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 MONTH, AT 2 P. M.

LITERARY EXERCISES UNDER THIS COMMITTEE, SAME DAY,  
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DEBATES ON SAME DAY, AT 3 P. M.

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# REPORT OF EXERCISES.

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FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 22,  
1888, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1889.

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Sept. 22, 1888.

Discussion of Constitution.

Hostess, Mrs. B. F. NORRIS.

Oct. 3, 1888.

Adoption of Constitution.

Hostess, Mrs. W. F. McNUTT.

Oct. 17, 1888.

Committee . . . . . Art and Literature

Paper . . Principles of Art and Their Application

Essayist, Prof. JOSEPH LE CONTE.

Hostess, Mrs. SAMUEL BIGELOW.

Nov. 7, 1888.

Committee . . . . . Practical Questions of the Day

Paper . . . . . Child-Saving

Essayist, Mr. CHAS. MURDOCK.

Hostess, Mrs. GAMBLE.

Nov. 21, 1888.

Amendments to Constitution.

Hostess, Mrs. DAVID BIXLER.



Dec. 5, 1888.

Reception to the Club . . . . . By the President  
Mrs. HEARST.

Jan. 9, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Practical Questions  
Lecture . . . . . Etchings and Engravings  
Lecturer, Mrs. C. T. ADSIT.

Jan. 16, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Literature and Art  
Paper . . . . . Robert Elsmere  
Essayist, Rev. THOS. BACON.

Jan. 23, 1889.

SOCIAL DAY.

Jan. 30, 1889.

Amendments to Constitution.

Feb. 6, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Literature and Art  
Paper . . . . . Robert Browning  
Essayist, Mr. J. VANCE CHENEY.

Feb. 13, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Practical Questions of the Day  
Paper . . Higher Education of Women in Colleges  
and Universities.  
Essayist, Hon. HORACE DAVIS.

Feb. 20, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Science and Education  
 Paper . . . . . Volapuk  
 Essayist, Dr. RINGNALDA.

Feb. 27, 1889.

SOCIAL DAY.

March 6, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Literature and Art  
 Paper . . . Realists, Idealists and Impressionists  
 Essayist, Miss EVA WITHROW.

March 13, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Practical Questions of the Day  
 Paper . . . . . The Decorative Arts  
 Essayist, Miss HELEN DENSMORE.

March 20, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Science and Education  
 Paper . . . . . The Nature of Free Education  
 Essayist, Prof. A. S. COOK.

March 27, 1889.

SOCIAL DAY.

Farce . . . . . The Mouse-Trap  
 Hostess, Mrs. BEAVER.

April 3, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Literature and Art  
 Paper . . . . . The Modern Novel  
 Essayist, Mrs. ANNIE LAKE TOWNSEND.  
 Reader, Mrs. FRANCES EDGERTON.

April 10, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Practical Questions of the Day  
 Paper . . . . . The Kindergarten in Its Relation  
 to Manual Training.

Essayist, Mrs. S. B. COOPER.

April 17, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Science and Education  
 Paper . . . . . Louis Agassiz

Essayist, Mr. MILLS.

April 24, 1889.

SOCIAL DAY.

May 1, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Literature and Art  
 Paper . . . . . Etchings and Etchers

Essayist, Mr. VICKERY.

May 8, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Practical Questions of the Day  
 Paper . . . . . The Servant-Girl Question

Essayist, Dr. EMMA SUTRO MERRITT.

May 15, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Science and Education  
 Paper . . . . . The Ideal in Club Life

Essayist, Miss SARAH D. HAMLIN.

May 22, 1889.

MUSICALE.

May 29, 1889.

Committee . . . . . Formal Debate  
 Subject . . . . . Resolved, That Youth is Not the

Period of the Greatest Enjoyment.

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### REPORT OF ACTING PRESIDENT.

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When the inspired preacher said, "One event happeneth to all," he might have said more. Two events happen to all things that have life. The preacher meant: Death comes alike to the wise man and to the fool. But is not birth an equally solemn, as it is an equally meritable, event in the life of everything?

To begin to live,—to initiate that combination of subtlest forces and fateful tendencies which only the other great event called death can stop, and whose individual manifestation and final destiny no amount of knowledge or experience can enable anyone to predict,—this is which renders birth so perennially interesting. "How long will it live?" is the question which asks itself whenever a new being comes into existence. And if it is a human being and a beloved human being the first anniversary of its birthday is an occasion of relief and rejoicing; for we all know what disproportionate dangers assail the first twelve months of existence. We ladies of the Century Club of Cali-

ifornia are here to celebrate *our* first anniversary! Is it not an occasion of rejoicing? The perilous first year is past, not the least of whose perils was that misogynists of both sexes prophesied an early dissolution; and you know nothing is truer than that a forecast of evil is itself a cause of evil. We admit that there were some inherent elements of danger. We know that our size was against us. It is an undisputed fact that the strength and longevity of our organism is not the sum of the strength of its individual organs, but is instead determined by the relation of these individual organs to each other, and by their harmonious working together as a whole.

