic from a present day view-point was the total absence of photographic cuts, although there were a few drawings. There was quite a good deal of literary work, however, besides the regular college data. The second volume was published by the Class of '93, and came out in May, 1892. It contained no class nor fraternity pictures and only a few cuts of athletic teams and pictures of some of the University buildings. The '95 L'AGENDA was the first to contain a picture of its board or any fraternity pictures. In '96 the Junior Class pictures appeared for the first time, and have since become a permanent feature of the book.

The history of L'AGENDA has been one of steady growth. There has been an increase in size, quantity and quality every year; and the number of pages has increased from 114 to 290. There is every indication that it will continue to grow and expand with the increasing reputation and influence of our Alma Mater.