WHERE MEN FAILED TO DELL LADIES SCORED A SUCCESS

SACRIFICES HAVE BEEN MADE.

IN adding to the fund for the site many have sacrificed. Contributors have given gladly to the cause who made real denials in doing so. This has come to the knowledge of Ebell and makes each and every member feel grateful. The members themselves have worked hard and faithfully. Where they could not pledge as much as they wished, they have given their time; some of them for the entire month.

The task of securing the money, however, has been a pleasant one. The general interest shown has been exceedingly gratifying. Those who could ill afford to give have added their contribution to those who could give easily. The library site has indeed been a public movement.

MRS. R. P. GLEASON.

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THE Ebell Society's library fund has been completed.

After thirty days of hard work the efforts of the ladies have been crowned with success, and not only has the $20,000 necessary for the site been raised, but there is a decided surplus that will go toward the building and furnishing of a children's room in the library.

To the ladies of the Ebell Society the people of Oakland owe the final securing of a library site, when contentions, geographical, political and commercial, threatened to divert from Oakland the gift of $50,000 made by Andrew Carnegie for an Oakland free library. To Henry A. Chittenden, a newspaper man with a desire to do his home city a service, do they owe the donation received from Mr. Carnegie. To-night sees the final consummation of the oft-expressed wishes and hopes of the people of Oakland.

The site fund was completed to-night, when Mrs. R. P. Gleason, the president of the Ebell Society, announced at the "library night" at the First Presbyterian Church that she had received the final donation that made the purchase of the site possible—a telegraphic donation of $3000 from C. P. Huntington, the president of the Southern Pacific Company. Yesterday the fund lacked nearly $3000 on its face, with about $14,000 in cash, and the possibility of some of the pledges not being fully collected. To-day many of the pledges were paid in, but even to-night, counting cash, pledges and all assets, the fund lacked over $1250 of completion. The exact total of the fund to-night was $18,769 51. Then came the donation of C. P. Huntington of $3000, which relieved the society of further anxiety, and made the library site an absolute certainty.

Two large sums were paid in to-day. E. G. Lukens paid his pledge of $1000 and Dr. George C. Pardee paid his pledge of $500. These did not add to the total of the fund, for they were only the original list secured by the gentlemen when they undertook this work and failed, but the checks were sent to-day.

It was with light hearts that the ladies began their preparations for the general meeting at the First Presbyterian Church this evening. They knew that their fund was completed and the fact that the weather was stormy and would affect the crowds that were expected did not bear so heavily upon them as it might have done had they depended upon the meeting to complete their fund.

Mrs. R. P. Gleason, the president of the Ebell Society, opened the meeting with few words. She merely announced an impromptu for the piano and violin, by John W. Metcalf and Alex T. Stewart. Then Charles S. Greene, the librarian of the Free Library, gave an illustrated address upon the libraries of the country. The University of California Glee Club sang and Miss Hope Cheney gave a piano solo. Then Mrs. Gleason, through whose instrumentality the original library donation had been secured, said a few words.

Mr. Chittenden paid the ladies of the Ebell a compliment for "having taken the library site question out of the realms of controversy" and spoke of the hard and earnest work of the ladies in this public matter. "And the Ebell," said he, "are public spirited, for by their fruits shall ye know them, and these are the fruits."

Mayor Snow was detained at the League of Municipalities and Dr. George C. Pardee was confined to his home with a cold, and then John P. Irish spoke upon behalf of the citizens. He said in part:

"Two things have been settled here to-night, and the lesser of these is the site and housing of the Carnegie Library. To have the library property located and secured for the city is, of course, a great feat, but it is not the greater. The greater is the exhibition to the people of Oakland of what can be accomplished by unity of purpose and harmony of effort. There have been many propositions advanced in Oakland, but they have failed because of a lack of unity. The gentlemen have tried time and again to accomplish something, but they have never been able to agree. Hereafter I shall advocate putting everything in the hands of the ladies. It is well and fitting that this should have been accomplished by the women of Oakland. It is well that some of the donations should have been small and come from the workingman and the mechanic. Particularly is this latter a good indication, for it means that every donation given from this class represents a desire on the part of some father to give his child better advantages than he had himself. And all that has been given to this fund, from the smallest, even to the greatest, of which you will hear later, has been given to make the future generation better than the one to which we belong."