If to be well born is a sacred right of every human being, it is equally the right of every organization of human beings; and we trust that in the case of the Century Club there was that intelligent prevision, that earnest premeditation, which constitutes that right. And yet, granting all this, it was still an experiment in sociology whose outcome no previous similar experiments, no previous successes or failures elsewhere, could aid us in prophesying.

The social chemistry of San Francisco differs widely from that of every other city in the United States; and, when we think how almost

hopelessly incompatible a hundred or more absolutely good women may be, I am sure we will confess that a year of agreeable associative life, meeting every week for many months, has been a good test of adaptation and voluntary adjustment, and a happy augury of future congeniality.

To recite to you to-day the history of this first year is my duty according to a provision of our Constitution.

In June, 1888, about eighty ladies were invited by Mrs. A. A. Sargent to meet at her house. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe of Boston, a lady who, not content with bringing into the world and bringing up in the world most admirably a large family of children, to the shame and confusion of all those who declare that clever women, particularly literary women, but most particularly women interested in politics, either are not prolific mothers or else are neglectful mothers, has become also the proud parent of a great number of women's clubs, leagues, unions, associations and what not, and learning by some means that the women of San Francisco had reached the combining stage of polarization, was willing to give us the crystallizing touch.

Ladies! There is a mysterious thing called the Spirit of the Age. No one is able to describe

it; no one has fully analyzed it; but more and more we realize that it is the total effluence of the civilization of the existing time. How vastly it differs in different ages, only a philosophical scanning of history can show.

The age of Pericles could not have produced a woman's club, in spite of the fact that the abundance of female gods in their Olympus would seem to negative an aristocracy of sex. The Greek woman, however, who had learning must find her companions among men, or remain solitary. The spirit of that age made wifehood and ignorance inseparable, and hebraism the stigma of feminine culture of intellect.

No more was such a society possible in the age of Shakespeare. The educated women must still have only men for their companions; and not only so, but Shakespeare himself, greatest product as he was the greatest interpreter of the spirit of that age, had no prescience of a to-come for women. Nor dare we pause over that manifestation of the spirit of the age presented by the eighteenth century; for we all know that changed and brilliant and promising as was the status of women at that time, it was not favorable to anything resembling societies of women. We all know there is a

world's difference between a *salon* and a woman's club.

But the nineteenth century? Ah! there indeed begins the associative life of women! For the first time in history women begin to care for each other, not as relatives, not as compatriots, not as co-religionists, not as anything in the world except as sister *women*. A wider use of her faculties, deeper draughts of knowledge, worthier occupation of energies,—these have aided in weeding out the petty vanities, the petty envies and jealousies, whose whole nourishment is drawn from the rivalry of pleasing for selfish motives.

Women in this century are no longer competitive with each other mainly, but very increasingly co-operative. Women work for women, defend women, rejoice over women's successes, and throw the mantle of charity over women's errors, as never before since the race began.

This, then, this benign spirit of the age it was which brooded over the coming into being of the Century Club, and made it possible.

Before Mrs. Sargent's guests parted that day, they went into temporary organization, and appointed a committee instructed to draft a Constitution under which the Association might



become permanent. That Committee consisted of the following-named ladies:

Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Chairman; Miss A. M. Fulton, Secretary; Mrs. George Davidson, Mrs. A. L. Townsend, Mrs. E. Everett, Miss Anna Beaver, Mrs. H. M. Skidmore, Miss Sarah D. Hamlin, Miss Cordelia Kirkland, Miss Ellen Sargent.

Four meetings of the Committee were held in June, one in August, and two in September. On the 22d of September the eighty ladies who had met in the previous June were reconvened, the Constitution was partially adopted, and the Board of Officers and Directors elected as they now stand in your printed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

At this meeting, too, an effort was made to christen the new being; but the time was found insufficient for the balancing of opinions.

At the next meeting after this the membership of the Club, which had been placed at one hundred, was extended to two hundred,—one hundred and sixty for the city, and forty for an extra-mural contingent.

As to the name of the Club, those of you who have come in since will be interested in hearing the list of those suggested and rejected. The name Woman's Club was preferred; but

that was already pre-empted. Others proposed were: The Woman's League; Wednesday Club; California Club for Women; Ward-Howe Club; Pacific Women's Club; The "88" Club (membership to be restricted to eighty-eight); Round Table Club; Woman's Occidental Club; Fort-nightly Club; and finally and unrepealed,—The Century Club of California.

We have no motto yet. Some were discussed, but none seemed to give out just the right note when struck; so we decided to wait and let that be perhaps the bloom of the Century Plant.

Your Board of Directors have had eight regular and twenty special meetings since the organization was made permanent. This represents much work willingly done,—joyfully even; for the Directors' meetings were always delightful reunions, and occasions, as they believed, for that assimilation and growth which was expected in formulating the object of our Club as designed to "Secure the advantages arising from free interchange of thought, and from co-operation among women."

The Club itself has met twenty-six times, twenty-eight counting two extra receptions.

By the recorded calendar of the past year's work you will observe that out of nineteen

essayists eight were women; and of these five were Club women.

If by the next annual report these proportions are inverted, then we shall feel that we are indeed feeding ourselves; that we are accomplishing our object; that the Century Club of California has taken its place as one of the educating forces of the Pacific Coast.

