

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A paper in favor of small farms was read by C. A. Washburn before the Geographical Society on Tuesday night.

Darwinism was reconciled with religion by Professor Joseph LeConte in the hall of the Christian Association on Tuesday night.

An address to young ladies will be delivered by Mrs. Leavitt at 3 o'clock in the Young Men's Christian Association's parlors.

The total receipts of the five days' lunches given at Platt's Hall by the ladies of the Central Presbyterian Tabernacle were \$330 70; net proceeds, \$673.

A free social will be given to-morrow evening in the parlor of the Howard-street Methodist Church by the Young Men's Sunday-school Aid Society.

A special meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at 639 Howard street to consider the plan for a young women's home.

The California Association for the Care and Training of Feeble-Minded Children have districted the city for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions to carry on this important work, and a number of our well-known citizens, members of the Association, are now actively engaged therefor.

Sent Back to China.

Judge Hoffman rendered a decision yesterday in the District Court in the habeas corpus case of Pong Ah Chu. The petitioner is one of the number of Chinese held on the *City of Peking*. He came here without a Custom-house certificate, or a certificate from the Canton officials or Colonel Bee, but asked to be landed on account of his having resided here formerly. He left here after the passage of the Act of May 2, 1882, and returned to China without procuring a return certificate, claiming that as he was so sick he expected to die and therefore did not expect he would need it. The Judge held, however, the omission on the part of the petitioner to procure the return certificate as renouncing and forfeiting his right to return to the United States, and the Court denied the applicant's petition and remanded him back to China.

The Advent Christian Conference.

The annual Advent Christian Conference was inaugurated last evening by prayer services at the Swedish Evangelical Methodist Episcopal Church on Howard street, between Eighth and Ninth streets. A sermon was preached by Dr. H. F. Carpenter of Santa Clara, President of the Conference. Services will be held at 10 A. M. and 2 and 7 P. M. every day during the session. Delegates from all parts of the State will be in attendance and the regular business session for the election of officers will take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The Conference will close on Sunday evening. The attendance last night was not large, but it is expected that the numbers will daily increase.

Black Bart Identified.

Word was received here yesterday that C. F. Bolton alias Charley Barlow, alias T. Z. Spaulding, alias "Black Bart," poet and highwayman, had been identified in Stockton by Martin, the hunter, mentioned in yesterday's *CHRONICLE*, and from there had been taken to San Andreas and lodged in jail. A dozen different reports are afloat regarding his capture, but after tracing them all down, the statement in the *CHRONICLE* appears to have been the nearest correct.