

Palo Alto Author Observes Her 87th Birthday

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PALO ALTO, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Isabella Macdonaid Alden celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday at her home yesterday by working on her newest book. Known to an international reading public as "Pansy," Mrs. Alden has turned out more than 125 volumes since she began writing at the age of 8 years.

The new book is to be entitled "Memories of Yesterdays." It will be autobiographical, dealing particularly with the years during which Mrs. Alden and her late husband, Dr. Gustavus R. Alden, were associated with the development of the Chautauqua movement.

As a result of an injury to her hip more than a year ago, Mrs. Alden is confined to her room, which was filled today with flowers, gifts and birthday messages. In spite of her suffering, she has written constantly. One book, "A Fortunate Calamity," was issued just before her last birthday, and another, "An Interrupted Night," is now at the publishers.
