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The Senior Society in California bearing this name was organized in 1876 by Prof. Ebell. This organization in 1880, was the largest society of ladies managed entirely by themselves in the world, numbering two hundred and thirty, and at the present time none is more flourishing.

Dr. Adrion Ebell was born of German parents in Calcutta, and was educated in America. He was a scientist and lecturer, and early noted that womankind studied and read on superficial lines, and that the full development of feminine mentality required the sciences. This discovery lead Dr. Ebell to devote himself to lecturing in "Female Seminaries" upon science. Later Dr. Ebell organized a plan of study as broad as the universe, with headquarters in Berlin. Chapters tributary thereto were to be established in every

part of the world. One of the first was in Oakland, and was named "The Oakland Chapter of the International Academy of Art and Science of Berlin. The first section of this Chapter was formed for the study of Biology.

On the voyage from New York, Dr. Ebell was taken ill, and died in the sight of Hamburg. In tender memory and full appreciation of his worth, the Oakland Chapter changed its name to "The Ebell Society." It is earnestly to be desired that the good work continue until we have not only a Federation of Ebell Societies in California, but that the full plans of the founder may be carried out, and the organization become national and international.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be THE EBELL OF LOS ANGELES.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this society is advancement in all lines of general culture.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator and Librarian, a Critic and Parliamentarian.

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ARTICLE I.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society and Chairman of its standing committees shall constitute its Executive Committee. This committee shall arrange and control the business and funds of the Society; authorize the formation of Sections, and appoint their Curators; report to the Society all matters of general interest; and at the annual meetings make a full report of its condition.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall incur no indebtedness beyond the necessary expenses of the Society without the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Society.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Curators of the Sections shall constitute an Advisory Committee to be called upon by the Executive Board, when the best interests of the Society shall require their assistance or advice.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers shall take place by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, call all special meetings, make an annual report, and appoint all committees. The President's choice of committees shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall exercise supervision over all the affairs of the Society, and shall be an honorary member of all committees. In the absence of the President, her duties shall be assumed by the Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank.

SEC. 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee on Publication, and shall attend to all the correspondence of the Society, and issue all notices.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the transactions of the Society, and of the Executive Committee, and keep a record of the work being done in the Sections, and of the membership, furnishing a report of the membership to the Corresponding Secretary when called upon, and shall submit an annual report.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio chairman of the Committee on Finance; shall have charge of all the funds of the Society; shall pay all bills audited by the Executive Committee; shall submit a report of all receipts and expenditures monthly to the Executive Committee and annually to the Society.

SEC. 5. The Curator and Librarian shall have charge of all the books, papers and other property belonging to the Society; she shall receive all applications for the formation of new Sections, and shall keep herself informed of the general character of the work of each Section, reporting the same to the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report to the Society.

SEC. 6. The Critic and Parliamentarian shall be referred to for authorities on the use of language and parliamentary law.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees of this Society shall be:

- (1) A Committee on Ways and Means, and Finance.
- (2) Building and Rooms.
- (3) Printing and Publication.
- (4) Lectures.
- (5) Receptions and Entertainments.

(6) Membership and Ethics.

SEC. 2. The duties of these Committees shall be to consider the subjects of their respective committees, referred to them by the Executive Committee, reporting the same at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. An applicant for membership must have her name presented to the Membership Committee by a charter member, accompanied by the names of two more members in good and regular standing. If the name passes this Committee it must be referred to the Executive Committee for final vote.

SEC. 2. No resident shall be made an honorary member of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The entrance fee shall be \$1.00 each, for the first one hundred members. After the limit of one hundred members is reached, this fee shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The regular annual dues shall be \$2.00, payable semi-annually in advance. \$1.00, November 1, and \$1.00 April 1. The non-payment of dues for one year shall forfeit membership.

SEC. 3. Any member paying \$30 shall receive a certificate of life-membership, and shall be exempt from payment of dues.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall have authority to remit the fees and dues of any member when it shall be deemed for the best interest of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. A regular meeting shall take place on the last Saturday of each month, except the months of July and August, at 10:30 a. m., for the transaction of business, and for the reports of Sections. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee, a social meeting shall take place on the second Monday of each month, at 2:30 p. m., except the months of July, August, and September, when papers will be presented. At this meeting members will show at the doors their cards of membership.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at 10 a. m., on the last Saturday of each month, and at the call of the President.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of June at 10 a. m.