Mrs. Gleason read the telegram from C. P. Huntington making a $3000 donation, which was received with applause. "We are particularly grateful to the gentleman, who has lifted all anxiety from our shoulders, and who, despite the many calls that are made upon him every day, has found it in his heart to make so liberal and generous a donation at the moment when it was needed. For the Ebell Society I can hardly express how grateful we are. This donation has made it possible for us to do something that we very much wanted to do. It will give us a surplus over and above the amount needed for the site, and Mr. Huntington's generosity will enable us to carry out our idea for a children's room in the library. We have always wanted to build a room for the little ones, where they can have little chairs and tables and pleasant surroundings. We have a fund of $127 41 raised by the children in dimes and quarters, and even in one case a penny. It represents a great many little gifts. This fund the ladies of the Ebell will duplicate, making it $254 82 for this room. The proceeds of the baseball game on Saturday will also go to that room, and all the surplus that is created by this last generous donation will go to swell the children's fund. And I would only like to say for the members of the Ebell Society that they have donated about $1600 without considering the work of the ladies themselves."

EBELL SOCIETY MOVEMENT WAS BORN IN A WHISPER

THE monument by the Ebell Society for the library site had its birth in a whisper. That whisper grew to a suggestion, then to a vigorous protest. And the result is such a successful ending out of the weak beginning that it will go down in municipal annals to future generations of troubled citizens with good fortune but little faith.

At the Ebell Club one afternoon, when "Fads" was the topic under discussion, and an expected speaker, the Rev. Charles R. Brown of the First Congregational Church, had not arrived, there was a gap in the programme that had to be filled for the waiting audience. Dr. C. Annette Buckel, who was present, whispered to Mrs. Frederick B. Ginn, who sat next her, that the library site matter might be discussed. Mrs. Ginn gave the suggestion to the chairman of the afternoon, Dr. Myra Knox. And then Dr. Buckel arose and with vigor and eloquence spoke to the ladies for a few minutes, Dr. Knox having called for opinions.

Dr. Buckel protested against the use of a city park for the site. The parks were too few already, she declared. When she sat down the chairman called for a vote that would express park or anti-park. The vote was unanimous against the use of a city square.

At once, with such a spontaneous demonstration, action of some sort was decided upon, and before Dr. Brown appeared to discuss "Fads," Chairman Dr. Myra Knox had appointed a committee to "look into the library site matter."

That committee had Mrs. Frederick B. Ginn as its chairman. And it "looked," indeed. As to the happy nomination that resulted in Mrs. Ginn's being selected for the committee that inserted the first library wedge, no comments need be made, for all Oakland knows of the successful plans—from site details to press suggestions—that made an auspicious beginning. To co-operate with Mrs. Ginn four other ladies of recognized ability were selected, Dr. Buckel, Dr. Knox, Mrs. John Russ and Mrs. R. P. Gleason, president of Ebell.

That afternoon late the committee came together, only for a few moments, however, and named an early hour next day for a meeting and the unfolding of plans. The following morning, November 10, the committee met again, each having already inquired as to sites, prices and the like, and laid out mentally, Napoleon like, the campaign.

The first thing to decide upon seemed very properly the site. With none in view the best work could not be done. The ladies saw this and secured an option on the lot at Fourteenth and Grove streets at once—an agreeing proposition if not in every respect and to every one an agreeable one. By the following Monday night the Ebell Society knew what its committee deemed best, concurred, and the fight began. With this sketch of the beginning must be considered the shortness of time, to realize with what perfectness and dispatch the matter was handled.

Then the little committee resolved itself into a committee that included the board and later a committee of one hundred. This was done Monday and hastily in order that a request to the Council asking that body to defer a decision as to parks might have as much weight as need be. Then the committee embraced the Ebell's four hundred members, and with a general feeling in their favor against the using of a park for a site the ladies set to work.

The option, definitely settled upon Tuesday, November 12, seemed satisfactory and the work went on with no noticeable or noteworthy dissension. Indeed, with no dissension whatever within the society.

The proposition as put forward by the committee of gentlemen who had some time before made a move in the direction of a site had been of this character: The money was to be subscribed toward a $30,000 site (unselected), no one to make a payment until all of the $30,000 had been subscribed. This had not met with popular favor.

The advantage of organization must first be considered in reviewing the Ebell's success. Then came the freedom from political jealousies and ambitions. Not a part of the constituency, the ladies were able to solicit voluntary subscriptions where the men could not. And with a named, located, definite lot in view donations began to come in steadily and encouragingly.

