

THE BERKELEY CLUB.

THE Berkeley Club is composed of professors of the State University, and a few literary gentlemen of Oakland and San Francisco. It originated in 1873, with a little knot of thirteen persons, gathered at the invitation of D. C. Gilman, then President of the University. Its membership has never exceeded thirty. Its bi-monthly meetings for the first six months were held at the houses of members. Since that time they have been held in Dr. Hamilton's study, at the Independent Church in Oakland. Members take their turn in presiding. The Secretary is the only stated officer. Subjects for discussion are selected a month in advance. Every Thursday afternoon the members gather, and partake of a dinner almost lenten in its simplicity. Then a lecture is delivered or an essay read on the prescribed topic, after which there is a general debate on the theme and its manner of treatment by the speaker. The views expressed vary from strict orthodoxy to the most ultra opinions of the Spencerian school of philosophy. The debates are invariably temperate, though always earnest, and sometimes personal. Mr. Gilman is still a deeply interested member, though actively engaged in his duties as President of the John Hopkins University at Baltimore. The Secretary is J. H. Smyth.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Bartlett, Wellington C.	Campbell, Sr., Alexander
Benton, Rev. J. A.	Crane, W. W.
Boalt, John H.	Dwinelle, John W.