SEC. 5. Charter Day shall be October 27.

ARTICLE VIII.

Members desiring to invite guests to the meetings must obtain cards of invitation from the Curator.

ARTICLE IX.

All communications on business must be made in writing.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION I. Copies of all papers read before the Society and in the Sections, shall be placed on file in the hands of the Curator, and at the end of one year, shall be placed under the care of the Librarian.

SEC. 2. Papers shall be written on legal cap, on one side of the paper only, and fastened securely at the top.

ARTICLE XI.

The discussion of politics and religion is prohibited at the general meetings of this Society.

ARTICLE XII.

SECTIONS.

The study of special subjects may be carried on in Sections formed and managed according to the following rules:

RULE I. All members of Sections must be members of the Ebell.

2. Members wishing to form Sections should obtain permission to do so from the Executive Board.

3. Curators shall preside at the meetings of their Sections, plan the course of study and make a full report of the study and advancement of their Sections at each annual meeting of the Society.

Curators shall notify the General Curator of the dates when their Sections meet and when they disband or take a vacation.

4. Special teachers may be employed by Sections.

5. No Section nor any officer thereof shall have power to incur any indebtedness or liability binding upon the Society, but shall defray all its expenses not expressly authorized in detail by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

These By-Laws may be repealed or amended by application to the Executive Committee, signed by not less than nine members, two-thirds of whom shall be charter members. The Executive Committee shall report to the Society for final vote.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President feels it her pleasant duty to congratulate the Los Angeles Ebell upon the prosperous and satisfactory short existence of this Society. Only a few months ago we joined hands for study.

The reports of the Sections which have been listened to each month prove the admirable work being done in that circumference, of which the general Society is the center.

The volume of achievement seems almost incredible when we consider the high order of work accomplished; capabilities and characteristics have been pronounced, and, as we close this year's books, it is with feelings of surety for success and prosperity during the next and following years. We accept the results of this short year as an earnest of future achievements greater than we now dream of.

The founder of the Ebell Society builded better than he knew; if to invent, to advocate, to propound a principle today, and a generation later have it accepted, be greatness, Dr. Ebell is great! He came to America filled with the desire to have womankind elevated in the intellectual realm to a position where he was convinced they belong. The thinking world was not their world. He was among the first to advocate that scientific reasoning was not beyond them.

To put this theory into practice he appeared at female seminaries and taught there the sciences through lectures.

At Mrs. Willard's in Troy, New York, when a small skeleton had been suspended from the chandelier in the center of the room, previous to the unveiling Mrs. Willard said to the young ladies of the senoir class assembled, "If any young lady expects to faint she will please withdraw." "To faint" was part of the profession when Prof. Ebell introduced anatomy to the school room. We have only to see where we came from a short fifty years ago, to note our advancement in the scientific world. Our children are ignorant of the "other day," when we had neither telegraph, telephone nor cable. One of my daughters as a school girl in reciting her Latin, said: "When Cæsar telegraphed to Rome, 'Veni, vici, vici.'" "Veni, vici, vici."

Dr. Ebell came, he saw, and, after a generation, he conquered!

Ideas and ideals are far more than personality. If our ideals are true, high, and of lofty aspiration, the world awaits us with a place and an abundance of work. Is it less honorable that this Society had its origin in the mind of a man, who realized our deficiencies, appreciated our abilities, and set about practically to overcome the one and assist the other? His well matured plan of action was based upon the idea of co-operation and federation.

We have breadth of organization that gives room to students and listeners, to those of little time for study; and again, for the careful student there is adequate assistance through expert instructors.

We are meeting each day with accepted historic reputation that women are not logical, by proving that they are and have been. We meet the stigma that women are not capable of thinking, by bringing to the front not one, but many thinkers. What is it after all to think and be logical? To think, is for the mind to converse (so Plato says); a woman's mind can converse.

When this mind converses—one side of a subject set over against the other, and a conclusion reached—that is thinking; and when the process is orderly, and the opinion reached is in accordance with the array of facts, it is logic—no great mystery about this.