MARY GRAFTON CAMPBELL.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

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According to Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution, the Corresponding Secretary is required to present a report at each annual meeting of the Club; but what sort of a report it is to be is not specified; and, as this is the first year of our existence, there are no former reports which I can use as precedents. Under the circumstances I thought I would use my own judgment, and not only enumerate the clubs with which I have corresponded, but also describe in what respects these clubs differ from our own as far as can be ascertained from the Constitutions and By-Laws received from them by way of exchange.

The first Club with which I had any correspondence was the Women's Club of Wisconsin. Its Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Johnson, a lady whom we entertained at the reception given by our Club to the Delegates of the National Conference of Charities, sent me a very pleasant letter, in which among other things she told how her Club had built its own building, the Athenæum, which was worth, with the ground, \$25,000. In the Constitution

and By-Laws of that Club, I notice the following points in which they differ from those of our own Club. Meetings are held only twice a month. In the exercises of their last year, there were only three lectures by gentlemen, all the other speakers being ladies, most of whom were members of the Club. The annual dues are \$5. Among the list of meetings, I notice a reception given in honor of the ladies accompanying the American Society of Civil Engineers. I hope this example and our own delightful reception to the Delegates of the National Conference of Charities will establish precedents for receptions to be given by our own Club to the ladies accompanying all worthy societies which may make our city the site of future national meetings.

The New Century Club of Philadelphia was the next one from which I received a letter and copies of the Constitution and By-Laws. Reading over these I found the following noticeable points: 1st, Candidates for membership may be proposed by any member of the Club, but must be nominated by one of the Board of Directors; 2d, Gentlemen may become Associate Members; 3d, Each member of the Club is limited to the privilege of inviting only one guest to any stated afternoon meeting, and

but two guests to any Club Tea; and she shall pay twenty-five cents admission to the Club Tea for herself, and the same for each of her guests. Friends of the members may be admitted to the Club parlor on presentation of a member's card. The New Century Club has also several literary classes connected with it, such as a Browning Society, etc., and a Guild something like the Industrial and Educational Union. In looking over the exercises, I see that they had a Tolstoi afternoon, when papers by seven members of the Club were read. A few such afternoons devoted to different authors might be a pleasant change from our usual meetings. In the annual report of their Corresponding Secretary, I find that the custom of having Club Teas had at one time nearly died out, or, as she expressed it, "well-nigh died a natural death," although much had been done on each occasion to please the palates and delight the musical ears of the members. But suddenly a wave of reaction, or reflex of the tide of sentiment, took place; and there came flowing in on all sides from the members imploring requests to resume the Club Teas.

I also corresponded with the Brooklyn Woman's Club. This, though organized in 1869, and though its Constitution allows a member-

ship of one hundred and fifty, has an actual membership of only one hundred and twelve. The reason why the actual membership falls so far below the number permitted seems to be on account of a provision of the Constitution which orders that, after the name of a candidate has been unanimously accepted by the Board of Directors, it must be presented to the Club at large at a regular meeting and be balloted for at the expiration of one month; and three adverse votes will reject. The annual dues of this Club are \$5; and the initiation fee is \$10. The annual dues are to be paid during the first month of the Club year; and all those who do not pay during the first three months are dropped from the roll. Each member is supplied with three guest tickets for use during the season; if more are desired, application may be made to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. All business transacted by the Board of Directors is reported at the regular meetings of the Club. The Board of Directors of this Club, according to a recently enacted article of its Constitution, "shall consist of nine members, elected for three years each, three of whom shall retire each year, and three new ones be elected in their places." The regular meetings are held twice a month; and two or more

papers are read at each meeting. Most of the papers are by members; and during the year 1887-88 only twice did gentlemen lecture; and in the year 1888-89 only one paper was by a gentleman.

The New England Women's Club of Boston also sent me their By-Laws and Regulations, which consisted merely of two separate sheets of paper. These laws differ from ours in brevity, but only slightly otherwise; because ours were partly molded on theirs. I also received a very interesting historical sketch of this Club, written by Mrs. Julia H. Sprague. It speaks of the work accomplished by the Club, and states among other things that it succeeded in putting women on the School Committees of the city. This sketch also gives a list of the prominent people to whom the Club tendered receptions, as, for example, Miss Emily Faithful, Miss Mary Carpenter, Professor Marie Mitchell, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, William Channing, Lucy Stone, etc.

I also wrote to The Fortnightly of Chicago and received their Constitution. In it I found the following points of difference from our own. The annual dues are \$12. The membership is limited to one hundred and seventy-five members. The names of candidates for admission



must be indorsed by two members beside the proposer; and the application must state the ability of the candidate "to contribute to the working power of the Association in any way that shall be required of her." If this last point had been added to our Constitution, it might possibly have simplified that most difficult and painful duty of our Directors and Secret Committee, that is to say, the duty of choosing new members. The Fortnightly of Chicago meets only twice a month at two P. M., except in November, when an evening reception takes the place of one of its meetings. At these evening receptions, invitations are issued to each member of the Club, admitting herself and one guest. Their By-Law for the annual meeting is unique: "Two weeks before the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a committee of three, to the chairman of which committee each member of the Association shall send her choice for officers and directors to serve the ensuing year. From the names thus suggested, the committee shall prepare a ticket choosing in each case the person having the largest number of votes, and shall present it at the annual meeting. The Association shall ballot on the officers in their order. A majority vote constitutes election." In the exercises of last year, no gentlemen at

all spoke at the Club. All the speakers were lady members with the exception of one.