Of the original list of subscribers as secured by the committee of gentlemen, W. J. Dingee was the first to pay in his pledge. This was the signal for many other payments and new pledges and gifts from old and young, until, it will be remembered, that Thanksgiving day, a short time only after the start, the ladies were rejoicing with Oakland in the possession of almost $15,000.

Much of the readiness of Oaklaad residents to sign their names for amounts arose from the opposition to taking one of the parks and in view of the fact that Mr. Carnegie has in the past considered it quite as charitable to add to the parks of a city as to its library accommodations.

The history of the days of work and waiting that the Ebell has experienced is too well known and appreciated to need reviewing. Praise from all sides is given the society collectively and individually. But it may be properly added that the ladies are as eager to disclaim a superabundance of praise as Oakland is to give it. They do not feel that they have done something that the men could not do. For, they argue, what could have been done without the men? And they eagerly divide the honors showered upon them.

THE WOMEN THROUGH WHOM THE FUND WAS COLLECTED

THIS is a list of the members of the Ebell Society, every one of whom did her share in the work of collecting the money for the library site:

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Mrs. M. P. Benton, 533 Sixteenth street; Miss M. F. Benton, 533 Sixteenth street; Mrs. J. C. Campbell, 1084 Twelfth street; Mrs. C. M. Cook, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands; Miss M. K. Culbertson, Genesco, N. Y.; Mrs. D. W. Gelwicks, 1009 Madison street; Mrs. Eugene Gould, 1713 McAllister street, San Francisco; Mrs. M. D. P. Watson, Revere, Mass.

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Mrs. Edward Hale Campbell, Mrs. H. P. Carlton, Mrs. J. T. Carothers, Mrs. George Carter, Mrs. M. E. Chadbourne, Mrs. Richard H. Chamberlain, Mrs. M. C. Chapman, Mrs. W. A. Childs, Mrs. S. W. Chubbuck, Mrs. W. H. Church, Miss Annie Clay, Mrs. E. B. Clement, Mrs. William Clift, Mrs. Seth Clisby, Miss A. A. Clow, Mrs. L. F. Cockroft, Miss Kate E. Cole, Mrs. C. F. Cole, Mrs. George H. Collins, Miss Charlotte Collins, Mrs. John W. Coleman, Mrs. I. M. Condit, Mrs. T. C. Coogan, Mrs. Van Horn Cooley, Mrs. G. W. Cope, Mrs. C. E. Cotton, Mrs. E. J. Cotton, Mrs. E. L. Courtian, Mrs. Homer A. Craig, Dr. Marion W. Craig, Mrs. W. W. Crane, Mrs. William W. Crane Jr., Mrs. W. H. Creed, Mrs. Thomas Crellin, Miss Mona Crellin, Miss Laura Crellin, Mrs. T. Arthur Crellin, Mrs. James L. Crittenden, Mrs. W. O. Cullen, Mrs. J. C. Currier, Mrs. Gilbert L. Curtis, Mrs. William Bostwick Curtis.

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WHAT THE CHILDREN DID.

ONE of the most gratifying and beautiful phases of this work for the site has been the interest manifested by the children of the city. They have contributed generously and gladly. One day in the pouring rain a mother came from her home on Linden street to hand in the contribution of her four-year-old daughter, who had taken 25 cents out of her Christmas money for the library fund. This is only one instance of enthusiasm out of scores. The children may not realize now what their interest means to them. They will realize it in the years to come.

MRS. ADA VAN PELT.

PRIMARY PUPILS AUGMENT THE FUND

THE primary pupils of Miss Horton's school, Twelfth and Filbert streets, in an entertainment this afternoon made a neat sum for the benefit of the library site fund. Over $70 was netted by the little people and they earned this contribution by a very entertaining programme presented to a large audience.