We have turned our attention to the great woman of the past, from Deborah, who came a mother in Israel—to Sister Dora, a mother in England to sick and poor—through a long line comprising Sappho, Hypatia, Mary Somerville, Amelia B. Edwards and many others; we have found them all thinkers, influencing their generations as thinkers and they stand today, under the blaze of nineteenth century wisdom and learning, still thinkers. And as we are inductive reasoners what was true of these beacon lights of history might be true of many women, had they all equal opportunities for learning.

These women were geniuses in that they, many of them, created those opportunities that society denied them.

The value of the Ebell idea of organization is that it provides opportunity for advancement. To know the past and glorify the future is no part of the Ebell plan. It accepts the situation and material of today—this day.

What have we? Ladies, the gentlewomen of America, already cultured, with an abundance of time for study.

An address was given not long ago in Oakland, upon the higher utilities, in which the speaker made plain that in the hours of idleness we show what are our native characteristics. To be idle is a reproach, although the poet has said:

"The idle hand hath fair excuse
Propping the thoughtful brow."

This was a masculine forehead. But woman-kind says, "we will not be idle with folded hands and empty heads, we will study." The employment of these hours of leisure in study is the most hopeful sign of the times; for through this voluntary task so well performed, is reached the higher utilities of life.

The importance of the highest cultivation and learning will be seen by a glance at the primitive practices of the East where men educated the boys so soon as they were out of the hands of the nurses. These patriarchs were gentlemen of leisure and learning.

Now men are engaged in the multitudinous branches of modern commercial business, etc., which takes them from home and the fathers in many instances, are scarcely acquainted with their children. Left to the guiding care of mothers of inferior education and nurses with none, is there any wonder that our boys grow up with small faith in patriotism and little regard for women? The frantic efforts to make the people patriotic (when they have not been taught even proper respect for our flag, with our country overrun with ignorant foreigners and ignorant natives) resemble the hopelessness of any cause or any individual that has been neglected in the tender years of infancy and early growth.

Our people will become an ideal people when its girls and women are all—every one—educated in every particular, until they are able to be and become, not only the mothers, but the educators of men. Then, and only then, will "the scorn of the petticoat" be wiped out.

Character building is the great work of the universe, but there must be perfect ideals, perfect models, before the Master Workman will be able to produce results now so greatly needed. Orientalism must be obliterated. Anyone who has any doubt about the remnant of orientalism which pervades our institutions, has only to open the pages of our law books and note the origin of our jurisprudence. Its cruelties are now greatly diminished, but enough are left to be a reproach to our Christian civilization.

Recognized as the weaker, women, like all inferior or weak animals, have been to a great extent, forced to employ craft and strategy to obtain that which should have been theirs without personal effort. Craft on the part of the mothers. Has it had no effect upon their sons?

Those who study the laws of heredity may discover here that tendency towards dishonesty in business that is its curse today.

The pink and white, helpless prettiness, the delicate, fainting, clinging doll is fast becoming a thing of the past. A class of men are out with much noise and bluster trying to bring her back. Their efforts resemble the country youth with beating of tin pan trying to call back to the hive an escaping swarm of bees. The clinging, assumed timidity of a painted young person, who winds herself, through her personality, about the necks and hearts of men, clinging with the undulations of the historic serpent in place of the vine,

is calculated to do more harm to men and boys than an army of fast, bloomer girls on wheels! Vulgarity is not of this age alone.

Womankind has accorded to her spirituality and heart. She says for herself "let us have brains as well!" Encouraged by the good men of the world, she is fast proving by the logic of events her brain power.

The intuitive faculty that places her instantly at a conclusion, will, through study, be sustained by logic. She will buttress her instructive position by logical reasoning—and maintain it.

In that great Declaration of Independence, read to our people on the Fourth of July, note its claim to "The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Now where should there be happiness? Great fear is expressed that women highly educated will be destructive of homes. Happiness belongs to the home, yet our honored forefathers declare, before the nations of the world, their inalienable right to pursue happiness. This was a great mistake. Still, men are determined to pursue it, and they have compassed land and sea; they have organized clubs with home comforts, and still are in pursuit; they have taken to speeding horses; they employ electricity and steam, and now lastly the bicycle. (they now take their wives and daughters with them as they wheel away) still in pursuit. Yet, sweet negative, homely happiness evades them like the ignis fatuus, which presents to the traveler a cool spring in the desert that, when reached proves to be a spot even more scorching than the one from which he had spied the glimpse of illusive relief.