The Chicago Women's Club also sent me their Constitution and a history of their Club. In their Constitution I see that a candidate for membership must be proposed in writing by a member, and have the written indorsement of two additional members; and it requires a vote of four-fifths of the Board of Directors to elect. The practical results accomplished by this Club have been wonderful. Among other things it has brought about important improvements in the Insane Asylum and in the State Hospital. Besides, the Club helped to organize a "Protective Agency for Women and Children," an "Industrial Arts Association," a "Society for Physical Culture and Correct Dress" and a kindergarten. It obtained the appointment of a woman on the Board of Education. It secured compulsory school attendance; and it is now endeavoring to obtain the appointment of a night matron in the Chicago jail. For some time it paid a matron to remain over Sundays in the county jail. Its Art and Literature Committee has also done excellent work in fostering self-improvement and study among the members. In fact the entire Club seems strongly marked by that marvelous push and energy

which makes Chicago one of the wonders of the industrial and commercial world.

The correspondence which I shall last mention was with the "Sorosis" of New York. Mrs. Croly (Jennie June) wrote to me; and among other things she gives this advice: "I do not send our Constitution and By-Laws; for they have been tinkered out of knowledge, and now furnish sources of constant trouble and coercion. Make yours as simple as possible,—the less the better." This seems excellent advice. For my part I believe partly in an unwritten constitution like the famous one of England. Laws are only for the imperfect. In Paradise, among perfect beings, there will be no laws. Our members have all been so carefully chosen, that surely nearly everything can be left to their excellent judgment. They are as reasonable persons as can be found. If we have too many and too restrictive laws, we will be too much fettered. As one of our members wittily suggested, we are too much like the Israelites, who made unto themselves graven images, and then worshiped their own handiwork, as if it was filled with the divine essence. Thus we may be too worshipful of our own laws, and on account of their repressive strictness retard our progress. Mrs. Croly also sent a history of

“Sorois.” It is therein stated that the Club avoids the expensive responsibility of a Club House. Its members hold regular meetings twice a month. The first is for social purposes, music, the reading of papers and discussions, preceded by a lunch. The second meeting in the month is a business meeting, which is followed by a lunch. At the social meeting, the proceedings are more for the development and exercise of the talents of the members than for the mere purpose of amusing the audience. Once a year, Sorois gives a reception and dinner at Delmonico's, to which gentlemen are invited. Mrs. Croly adds that “almost every woman of eminence who has visited this country has been a guest of the Club, the president, or some one of the members, during the past ten years.”

In conclusion, I desire to thank the members of this Club for the great honor conferred upon me when I was chosen to carry on their correspondence for the last year. But I may be permitted to say that, in my judgment, a person of wider Eastern acquaintance and greater experience than myself should be the Corresponding Secretary. Such a person will be found in the present nominee for the office on our regular ticket. When I read that Sorois

has received letters from the Crown Princess of Germany (the present Empress Dowager) Jean Ingelow, Emily Faithful, and many others among the most influential persons in the world, I perceive how important for good the office may be made. I may add that I have enjoyed exceedingly my intercourse as an officer with the admirable women forming our Board of Directors, and that I feel more and more that in our Club there is a "motive for mental activity." In the society of our day, among ordinary men and women, all that is required or cared for is that we be pleasant and fairly bright; but in this Club we feel that we have need of our best mental powers, and that every step forward is an advance towards the glorious goal imagined by the German Poet: "Im Ganzen, Guten, Wahren resolut zu leben."

CATHERINE H. HITTELL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

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In response to your request for information concerning the working of the Committee on Membership during the past Club year, we would state that we received no direct instructions as to the conduct of our work, perhaps because the President saw that those actually engaged upon a problem which was new to everybody could best fit themselves to emergencies if left unhampered by rules that had been made off-hand.

But the Committee, although receiving no direct advice as to its methods, has felt that certain acts of the Club have had the force of instructions. It will be remembered that the reason urged for increasing the membership of the Club was that many women of ability had been overlooked as charter members, who ought still to be included among us. As the Committee, therefore, understood the wishes of the Club, the places were to be reserved for women whose talents would be real bone and sinew to our undertaking,—for artists, literary people, women notable in charities, and also for women whose exceptional force of character would aid us in forming a wise Club policy.

The second instruction was in the form of a request made by the Directors to the Club for the power of black-balling candidates. The petition was cordially granted; and the general tone of the Club was one of satisfaction that an effort should be made to guard to the utmost the privilege of entrance into our midst. In what light the Directors saw their new duty was made evident by the first black-balls thrown; for ladies hastened to explain that their adverse votes meant no personal unkindness to candidates, but marked merely their sense of the necessity of husbanding the limited number of places at their command for those who could add to the stock of talent in the Club.