Among those who deserve especial notice were Jefferson Grant Moffitt, who gave a vocal number; Marjorie Mhoon, who gave a German song, and Frank Pierce, who recited in German. The others on the programme were: Choruses, "The Bright Rosy Morning" and "Beautiful Springtime"; recitation, "Baby's Gone to School," Editn Mildred Abbott; recitation, "Days and Nights," Robert Edward Stewart; recitation, "Polly Washes Dishes," Edith Lillian Orth; recitation, "The Squirrel," Faith and Mary Mills; chorus, "Weinachtslied"; recitation, "Der Abend," Frank W. Pierce; song, "Ich Wollt ich war ein Englein," Charlotte Marjorie Mhoon; recitation, "Des Knaben Berglied," George Osborne Wilson; recitation, "A Talk in the Honey Market," Helen Rae Lowden; recitation, "The Conceited Coins," Theodore Scott Flint; song, "The Little Bird," Kenneth Gray Hobart; recitation, "The Dream of a Toy," Horace Billings Cadman; recitation, "Quoth the Hood to the Hat," Maud Bailey Bishop; choruses, "In the Tall Boughs" and "Sweet Is the Voice of the Breeze"; recitation, "Dorothy's Theory," Bina May Moseley; recitation, "Aunt Maria," Thomas Dale Henshaw; recitation, "Her Photograph," Irene Isabel Collins; recitation, "The Eversomuches," Cheryl Merrill; piano solo, minuet (Beethoven), Helen H. Cadman; recitation, "Which Loved Best?" Irene Noyes; recitation, "Lucindy Listens," Helen Gertrue Bannan; song, "Beware," Frank Stanley Baxter, Jefferson Grant Moffitt and Albert Leslie Oliver; recitation, "Put Down One and Carry One," Kathryn L. Bennison; recitation, "A Grievous Complaint," Richard Morris Lyman Jr.; recitation, "A Surprise," Sarah Wandee Cheek; recitation, "Hesitation," Eleanor Engs; song, "Je chanterai," Vida Collins, Florence Adams Henshaw and Gladys Wilson; recitation, "The Trees," Ruth McDaniel; recitation, "Hard to Bear," Kenneth Gray Hobart; recitation, "Little Tommy's Monday Morning," Herbert Pratt; chorus, "Hark, Thro' the Pine Boughs"; recitation, "Partnership," Alice H. H. Williams; recitation, "The Parish Priest of Austerity," Dudley Blanchard Valentine; recitation, "A Real Santa Claus," William Grandin Calkins; recitation, "Christmas Bells," Dorothy Taylor; recitation, "Listen, Lordlings, Unto Me," Gladys Wilson; recitation, "That Little Christmas Tree," Marian Miller; recitation, "Gifts in Sleep," Harriette Maud Maxson; chorus, "Fly Away to My Native Land, Sweet Bird."

NO PARK TO BE SPOILED.

I AM glad to know that the library is not to be placed in a public park. We have too few parks now and those we have were given with the idea that they were to remain parks, and not be covered with buildings. Already Oakland has used three of her squares up. The County Jail is on one, the Hall of Records on another and the Chabot Observatory on a third. The city has been spared the using of a fourth.

DR. C. ANNETTE BUCKEL.

GRATITUDE TO THE PRESS.

THE papers deserve generous praise. They have given space unstintingly during this month of hard work and uncertainty. Every day the financial situation has been presented with its brightest side out. Encouragement and glowing accounts have helped the ladies to work and helped the public to give. The end shows what co-operation and organized effort can do. And just as much gratitude is due the men of Oakland as the women. For what could the ladies have accomplished without the aid of the men?

DR. MYRA KNOX.

CONTRACTORS DENY CARTER'S ALLEGATIONS

Oakland Office San Francisco Call,
908 Broadway, Dec. 14.

Cotton Bros. & Co., principal defendants in the sensational suit brought a few days ago by Martin Carter, in which the Board of Supervisors, County Auditor and Treasurer are also named as defendants, and involving the contract for the construction of Webster-street bridge, filed their answer late this afternoon, William R. Davis appearing as their attorney. While making many admissions, all of the material allegations of fraud, trickery and trickery made by Carter are denied. They also deny a substitution of any plans, admitting that they furnished the Supervisors with certain blue prints, but claiming no knowledge as to what plans or blue prints were furnished to the San Francisco Bridge Company. The fact of the award of the bridge contract to them for the sum of $92,500 on November 22, 1898, according to plans and specifications filed June 13, 1898, is admitted, but they "deny that any change in sheet No. 10 of the plans filed and upon which bids were solicited and received by the Board of Supervisors has ever been made, or any part thereof is now or ever has been changed since the same was adopted by said board or filed." Continuing, the answer recites:

Defendants admit and allege that, to accommodate said board, and without charge, Cotton Bros. & Co. conditionally furnished, as a loan to said board, and not otherwise, four extra copies of the blue prints for the uses and accommodation of said board, in connection with the letting of said contract, and not otherwise; that the conditions of said loaning of said blue prints are those stated in the written communication of Cotton Bros. & Co. to said board. * * * As to whether one of said four copies or sets of blue prints was delivered to San Francisco Bridge Company, to bid by, these defendants have no information or belief upon the subject sufficient to enable them to answer; and, placing their denial thereto upon that ground, they deny that any copy or set of said blue prints was ever delivered to the San Francisco Bridge Company.

