

## California State Fair

State Fairs were common in the eastern part of the United States. They were primarily used to promote the agricultural and mechanical resources of their state.

The leaders of California, knowing the mining industry would soon be overshadowed by the agricultural industry due to the fertile soil of the valleys, it was decided to establish a state Agricultural Fair in California.

The first fair was held in Sacramento September 28, 1852. After it changed its location several times, it was decided to bring it back to Sacramento. They built a pavilion on the eastern end of the Capitol grounds at fifteenth and N Streets. It opened in January, 1884.

I'm sure this was an exciting time for the Christian Brothers students who could probably see the fair being constructed from the back porches of their school and attend it in September just before the start of school.

The fair stayed there until 1909 when it was moved to Broadway and Stockton Boulevard. This was reasonably close to the second location of Christian Brothers school opened in 1923 at 21st street and Broadway.

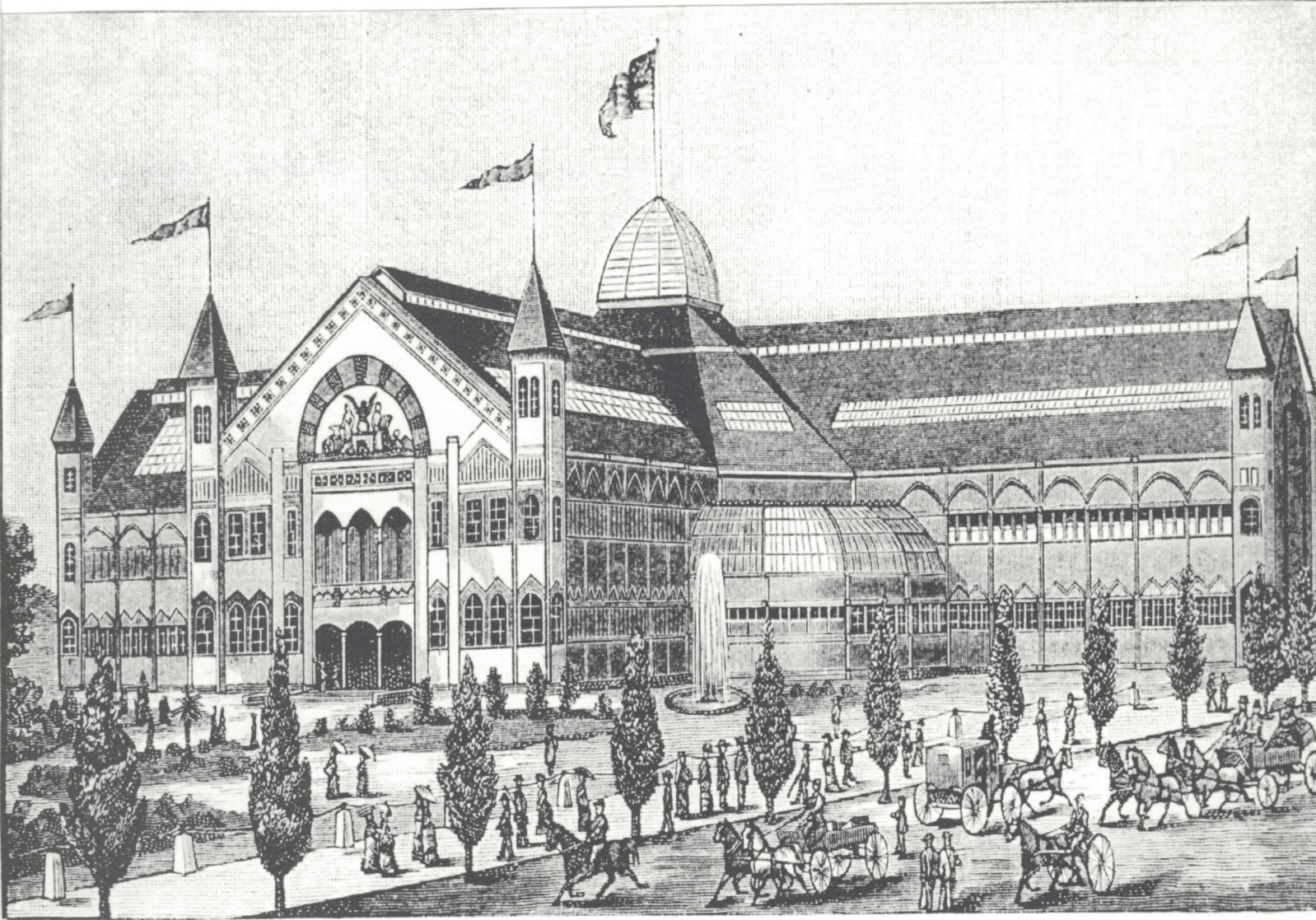
7290. View of Cathedral from Capitol, Sacramento, Cal.