The people proposed during the year have been almost without exception what are termed "nice people," whom the Club might willingly have received if it had had an unlimited membership; and even with a limited membership, if "niceness" was to be the standard of admission, invidious distinctions might have been saved by accepting applicants in the order of their appearance, until the vacancies in the Club were filled. But, under the circumstances, it has been just these "nice" people who have been the despair of the Committee; for they

have come to us indorsed by some of the best names in the Club, and often with the names of Directors attached, showing that members, however staunch upon the question of a high standard in general, have often been inclined to crave a little indulgence for their desire to bring in some personal friend. How irksome the task has been may be inferred from the fact that the Directors, though zealous, have found themselves at the close of the year without any definite opinion as to what constitutes qualifications for membership, so that of late one hears more about the feelings of individuals than of the needs of the Club; and this sympathetic mood seems to have carried some of our members so far as to make them wonder if the Club ought to shut its doors upon anyone.

It is to be observed that men, after years of experience in club-life, have not found it advisable to regard membership in their clubs in any other light than a privilege, and also that a person is no more supposed to push his way into such places than into a private house. Women are still more conservative than men; and there are undoubtedly people in the city whose admission to the Club would do more to empty it of its best members than any other unwise act of the Club could commit. There-



fore, no woman ought to take a place upon the Committee unless she is ready to do disagreeable duty in case of need. But, on the other hand, the Committee has a right to expect generous support from the Club. It is not kind to fly to the conclusion that it is in the wrong every time somebody feels aggrieved; and, in the end, we believe that the Club will find it bad policy to allow its Committee to be badgered.

We have spoken of the rights of the Committee more in behalf of the present Committee than for our own sakes, foreseeing that the more successful the Club becomes the more they will need good backing. As for ourselves, we believe that our term of office has been as successful as we could have expected it to be.

The Committee ought to keep a list of the members who have been successful in passing a candidate, as, through some misunderstanding, several ladies last year sent in a second application, and a few even a third.

It will also be found advantageous to keep a rough journal of the meetings of the Committee; and all correspondence from the Directors should be saved.

Last year's Committee was constantly urged to hurry its work forward for special meetings. It is impossible to do this, and have the work anything more than a farce.

Very sincerely yours,

THE LATE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

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| From 146 members, \$10 each . . . . .                        | \$1,460 00    |
| From two members, \$5 each . . . . .                         | 10 00         |
| From two life memberships . . . . .                          | 200 00        |
| From visitors' tickets . . . . .                             | 39 00         |
| From rent of second floor Club House for<br>August . . . . . | 65 00         |
| Received from Mrs. Hearst . . . . .                          | <u>125 00</u> |
|  | \$1,899 00    |
| Interest from Savings Union . . . . .                        | <u>14 48</u>  |
| Total to be accounted for . . . . .                          | \$1,913 48    |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Stationery, printing, postage, etc. . . . . | \$150 75          |
| Rent of halls, pianos and chairs . . . . .  | 36 50             |
| Socials . . . . .                           | 32 55             |
| Tableware . . . . .                         | 106 55            |
| Carriages . . . . .                         | 9 50              |
| Etching . . . . .                           | 12 00             |
| House rent for August . . . . .             | 125 00            |
| Deposit on gas meter . . . . .              | 10 00             |
| Furnishing Club House . . . . .             | 689 95            |
| Carpets for second floor . . . . .          | 198 00            |
| Janitress for August . . . . .              | 35 00             |
| Fuel . . . . .                              | <u>6 00</u>       |
| Total disbursements for the year . . . . .  | \$1,411 80        |
| Cash on hand September 1, 1889. . . . .     | <u>\$501 68</u>   |
| Total . . . . .                             | <u>\$1,913 48</u> |

ANNA P. GREER, Treasurer.

# LIST OF MEMBERS,

September, 1889.