Deny that Exhibit A, annexed to the complaint, is a photograph copy, or any copy, of any Sheet No 10, or of any other sheet, of the plans for said Webster-street bridge adopted by said board, or filed amongst its records. * * * or that any sheet of which Exhibit A is a copy ever was part of the plans or specifications upon which any bids were advertised for or solicited by said board; and, in this behalf, defendants allege that the sheet of which said Exhibit A is a copy is not now and never was any part of the plans or specifications upon which said bridge was to be or is to be built.

Deny that Sheet No. 10, or any sheet which was ever a part of said plans, has ever disappeared, or anything whatever substituted therein, or that any substitution, or anything else, ever did make 150,000 pounds, or any weight, less of steel to be used in the construction of said bridge, or so as to make, or that there was ever made $7000, or any difference, in the cost thereof.

In conclusion, defendants' answer recites:

Defendants deny that they, or any or either of them, had any interest or motive, in any such proceedings, changes of substitution alleged in the complaint, or that any such proceedings, changes or substitution took place or exists; or that no other person had or has an interest or motive in such alleged proceedings, whether they took place or not; or that said or any changed places or plan as to said or any Sheet No. 10 was done by or through the connivance, fraud or deceit of Cotton Bros. & Co., or otherwise; or that there is or ever was any changed or substituted sheet, word, figure or thing in, in reference to, concerning or connected with, the plans or specifications, or any part thereof, for or in relation to the construction of said Webster-street bridge.

Cotton Bros. & Co. ask that plaintiff take nothing by his action and that they be dismissed with their costs.

CHARLTON EDHOLM ON THE TRAFFIC IN GIRLS

OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Charlton Edholm of Chicago, the well-known lecturer and newspaper woman, whose worthy efforts toward the uplifting of young womanhood have attracted the admiration of Christian people throughout the United States, has just published an interesting and instructive volume entitled "Traffic in Girls, and Work of Rescue Missions." The little book is a compendium replete with startling narratives touching upon the causes that have led many girls astray. The false hopes and bitter consequences of deviating from the path of righteousness; the false employment snare; the snare of drugs, of mock marriage and seduction, the evils of the dance and the ignorance of children that fill the brothels, are very minutely explained and a remedy given. Rescue work and its methods are elaborately dwelt upon, and altogether the volume is a revelation of an evil that has existed, and for which a remedy is offered. Mrs. Edholm has, during the past few weeks, delivered several of her lectures in leading churches of this city.

Gier's Tonic Port, a valuable combination of the best known tonics and diuretics. Theo. Gier Co., Oakland.

MEN WHO SHOT VINCENT STILL ARE AT LARGE

Police Investigation Is Unavailing.

Oakland Office San Francisco Call,
908 Broadway, Dec. 14.

The shooting of Robert Vincent on Saturday night by footpads has caused the usual crop of wild stories about robberies, attempted robberies, hold-ups, burglaries and the like. Excited people imagine that behind every tree is a highwayman, and the slamming of a door at night is transformed into a burglary.

Aside from the shooting of Vincent on Saturday night Oakland has been free from even the average burglary for at least thirty days. This leads to the belief that either the Vincent shooting was the work of a local gang or it was the work of the same gang that killed Thomas, the West Oakland saloon keeper, and which had left Oakland until the excitement of the killing of Thomas should blow over. If it is a local gang they are very inexperienced men, and if it is a foreign gang that is working Oakland they are very desperate men, who shoot upon the least provocation. They certainly are not men who go about robbing rooms in lodging houses and burglarizing houses.

The story of the attempted hold-up of Manuel Courant, the employe of the Oakland Parcel Delivery stables, is not credited by the police, and is believed to have been the result of an overwrought imagination. The reported robbery of Frank Courant's saloon was not a robbery at all, for Courant told the police himself that it was an "inside job," and he thought that he knew who took the money and he would not prosecute.