Happiness is a negative; it cannot be found through pursuit. This idea that where one is, is not the best place to be, but somewhere else is happiness, somewhere else is wealth, and all things good, has made this a nation of "tramps and globe trotters;" a nation risking all to gain a hoped for blessing, or happiness through pursuit.

All that can be said or framed in words I would say in pleading for the happiness in the home, and against its pursuit elsewhere. But this home must be presided over by enlightened womanhood.

The business world is the man's world, and I hope the time will never come when he will cease to claim it his duty, his privilege, and his pleasure to care for his mother, sister, wife and daughters.

The home, the highest ideal of the human heart, is the central ideal of civilization; but when the home is broken, what is then? We all know.

It is quite possible for every gentlewoman to make herself familiar with business methods, papers, etc.; to prepare herself for any and all emergencies; so that if the head of the house be removed, the home that he has established may be kept intact; may be preserved on its financial basis. The very house and household continue;

and this can be done by study, by interesting yourselves in the stirring affairs of life, by being thinkers on all subjects and questions. Given the habit of logical thinking, it may be applied to any subject.

The development of the individual to educe, to bring out the highest and best in each member for ourselves, will tend to the uplifting of the community, as well as the home and society.

In closing it seems fitting to recall the kind words of Mrs. Bunnell, President of Oakland Ebell, in her greeting to us last October, welcoming us to the pleasant task of helping women to increasing strength of intellect and of character; admonishing us of the new society, that we will never find that the petty faults of a woman have been fostered by its influences; but we will see that generous sympathy, readiness to look from another's standpoint, and sensitive for others—not for ourselves—are virtues which thrive naturally in a woman's club. We will observe how the fine qualities of the heart grow more steadily where their *direct* culture is not sought, but where they must necessarily accompany the growth of intelligence, the apparent object of club organization.

With thanks to the ladies whose hospitality has sheltered our Society and the various Sections and for the co-operation of officers and members who have made our past a success, and with added gratitude for your patience with the inadequate service rendered by your president, we may leave the past with the earnest hope that it assists us in our future to make our individual lives and the life of the Ebell symbolic—fashioned after the eternal model that comprises "energy, control, sincerity, beneficence and aspiration," which, taken together, after the measure of the stature of the fulness of Him whose character stands—"The height and the length and the breadth of it" equal.

June 29, 1895.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

On Saturday morning, October the 27th, 1894, was organized in the parlor of Miss Parsons, 1026 S. Olive Street, The Ebell of Los Angeles. This Society, formed after the plan of The Ebell of Oakland, took for its object, advancement in every branch of general culture. About forty ladies met for organization and became members from whom officers were elected who have served through the year.

At the second meeting a competent and complete staff of committees was appointed to assist in the social, literary and financial business of the Society. The list is given elsewhere.

Sections were formed at once for the study of various subjects and were supported with con-

siderable enthusiasm, and are worthy of special mention for faithful and intelligent work. Many of their delightful papers have furnished intertainment for the general society. Those later in beginning, have done fine work and show good results.

The Society has had two meetings each month during the year. On the last Saturday morning of each month, one of the Sections entertained the general society with a report of its work and a few of its representative papers. On the second Monday afternoon of each month a social meeting was held at which a few papers on general subjects were read and a social hour was enjoyed. The following is the list of papers read during the year at both monthly meetings:

MONDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS.

December—Hawaii: History, Mrs. Dean Mason; Trip to Kilauea, Mrs. L. W. Blinn; Honolulu and Surroundings, Mrs. Hugh Vail; Present Aspect of Hawaii, Mrs. J. C. Merrill; singing, Miss Worth.

February—From Nineteenth Century Standpoint: Hypatia, Mrs. J. E. Coffin; Deborah, Mrs. C. B. Jones.

March—Letter from Miss Ray Frank, (called the Modern Deborah;) Mary Somerville, Miss Harryet Strong; Sappho, Miss Harryet Strong; Economics Mrs. H. W. R. Strong; Il Bel Canto, Miss Grace A. Dennen; The Science of Cooking, Mrs. Ewing.

April—Aspasia, Mrs. Hugh Vail; Egyptian Women, Mrs. H. K. Putnam; Vashti and Jezebel, Miss G. A. Dennen.

May—Delsarte System of Physical Culture, Miss A. L. Murphy; Money, Mrs. H. W. R. Strong; Hygiene and Sanitation, Dr. Louise Harvey; The New Man, Miss Alice K. Parsons.