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|     |    |                                   |                                     |      |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
|     | 1  | ADAMS, Miss ELLA L. . . . .       | 825 Bush Street.                    | 1898 |
|     | 2  | ALVORD, Mrs. WILLIAM . . . . .    | Palace Hotel.                       | 1903 |
|     | 3  | ANDROS, Mrs. SARAH A. . . . .     | 1918 Broadway.                      | 1933 |
| 112 |    | AVERY, Dr. ALIDA C. . . . .       | Cor. 3d & St. James Sts., San Jose. |      |
|     | 4  | BACON, Miss ALICE . . . . .       | 1514 Sacramento Street.             | 1911 |
|     | 5  | BAKER, Mrs. L. I. . . . .         | 1802 Washington Street.             | 1911 |
|     | 6  | BALDWIN, Mrs. ALEXANDER . . . . . | 1921 Octavia Street.                | 1932 |
|     | 7  | BANCROFT, Mrs. A. L. . . . .      | 1605 Franklin Street.               | 1922 |
| 113 |    | BARROWS, Mrs. C. D. . . . .       | 901 Sutter Street.                  |      |
|     | 8  | BARSTOW, Mrs. GEO. . . . .        | 927 Pine Street.                    | 1902 |
| 114 |    | BATES, Mrs. ELIZABETH S. . . . .  | Sau Leandro, Cal.                   |      |
|     | 9  | BEAVER, Miss ANNA . . . . .       | 1300 Taylor Street.                 | 1937 |
|     | 10 | BEAVER, Miss KATE W. . . . .      | 1300 Taylor Street.                 | 1930 |
|     | 11 | BELINGE, Mrs. F. A. A. . . . .    | 1615 Sacramento Street.             |      |
|     | 12 | BIGELOW, Mrs. SAMUEL . . . . .    | Cor. Steiner & McAllister Sts.      | 1915 |
|     | 13 | BIXLER, Mrs. DAVID . . . . .      | Cor. Union and Pierce Streets.      | 1921 |
|     | 14 | BLOCK, Mrs. ELIAS M. . . . .      | 1613 Larkin Street.                 |      |
|     | 15 | BOALT, Mrs. J. H. . . . .         | 332 Haight Street.                  | 1917 |
|     | 16 | BORUCK, Mrs. M. D. . . . .        | 2125 California Street.             |      |
|     | 17 | BOWEN, Mrs. E. J. . . . .         | 2018 Franklin Street.               | 1914 |
|     | 18 | BOWMAN, Mrs. GEO. . . . .         | 2640 Pacific Ave.                   | 1929 |
|     | 19 | BRADBURY, Miss VESTA E. . . . .   | 2015 Devisadero Street.             |      |
|     | 20 | BROWN, Dr. CHARLOTTE B. . . . .   | 1212 Sutter Street.                 |      |
|     | 21 | BUCKINGHAM, Miss EDITH D. . . . . | 1016 Franklin Street.               | 1907 |
|     | 22 | BUGBEE, Mrs. JOHN S. . . . .      | 1906 Vallejo Street.                | 1895 |
|     | 23 | BUNNELL, Mrs. J. S. . . . .       | 2610 Pacific Ave.                   | 1918 |
|     | 24 | BURNETT, Mrs. JOHN M. . . . .     | 1713 Larkin Street.                 | 1925 |
|     | 25 | BURNS, Mrs. I. . . . .            | Grand Hotel.                        |      |
| 115 |    | CADWALADER, Mrs. GEO. . . . .     | 309 Sansome Street.                 |      |
|     | 26 | CAMPBELL, Mrs. E. L. . . . .      | 835 Post Street.                    |      |
|     | 27 | CAMPBELL, Mrs. MARRINER . . . . . | 1820 Turk Street.                   |      |
|     | 28 | CARTER, Mrs. HELEN A. . . . .     | 1414 Taylor Street.                 |      |
|     | 29 | CATLIN, Miss A. G. . . . .        | 1215 Sutter Street.                 |      |

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| 116 | 30 | CHENEY, MRS. J. V. . . . .        | 908 Sutter Street.              |                         |
|     |    | CHENEY, MRS. MAY L. . . . .       | Berkeley.                       |                         |
|     | 31 | CHURCH, MRS. T. R. . . . .        | 1016 Franklin Street.           |                         |
| 117 |    | CLEMENT, MRS. F. M. . . . .       | Bella Vista Hotel.              |                         |
|     | 32 | CLEVELAND, Miss E. A. . . . .     | 228 Capp Street.                |                         |
| 118 |    | COCHRANE, Miss M. B. . . . .      | 1215 Sutter Street.             | 1906<br><del>1896</del> |
|     | 33 | COOPER, Miss HATTIE . . . . .     | 1902 Vallejo Street.            | 1896                    |
|     | 34 | COOPER, Mrs. SARAH B. . . . .     | 1902 Vallejo Street.            | 1896                    |
|     | 35 | CORNWALL, Mrs. P. B. . . . .      | S. E. cor. Buchanan & Page Sts. | 1923                    |
| 119 |    | CROCKER, Mrs. WILLIAM . . . . .   | 1150 California Street.         |                         |
|     | 36 | DAVIDSON, Mrs. GEO. . . . .       | 1117 Hyde Street.               |                         |
|     | 37 | DAVIES, Mrs. FRANCES C. . . . .   | 1622 Washington Street.         | 1912                    |
|     | 38 | DAVIS, Mrs. HORACE . . . . .      | 1011 Bush Street.               |                         |
|     | 39 | DENMAN, Mrs. JAMES . . . . .      | 2101 Webster Street.            |                         |
|     | 40 | DENNIS, Mrs. S. W. . . . .        | 808 Bush Street.                |                         |
| 120 |    | DUNHAM, Mrs. B. F. . . . .        | 1397 Alice Street, Oakland.     |                         |
|     | 41 | EASTON, Miss E. B. . . . .        | Pleasanton Hotel.               |                         |
|     | 42 | EDGERTON, Mrs. FRANCES . . . . .  | 1001 Leavenworth Street.        |                         |
|     | 43 | EVERETT, Mrs. ESTHER M. . . . .   | 1507 Larkin Street.             |                         |
| 121 |    | FAULL, Mrs. JOHN A. . . . .       | 2100 Bush Street.               | 1899.                   |
|     | 44 | FIELD, Dr. E. R. . . . .          | 422 Geary Street.               |                         |
| 122 |    | FINN, Mrs. J. F. . . . .          | 902 Van Ness Ave.               |                         |
| 123 |    | FITCH, Mrs. HELEN A. . . . .      | 1021 Polk Street.               |                         |
|     | 45 | FITCH, Miss VIRGINIA . . . . .    | 703 Bush Street.                |                         |
| 124 |    | FLINT, Mrs. MARY A. . . . .       | San Juan, San Benito Co.        |                         |
|     | 46 | FULTON, Miss ADELAIDE M. . . . .  | 1215 Sutter Street.             |                         |
|     | 47 | GAMBLE, Mrs. SARAH . . . . .      | 1222 Pine Street.               |                         |
|     | 48 | GIBBONS, Mrs. HENRY . . . . .     | 920 Polk Street.                |                         |
| 125 |    | GLASCOCK, Mrs. JOHN R. . . . .    | Oakland.                        |                         |
|     | 49 | GRAY, Miss ANNA SPENCER . . . . . | 1115 Bush Street.               |                         |
|     | 50 | GREER, Miss ANNA P. . . . .       | 1216 Hyde Street.               |                         |
| 126 |    | GREER, Miss MARY M. . . . .       | 1216 Hyde Street.               |                         |
| 127 |    | HALLIDIE, Mrs. ANDREW S. . . . .  | 1026 Washington Street.         |                         |
| 128 | 51 | HAMLIN, Miss SARAH D. . . . .     | Bombay, India.                  |                         |
|     |    | HARDY, Mrs. WILLIAM . . . . .     | 711 Jones Street.               |                         |
| 129 |    | HASTINGS, Miss ALICE . . . . .    | 1123 Leavenworth Street.        |                         |
|     | 52 | HATHAWAY, Mrs. EDMUND V. . . . .  | 38 South Park.                  |                         |
| 130 |    | HAYNE, Mrs. ROBERT Y. . . . .     | San Mateo.                      |                         |