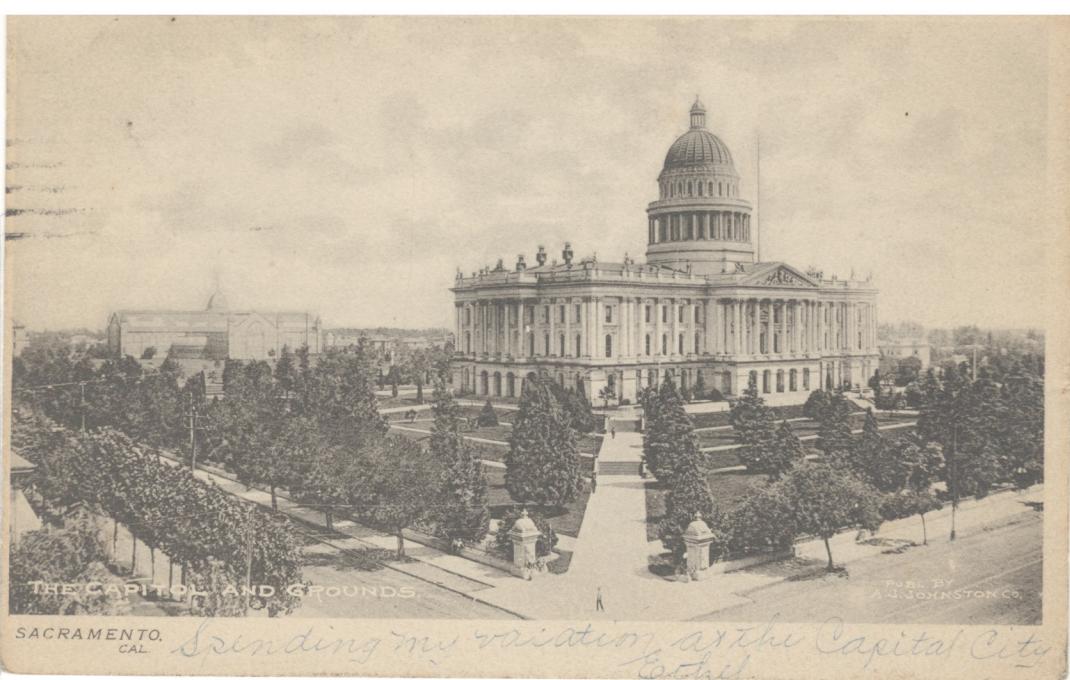
The Cathedral, Sacramento, Cal.

*A little souvenir of my trip for you Dear Ed*

Two post card pictures taken from the  
capitol. Christian Brothers school bottom right



STATE AGRICULTURAL PAVILION. ANNUAL EXHIBITION IN SEPTEMBER.



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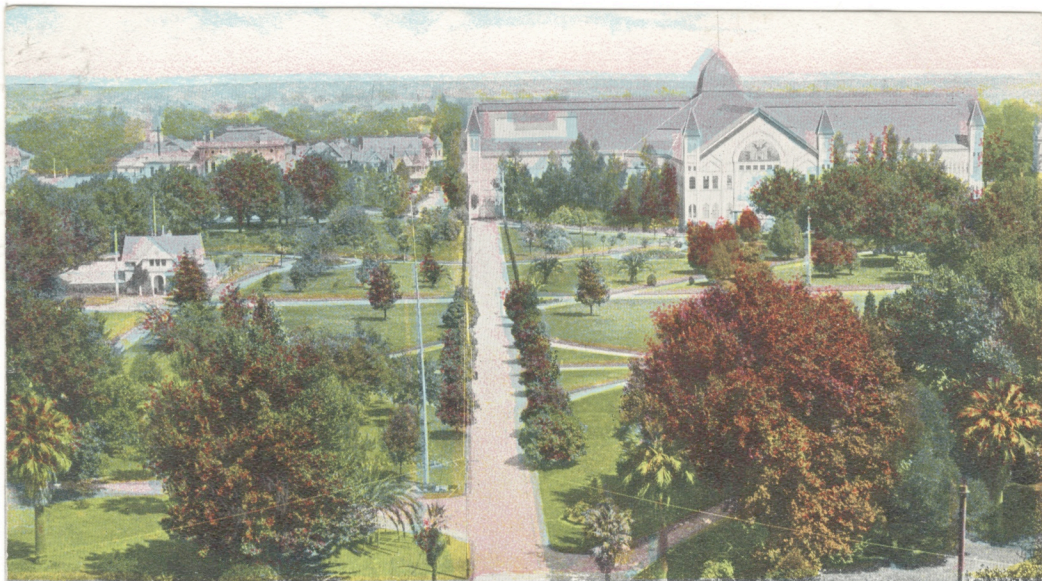
*Spending my vacation at the Capital City  
Ethel*



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Birds eye view looking toward Pavilion, Sacramento, Cal.

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