leadership. He was greatly interested in helping youth and was a staunch supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, and, in particular, its Piedmont Council. He supported the movement, as he did others, not only financially but with his personal presence and leadership, frequently going to meetings to address the boys and to confer awards.

He was the leader in bringing about the establishment of the Interdenominational Church and Civic Center in Piedmont. He initiated the movement and backed it heavily. After its establishment, he constantly looked after the finances and care of the Church, which he attended regularly.

Innumerable instances of Mr. Alexander’s intelligent and almost unsurpassed generosity in helping individuals are known to the writer, but since these instances involve other people they are not detailed here.

He was much interested in international peace and particularly in friendly relations between the United States and other countries bordering on the Pacific. In this connection, he was one of the staunch supporters of the Institute of Pacific Relations. He was perhaps more interested than anyone else in this country in friendly relations with Japan, to which he devoted constant attention. He made one trip to the Orient in this connection, and at the memorial service at Piedmont, held November 26, 1939, a large contingent of Japanese were present to show their respect.

Mr. Alexander was not a brilliant man, which makes some of his accomplishments all the more remarkable. Many years ago, for example, he decided to learn French. He devoted himself to this task so assiduously that, although he did not learn as rapidly as many others, he became very accomplished in this language, even to the extent of making speeches in French. An instance of this comes to the mind of the writer, in which Mr. Alexander delivered in French an address to the Boy Scouts in Montreux, Switzerland, some years ago, while the writer also happened to be there. Having perfected himself in French, he started on Spanish and was still engaged in this study at the time of his death.

Mr. Alexander’s willingness to help in all public matters is evidenced, so far as this Society is concerned, in the fact that he was one of the syndicate which purchased the Drake Plate, as well as one of the contributors to the publication of Drake’s Plate of Brass Authenticated last year.

Mr. Alexander was a simple, unassuming, Christian gentleman, whose life brought nothing but good to his fellow men. 

Allen L. Chickering

Mrs. Alexander F. Morrison
1858-1939

Mrs. Alexander F. Morrison [née May Treat], long a member of this Society, died suddenly in San Francisco on October 2, 1939.

Mrs. Morrison was the widow of Alexander F. Morrison, whose death
occurred in November, 1921. Mr. Morrison at the time of his death was one of the outstanding members of the bar of this city and state. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were leaders in the public and civic life of the community, and Mrs. Morrison carried on the activities in which they had a common interest to the end of her life.

She was born in San Francisco in 1858, educated in the local public schools, and in 1878 graduated from the University of California with the degree of Ph.B. She was one of the first women to enter and graduate from that institution. After her graduation she studied abroad for several years. In 1938 the University conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mrs. Morrison had many and varied interests; she devoted herself particularly to education and philanthropy. She was one of the founders of the San Francisco Musical Association and of the Opera Association, and for many years was Vice-President of the Alumni Association of the University of California. After the death of Mr. Morrison she gave the University his private library consisting of several thousand volumes and representing a lifetime of selective accumulation; at the same time she created a perpetual fund for its upkeep. This library is known at the University as the "Alexander F. Morrison Memorial Library." It has been kept intact and is housed in a separate room in the main library on the campus for the use of the students in general reading and reference work. It has proven to be of great value to the institution and is unique among our colleges.

Mrs. Morrison was also interested in the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, and for many years she contributed the funds for a fellowship at that institution. At the time of her death she was a trustee of the California Academy of Sciences, a member of the Board of Managers of the Children's Hospital and of the San Francisco Protestant Orphanage. She was also a member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the San Francisco Musical Association and the San Francisco Art Association.

She left surviving her a sister, Mrs. Sarah B. Child, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary M. Staples. Throughout her long and useful life and to the very end she maintained her youthful spirit and great mental vigor. To meet her was a pleasure, to talk with her was a privilege, and to know her well was a great inspiration. Her personal charm and gracious manner will long be remembered.

J. F. SHUMAN

GLENN A. SCHAEFER
1880-1939

Glenn A. Schaefer, a member of this Society, died at his home in Pasadena, California, on August 6, 1939. He was a native of Nebraska, where he was born in 1880. After living in southern Oregon for several years, he came to southern California in 1906 and entered the title insurance business in San