- 131 53- HEARST, MRS. GEO. . . . . Washington, D. C.  
 HEWLETT, MRS. FREDERICK . . . . . 775 Haight Street.  
 132 54 HITTELL, MISS CATHERINE H. . . . . 808 Turk Street.  
 HUBBARD, MRS. S. . N. E. cor. 22d & Webster Sts., Oakland.  
 133 55 HUMPHREYS, MRS. W. P. . . . . Cor. Chestnut & Hyde Sts.  
 HUNT, MRS. LOUISE M. . . . . Glen Echo, Oakland.  
 56 HUSE, MRS. FRED. J. . . . . 2606 Pacific Ave.  
 57 JACKSON, MISS CAROLINE . . . . . 1606 Van Ness Ave.  
 134 58 JARBOE, MRS. JOHN R. . . . . 917 Pine Street.  
 JEWETT, MISS F. . . . . Berkshire Hotel.  
 59 JONES, MRS. LLEWELLYN . . . . . 1121 Geary Street.  
 60 KAUFMAN, MRS. ROSALIE . . . . . 1521 Jackson Street.  
 61 KELLOGG, MRS. M. A. . . . . 2424 Pacific Ave.  
 62 KELSEY, MISS HARRIET. . . . . Los Angeles.  
 63 KENFIELD, MRS. ELLEN H. . . . . 2125 California St.  
 64 KINCAID, MRS. MARY W. . . . . 2219 Pacific Ave.  
 65 KIRKLAND, MISS CORDELIA S. . . . . 1306 California Street.  
 66 LAKE, MISS MARY. . . . . 922 Post Street.  
 67 LANE, MRS. L. C. . . . . 2302 Clay Street.  
 135 68 LANSING, MRS. M. R. . . . . 2613 Pacific Ave.  
 69 LOTHROP, MRS. S. K. . . . . Fruitvale Ave., East Oakland.  
 136 70 LOWRY, DR. AGNES . . . . . 848 Van Ness Ave.  
 LOWRY, DR. ISABEL . . . . . 848 Van Ness Ave.  
 137 MACKENZIE, MRS. ROBERT . . . . . 1452 Franklin Street.  
 MADDOX, MRS. . . . . Occidental Hotel.  
 71 MANNING, MISS AGNES . . . . . 1215 Sutter Street.  
 72 MARKS, MRS. JOSEPH . . . . . 1119 Van Ness Ave.  
 138 MARTIN, MISS LILLIE J. . . . . Berkshire Hotel.  
 139 73 MARTINEZ, MRS. RAOUL . . . . . New York.  
 MCELROY, MRS. G. D. . . . . 913 Pine Street.  
 74 MCNUTT, MRS. W. F. . . . . 1805 California Street.  
 75 MERRILL, MRS. JNO. F. . Cor. Washington & Van Ness Ave.  
 76 MERRITT, DR. E. SUTRO . . . . . 530 Sutter Street.  
 140 MILLS, MRS. W. H. . . . . 1707 Octavia Street.  
 77 MITCHELL, MRS. GEO. H. . . . . 1109 Van Ness Ave.  
 141 78 MONTGOMERY, MRS. D. W. . . . . 1124 Sutter Street.  
 MOODY, MRS. JOS. L. . . . . S. E. cor Lombard & Jones Sts.  
 79 MURFEY, MISS FRANCES I. . . . . 1137 Bush Street.