June—Egyptian Women (re-read), Mrs. H. K. Putnam; Amelia B. Edwards, Miss Ryan; Sister Dora, Mrs. P. C. Baker; Clara Barton, Mrs. E. M. Cook, (written by Mrs. Lemmon of Oakland.)

PAPERS READ AT SATURDAY MORNING MEETINGS.

November—Paper on Organization, by Mrs. H. W. R. Strong, also Historical Sketch of Oakland Ebell by Mrs. Culbertson, its first President; Hamburg, Its Public Buildings and Places of Amusement, Miss Grace A. Dennen; Hamburg to Heligoland, Miss Harryet Strong.

December—The Art of Conversation, Mrs. Henry T. Lee; Egypt during the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Dynasties, Mrs. W. B. Berry; Report of Current Events Section: 1. Events of Chinese and Japanese War, Mrs. H. L. Ryan. 2. Causes of Chinese and Japanese War, Mrs. Dean Mason. 3. Results, Mrs. Hugh Vail.

January—Organization of Conversation Section, Report of its First Meeting, Miss A. K. Parsons; Subject, Tact, Mrs. Sumner Hunt; Pension Life in Berlin, Miss A. C. Adair; Report of Italian Section, Mrs. J. C. Merrill.

February—Trilby, Mrs. Hugh Vail; The Commonplace in Conversation, Mrs. Eames; The Sultan of Turkey, Mrs. J. F. Sartori.

March—Dresden and Berlin, Miss A. C. Adair; The Swinger Gallery, Mrs. Dean Mason; Fairs of Leipsic, Mrs. Harryet Strong.

April—Report of Music Section: Wagner, Life, Miss Georgiana Strong; Influence of Wagner, Miss A. C. Adair; Life of Rubinstein, Miss Knight; Musical selections from both composers, by members of the Section.

The Ebell closes its first year with a membership of about one hundred and fifty, with pride for work well done and hope of still greater things in the coming year.

CURATOR'S REPORT.

As soon as the object of the Ebell was defined, namely, advancement in all lines of general culture, Sections for the study of special subjects were formed, and the one honored as the first to meet and organize was the Tourist Section, Mrs. Alice Jones, Curator.

She and her fellow travelers, eleven in number, have furnished the general society from time to time with leaves from their delightful journal. written from the various German cities they visited, and taking us for the time being into the charmed world of art and letters beyond the seas. Sixteen papers have been put on file as the result of their fortnightly gatherings throughout the year, and the enthusiastic Section will take up their line of travel again early in October.

Saturday morning, December 1st, in the parlors of the Melrose, Mrs. Dean Mason was chosen Curator, with Mrs. Hugh Vail as assistant of the Current Events Section, destined to be one of the most popular gatherings of the Ebell. We have been kept informed of the march of Events in all parts of the world, of the doings of famous personages, of achievements in literature, discoveries in science, and have been stimulated to study into cause and effect concerning all the great questions of the day.

Twelve regular meetings with an average attendance of eighteen, and thirty-eight papers on subjects of general interest make up the record of the year.

Section work will be resumed in the fall.

About thirty lessons have been taken by the class which was formed for the study of Italian. The progress made has been necessarily slow, as time has been given to only one lesson per week. The class consisted originally of three members, one of which dropped out on account of lack of of time. Sauer's Conversation Grammar has been used exclusively, about one-third of its contents being covered, in learning to write exercises, to read at sight, besides committing to memory

both poetry and prose. No new or special methods have been adopted. Yet the teacher Madame Wiesecke, has constantly endeavored to accustom her pupils to the sound of the spoken language, and something has already been achieved in that direction. The lessons continued until the middle of July.

The interest in the Conversation Section has continued without much abatement, since its formation by Mrs. H. T. Lee in January. The subjects selected have been such as would naturally present themselves when considering conversation as an accomplishment. Thus "Tact in Conversation" and the "Commonplace," occupied the attention of the Section successive meetings, and were afterwards reported in the form of two excellent papers, read before the monthly meetings in early spring. To decide whether our "manners" are the expression of the personality or merely the attempt to represent our ideals, called out much diversity of opinion, and required two sessions to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

As preparation for the discussion of Experience, Emerson's essay was previously read, and it is noteworthy that the variety of opinion elicited, seemed to be the result of conclusions, derived from consideration of the salient points, rather than a mere comprehension of the deeper spiritual insight.

