

Professor of Mathematics in the College of the Pacific, San Jose. In the year 1900 he decided, perhaps to some extent influenced by his residence in the shadow of the Lick Observatory, to change his subject to astronomy. With great courage on the part of himself and Mrs. Curtis, he resigned a professorship to accept appointment as Fellow in Astronomy in the University of Virginia, with salary at the rate of \$350 per annum, where the family of four resided in the years 1900-02. Receiving the doctor's degree in June, 1902, Dr. Curtis served as an assistant in the Lick Observatory from 1902 to 1906. He was Acting Astronomer in Charge of the D. O. Mills Observatory at Santiago, Chile, from February, 1906, to June, 1909. From the latter date to the present he has filled the position of Astronomer in the Lick Observatory, as successor to Dr. Perrine, who became Director of the National Observatory of the Argentine Republic at Cordoba.

W. W. CAMPBELL.

DEGREES AWARDED

At the recent Commencement of the University of California May 12, 1920, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon two students having Astronomy for their major study—Miss Sophia H. Levy and Mr. C. D. Shane. Miss Levy's thesis was entitled "The Theory of the Motion of the Planet (175) *Andromache*," and Mr. Shane's "The Spectra of Certain Class N Stars."