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| 142 | 80  | MURFEY, MRS. S. S. . . . .                              | 1137 Bush Street.                  |
|     |     | MURRAY, MRS. BYRON . . . . .                            | 2510 Pacific Ave.                  |
|     | 81  | NEALL, MRS. JAMES . . . . .                             | 2905 Bush Street.                  |
|     | 82  | NESFIELD, MRS. DAVID . . . . .                          | 1503 Pacific Ave.                  |
|     | 83  | NORRIS, MRS. B. F. . . . .                              | 1822 Sacramento Street.            |
| 143 | 84  | NORRIS, MRS. WILLIAM . . . . .                          | 927 Bush Street.                   |
|     |     | OULTON, MRS. GEO. . . . .                               | 506 Battery Street.                |
| 144 | 85  | PARKER, MISS JEAN . . . . .                             | 1320 Jones Street.                 |
|     |     | PARTRIDGE, Miss ELLA S. . . . .                         | 1314 Leavenworth Street.           |
| 145 | 86  | PIERCE, MRS. IRA . . . . .                              | 1730 Jackson Street.               |
|     |     | PIXLEY, MRS. FRANK . . S. W. cor. Union & Fillmore Sts. |                                    |
|     | 87  | POULSON, MRS. E. SNELL . . . . .                        | Pleasanton Hotel.                  |
| 146 | 88  | POWERS, MRS. GEO. H. . . . .                            | 1602 Taylor Street.                |
|     |     | PRATT, MRS. CHARLES P. . Fruitvale Ave., East Oakland.  |                                    |
| 147 |     | PUTNAM, MISS ELIZABETH . . . . .                        | 1223 Pine Street.                  |
| 148 | 89  | RANSOM, MRS. ELISHA . . . . .                           | 1120 Bush Street.                  |
| 149 |     | REID, MRS. W. T. . . . .                                | Belmont.                           |
|     |     | ROYCE, MRS. CLARK E. K. . . . .                         | 1824 Pacific Ave.                  |
|     | 90  | SARGENT, MRS. A. A. . . . .                             | 1630 Folsom Street.                |
| 150 | 91  | SARGENT, DR. ELIZABETH . . . . .                        | 1630 Folsom Street.                |
|     |     | SHEFTER, MRS. W. R. . . . .                             | Angel Island.                      |
|     | 92  | SHINN, MISS MILLICENT W. . . . .                        | 420 Montgomery Street.             |
| 151 | 93  | SKIDMORE, MISS HARRIET M. . . . .                       | 1219 Filbert St.                   |
| 152 |     | SNELL, MISS MARY . . . . .                              | 568 12th Street, Oakland.          |
|     |     | SPENCER, MRS. F. W. . . . .                             | 723 Market Street.                 |
|     | 94  | SPIERS, MRS. JAMES . . . . .                            | Palace Hotel.                      |
|     | 95  | SULLIVAN, MRS. JAMES F. . . . .                         | 1105 Van Ness Ave.                 |
| 153 | 96  | SWIFT, MRS. J. F. . . . .                               | Japan.                             |
|     |     | TALBOT, MRS. CHARLES F. A. . . . .                      | 1819 California Street. <i>DMH</i> |
|     | 97  | TEWKSBURY, MRS. EMILY . . . . .                         | 2032 Bush Street.                  |
|     | 98  | TOWNSEND, MRS. ANNIE LAKE . . . . .                     | Bella Vista Hotel.                 |
|     | 99  | TRUESDELL, MRS. A. W. . . . .                           | Berkshire Hotel.                   |
| 154 | 100 | VERY, MISS MARY. . . . .                                | Berkeley.                          |
|     |     | WALKER, MRS. CYRUS . Cor. Jackson St. & Van Ness Ave.   |                                    |
| 155 | 101 | WEAVER, MRS. P. L. . . . .                              | 2012 Broadway                      |
|     |     | WELCH, MRS. ANDREW . . N. E. cor. Octavia & Eddy Sts.   |                                    |
|     | 102 | WEST, MISS MARY B. . . . .                              | 1606 Van Ness Ave.                 |
|     | 103 | WHITNEY, MRS. C. E. . . . .                             | 1213 Jones Street.                 |

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| 104 | WHITWELL, MRS. W. S. . . . .   | 907 Sutter Street.       |
| 105 | WILSON, MRS. HORACE . . . . .  | 1307 Taylor Street.      |
| 106 | WILSON, MRS. M. C. . . . .     | Pleasanton Hotel.        |
| 107 | WITHROW, MISS EVA . . . . .    | 935 Pine Street.         |
| 108 | WITHROW, MISS MARIE . . . . .  | 935 Pine Street.         |
| 109 | WOOD, MRS. W. S. . . . .       | 1115 Bush Street.        |
| 110 | WRIGHT, MRS. EDWARD . . . . .  | 1324 Leavenworth Street. |
| 111 | WRIGHT, MRS. SELDEN S. . . . . | 910 Lombard Street.      |
|     | YOUNG, MRS. G. A. . . . .      | 1904 Broadway            |

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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| * | HEARST, MRS. GEO. . . . .     | Washington, D. C. |
| * | KINCAID, MRS. MARY W. . . . . | 2219 Pacific Ave  |

## HONORARY MEMBER.

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| 157. | HOWE, MRS. JULIA WARD . . . . . | Boston, Mass. |
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