The Section has in no sense assumed the attitude of a debating society. No irksome preparation has been exacted, while recently it has been unanimously recognized, that the clearly prepared "minutes" of the Secretary, afforded the best representation of the purposes of the Section. The continued popularity of this Section, can be attributed to the variety of the subjects examined and the informality of the treatment. During the absence of Mrs. Lee in the East Mrs. J. C. Merrill acted as Curator.

Our hardworking Pasadena Section, Mrs. Willard Berry, Curator, has been digging deep into the sand which old Time has piled high above the hidden treasures of Assyria and Egypt. They have been well repaid for their effort as we can testify, who have listened to some of their delightful papers, describing what they have found in their search taking us back with them to the building of the Pyramids and to the ancient life of the wonderful valley of the Nile—fourteen papers in all—the eight members of this Section leave Egypt with reluctance to begin their Grecian explorations early this fall.

Our Music Section, so ably conducted by Miss Adair, commenced work in February with seven members, musicians, and enthusiastic workers. Taking Rubinstein first, then Wagner, they delighted the Ebell one morning with the results of their Section work, giving us numbers from both composers, and interesting papers in connection

with their lives and works. We hope that at an early date in the fall to have them interpret Liszt for us, as they were making a study of his life and composition when they disbanded for the summer.

And what shall we say of the Art Section, except that we hope the bright promises held out to us in its infancy will be realized when the real work of this interrupted course of study commences as it surely will in the early autumn.

We see before us in the near future, students gathered, also, for the study of Sanitation, under direction of a lady physician; of Economics and Law; sections taking up French and German will be formed, also one in vocal music, and another in general literature, Mrs. Averill, director. Miss Murphy has consented to take charge of the Del-sarte section, and we trust that these sections and any others that the members of the Ebell may organize may be ready for faithful work when we meet again in the fall. Our aims are high, our purpose is strong, and as we feel that advance has been made in the path marked out for us, so we may hope that another year of earnest effort may bring us to still higher levels, when, in a rarer atmosphere, our outlook will be broader, our perceptions keener, and the unattained heights of thought and feeling still filling the vision for the future.

E. H. PARSONS,
General Curator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from members	.	.	.	\$222 00
Expenses	.	.	.	94 08
				<u>\$127 92</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

Cash on hand	.	\$127 92	Initiations	.	\$111 00
Expense account	94 08	Dues	.	.	213 00
Uncollected	.	102 00			
Total	.	\$324 00			<u>\$324 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. W. BLINN, Treasurer.

TOURIST SECTION.

MRS. C. B. JONES, Curator.

Mdmes. L. W. Blinn, W. G. Cochran, C. B. Jones, T. T. Knight, Frank King, Dean Mason, J. Witmer; Misses A. C. Adair, Grace Dennen, Eliza Gibson, Agnes Knight, Harryet Strong, Augusta Hein.

This section meets first and third Saturday of each month, at 10 a. m.

CURRENT EVENTS SECTION.

MRS. DEAN MASON, Curator.

MISS HUGH VAIL, Assistant Curator.

Mdmes. J. K. Ainsworth, J. B. Banning, T. L.

Burnett, Wesley Clark, W. T. Cochran, Edwin Earl, J. M. Elliot, John Foster, Victoria Harrell, M. B. Hobbs, West Hughes, Frank Kelsey, H. T. Lee, Dean Mason, E. H. Moore, Henry Newhall, C. W. Pendleton, H. L. Ryan, Wm. Reed, Ed. Silent, Willard Stimson, Martin Stimson, A. M. Stevens, J. F. Sartori, Cameron Thom, Jay Utley, H. W. Vail, J. S. Vosburg, E. Winburgh; Misses Cockins, Abby Easton, Goodrich, Cora Goodrich, Sadie Johnson, Susie Patton, E. Parsons, M. Ryan, Georgina Strong, Wedemeyer, Carrie Waddilove.

This section meets every alternate Thursday at 10 o'clock.

ITALIAN SECTION.

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NOTES.

As the Ebell of Los Angeles owes its origin to the senior society of Oakland, through some of its members resident here, so the large and flourishing organization of the Santa Ana valley grew out of a suggestion to undertake section work in connection with this society. It has a membership of over one hundred. Mrs. W. S. Bartlett, President.