But while these minor cases are of not the slightest importance, the shooting of Vincent was a particularly dangerous affair, and the Police Department is not a little exercised over it. Nothing has been found since the first two days of the search. The two hats afford no trace of the men, for there is nothing about the hats to give any clew as to the purchasers. There are thousands of hats of the same make, style and size worn in Oakland and San Francisco every day.

Chief of Police Hodgkins thinks that the men are inexperienced, and he cites the fact that they shot at a man who was trying to escape and who could probably not have recognized them. That the men escaped after they had fired a shot in such a populous neighborhood is what is provoking comment from both the public and the Chief.

"The city has been in good condition this winter aside from the killing of Thomas and the shooting of Vincent," said Mayor Snow to-day. "The great trouble with this town is its nearness to San Francisco. Men can come to Oakland, do their work and escape to the city on the next train. Our police force is small and our detectives few. Oakland has 75,000 population and but sixty policemen, Los Angeles, with 100,000 population, has 284 policemen."

ATTORNEY GETS INTO JAIL AND OUT AGAIN

OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—Attorney R. E. Hewitt still refuses to pay the $20 fine imposed upon him by Police Judge Smith on conviction of having violated the bicycle ordinance. His appeal from the Police Court was dismissed by Superior Judge Hall last Tuesday owing to defective papers, and to-day the remittitur was handed down, when the young attorney was promptly placed under arrest to serve the alternative ten days in the City Prison. He remained in jail only fifteen minutes, for he immediately through Attorneys Chapman and Clift made application before Judge Greene for a writ of habeas corpus, which was granted and made returnable before Judge Ogden next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Hewitt in the meantime is out on $20 bail. He contends that the original complaint is defective in that it alleges "he did not have a bell or whistle on his bicycle," when the ordinance regards either sufficient.

Dr. Easton's Funeral.

BERKELEY, Dec. 14.—The funeral services of the late Rev. Giles A. Easton, D.D., rector emeritus of St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Bancroft way, will be held from the church at noon to-morrow. Bishop W. F. Nichols of the California diocese is to be present to officiate, assisted by Rev. George E. Swan of Berkeley. The interment will be in Cypress Lawn Ceemtery, San Francisco.

New Choirmaster.

OAKLAND, Dec. 14.—The First Congregational Church has selected William B. King, the organist of the church, as choirmaster to succeed A. M. Benham, who resigned some weeks ago. Mr. Benham was compelled to retire because of ill health.

DESERTED HIS WIFE ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY

L. E. Goodwin Tired of Matrimony.

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Instead of celebrating the eighth anniversary of his marriage last Tuesday night like a good, dutiful husband, L. E. Goodwin, a brakeman in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company and prominent in railway unions, brazenly told his wife that she was not keeping up her end of the marriage contract, and that he had decided that he could not live with her. He declared that he had each month given her every cent of his $80 wages, and yet she refused to stay at home and attend to her housework. He offered as a compromise, for his total loss of patience, to take the three children—the oldest aged 7 years—and Mrs. Goodwin might take the furniture and do as she pleased and go where she desired.

Mrs. Goodwin was horrified at the proposal, and refused to accept the conditions, and the brakeman has gone his way, awaiting developments that in all probability will materialize in the divorce court. He has, moreover, caused to be published a notice to merchants that after to-day he will no longer consider himself responsible for any debts contracted by his wife. The parties were in San Francisco away back in 1895.

Another sensational story of desertion and a husband's duplicity will develop at the trial of the divorce suit of Mrs. Ada A. Foye against George F. Foye, a commercial traveler who resides in Alameda. Aside from the allegation of desertion, Mrs. Foye avers in her complaint that over a year ago her husband introduced into his household a young woman whom he declared was his recently discovered sister. Mrs. Foye says she accepted his story with grace until she one day made the discovery that the strange sister was usurping her place in her husband's affections. This occurred in August, 1898, and a public scandal was narrowly averted at the time, and the husband and alleged sister soon took their leave, and the former has not returned to his wife since. Mrs. Foye seeks $35 monthly alimony out of the commercial traveler's monthly salary of $175.

GREATER FREEDOM IN UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Students Given an Option for Less Mathematics and Fewer Hours of Prescribed Work.

BERKELEY, Dec. 14.—An important change in the courses of study at the University of California is being made by the faculty at the close of the present term. The change goes into effect after August 1, 1900,