Officers and Standing committees serve until the beginning of the new year.

The Ebell is a member of the General Federation, and receives official greeting from the President, Mrs. Charles Henrotin, Chicago:

My Dear Madam President:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Ebell into the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Executive Committee most cordially indorse the application. I inclose a copy of the constitution of the Federation and also a leaflet on the subject, which may be of interest to your club members and to you. On my return to Chicago I will send a certificate of membership. I am now at Toronto attending the American Congress. I enjoyed your year-book and I wish I had some copies to send to clubs who ask for sample programmes.

Believe me, dear madame President, with renewed thanks, fraternally yours,

ELLEN M. HENROTIN.

TORONTO, July 20, 1895.

A photograph of Dr. Ebell has been received from Mrs. Bishop, Vice-President of Oakland Ebell. Many thanks for the gift.

Mrs. Wesley Clark presents the Current Events Section with the signature of Dr. Ebell.

The Ebell plan of organization has received many complimentary notices. It is broad in the extreme, is, in fact, a federation of small clubs. In placing our constitution in the hands of our friends at large, we do so with the single request that in adopting it the name, *Ebell*, shall be retained with the constitution. This is a courtesy due the Oakland Ebell; after eighteen years of testing the method, eliminating and making improvements in the plan, they permitted us the use of their perfected charter, which we adopted and adapted to our requirements; we were thus enabled to have a perfected organization in two meetings. The third found us with Constitution and By-Laws printed, and sixty-four charter members. The Tourist Section also had three papers to read before the assembled society at this meeting.

NEW SECTIONS.

The subject of Sanitation, Hygiene and Foods, under Dr. Harvey, will be both instructive and interesting.

Delsarte, Miss Swaine, Curator, and Miss A. P. Murphy instructor, presents rare opportunity for voice culture. The section is expected to begin with sixteen young ladies.

The Music Section will have a vocal class, and an Ebell orchestra is also among the possibilities.

German language and literature should not be neglected.

Under Economics and Civics there will be practical questions answered, and three of our local financial authorities have promised papers on money, to be followed by papers on National Banks, Commercial and Savings Banks, with lectures on the laws of property, etc., by members of the Los Angeles bar. In this connection there will be a class studying law, to begin this month. The membership should include more than five, the present number enrolled.

Original composition, including journalism, with a professional writer as critic, will be a feature of next year's work. This is a new departure that should commend itself to institutions of learning.

Mrs. Bartlett, President of Santa Ana Ebell, will conduct a History of Art section. A French conversation section will be organized at once, with one of our members as Curator, who is well practiced in the language. Ladies desiring to join any of these sections, kindly send their names to Miss E. H. Parsons, curator, 1920 South Grand Avenue.

Ladies who read papers before the Ebell last year will kindly hand copies to the Curators for the librarian.

There will be papers on the following subjects during the year: Alaska; Women of China and Siam; Social Life in Japan; Bees and Ants; Taj Mahal and the Parthenon; The Evolution of Mark Twain and W. D. Howells; America's Three Queens—Isabella, Elizabeth and Victoria; Rosa Bonheur and Landseer; Angelica Kaufman and Sir Joshua Reynolds; Washington Irving's Goldsmith; Lucretia Mott, Florence Nightingale and Maria Mitchell; The Work of Pundita Ramabai; Fiction after our Wars and after the Chicago Exposition; The Flavor of the Soil in Fiction; Individualism and Collectivism. ✱

A reception has been suggested as an appropriate celebration of Charter Day.

The Ways and Means Committee will in their report recommend an increase of fees.

Our Building Committee has been increased in numbers, Mrs. Vosburg and Mrs. Mason being added, and later Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Merrill and Miss E. Parsons.

The Building Committee reports suitable quarters engaged as instructed by the society at the last meeting.

The first meeting of the new year will be Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a. m., 345 S. Main St.; Executive Committee, 10 o'clock.

There will be a paper on "Albert Durer," and another on new work before the society.

Monday, October meeting, will be devoted to the subjects—"What Is Success?" "What Is Failure?" Ladies who do not belong to sections are requested to prepare short papers on one or both of these subjects. ✱

The Executive Committee has accepted an invitation to be present at Atlanta on General Federation Day, November 2, through our report, and a specially prepared sketch of the society, its objects and aims.

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