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OF THE

# CENTURY CLUB

OF CALIFORNIA

For Year ending September 1, 1897

1215 SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO

1897-98

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#### COMMITTEES

FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1897, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1898

#### Art and Literature

First Wednesday

Mrs. M. H. Myrick (Chairman)
Mrs. David Starr Jordan
Mrs. Timothy Hopkins Mrs. Edward C. Wright
Miss Anna Spencer Gray

## Practical Questions

Second Wednesday

Mrs. Lovell White (Chairman)
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# Science and Education

Third Wednesday

MRS. A. P. WHITTELL (Chairman)
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#### Social '

Fourth Wednesday

Mrs. H. P. Livermore (Chairman)
Mrs. W. T. Barton Mrs. H. P. Gregory
Miss Virginia Fitch

#### Music

Fourth Wednesday in September, first in December, second in February, and third in April

MISS ELEANOR BRIGGS
MISS ELIZABETH PUTNAM

MRS. JOHN H. BOALT

MISS MARY VERY

### Formal Debate

Fifth Wednesday

MRS. WARREN GREGORY (Chairman)
MRS. A. F. MORRISON MRS. M. B. KELLOGG
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### Tea Table

MRS. GEORGE A. MOORE (Chairman)
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#### Decoration

MRS. W. H. MOOR

#### House

MRS. MARCUS D. BORUCK (Chairman)
MRS. LOUIS SLOSS MRS. W. H. MCCORMICK
MRS. HOMER KING

## Magazines

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members, Century Club of California:

In response to a constitutional provision, the President respectfully submits the ninth annual report on the progress and status of the Century Club.

So apparent is it that the success of a Club year is largely dependent upon the individuality of annual committees, that to them, and the friendly talent introduced by them, falls naturally first mention in this report. Taking up, then, the committees in the order adopted by the regulations, we first recognize the zeal and ability of the Art and Literature Committee. We recall "Indian Day" and its program,— artistic, poetic, witty, and weird,— as rendered by Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Lemmon, Mrs. Loosley, and Ina Coolbrith. The rooms held a collection of great value, consisting of baskets and curios of aboriginal art. The attractiveness of the Clubhouse,

transformed with Indian effects, pictures by Grace Hudson, Martinez, Raschen, and others, depicting Indian scenes, led the Directory to authorize an extra session. This enabled the Club to extend the courtesy of invitation to many, including the members of ten other Clubs, and about six hundred guests were received by members of the Board of Directors and the Art Committee. Through the wit and wisdom of this committee, and the friendly brush of Miss Nellie Treat of the Sketch Club, came our *totem pole*, by which, in a humorous vein. Club events may be perpetuated.

The Spring Exhibition, with its two hundred choice pictures, put us in touch with local art and artists, and the occasion was a rare one for appreciative guests and members. It is pleasant to remember that it was visited during the open week by nearly a thousand invited guests, catalogue in hand. We cherish a belief that the few days outing of these characteristic paintings did more than a little good along the lines of art.

We recall, also, the fairest of fair days, when we enjoyed "A Walk in Florence," by

Professor Griggs, illustrated with rare drawings loaned by Mr. Vickery; the lecture in French by Monsieur Dupuy; the dramatic sketch, when Mr. Bonestell and three of our members enacted the perplexed suitor, the giddiness of young widowhood, the broadbacked dignity of age, and the cunning of a love-sick maiden; the German monologue by the artistic Herr Becker; the stereopticon exhibition of ancient Egypt by Reverend Heskett Smith; the day of Mr. Charles Keeler's discriminating paper on "Art in California," followed by D'Aubertin's practical illustration of sculpturing, that resulted in Mr. Landsberger leaving us his profile in gray clay, besides the memory of sweet music from his violin.

The quiet excellence and altruistic spirit of the Practical Aims Committee is recognized while recalling, first, the interesting talk by Mrs. Dita Hopkins-Kinney, of the French Hospital, on "Our Duty to Our Sick;" and, after Dharmapala's earnest address and Hindu chant, the afternoon with Miss Whitaker, whose experience enabled her to tell us "What, When, and How to Eat"; 4-7-97

the interest with which we listened to the specialized address of Professor Earl Barnes, on "The Schools as a Social Factor in Evolution"; the brief half hour when Dr. Stebbins gave his best thought to a subject both spiritual and practical, "The Growth of the Spirit."

We gratefully acknowledge five papers under the successful effort and attractive arrangement of the Committee on Science and Education: "Transparency," treated in a scholarly way by Professor Slate of Berkeley: the paper on "Genius and National Ideas," by our busy member who lives up to the antipodal adjectives of "dainty" and "mighty"; the instructive lecture by Professor Senger on "The Ancient Home and Culture of the Indo-Europeans'; the able essay by Professor Fairclough on "Greek Lyric Poetry," when the afternoon was like a poem covered and bound in Stanford red, sung into our memories by our professor member, Mrs. Albert W. Smith, accompanied by an orchestra of students from Palo Alto; lastly, " Notes on Some Talks with Elmer Gates, the Psychologist," by one who, though absent

half the year, gathered material that has made a happy general average of Club work.

So long does music linger, we need but to mention the four enjoyable sessions under the capable Music Committee, when, beside our own talented members, we became indebted to many—amateurs and professionals, instrumentalists and vocalists.

Social sessions have been all that the phrase implies. Occasional five-minute speeches by members and distinguished guests have been timely and entertaining, as has been the issue of five numbers of the non-serious Century Club Tea Leaf, edited and read by Mrs. John F. Finn; acceptable and almost as surprising as water in the desert, was this bubbling of fun in the Century Club. October twenty-eighth marked the year's first social day, the occasion being a reception to Mrs. Hearst, whom all were happy in honoring, not only as the first President of the Club and a cherished member, but as a woman of rare qualities and a benefactor of our State.

The Social Committee adopted a fortunate system of invitation, whereby the Admission Committee, Board of Directors, and twelve standing committees were asked, in turn, to receive with the committee on social days, the whole membership having been expected to receive the Club's guests on the evening of the "At Home" that was passed with our friends, husbands, brothers, and sons in a homelike way, without elaborate refreshments, without orchestra, but with such brief entertainment as the annual committees offered through a committee of arrangements. This, and the mingling of cheerful words and happy countenances, as in our crowded rooms all sought the recent paintings of prominent California artists, made a social event we shall ever remember, not only for the pleasure each gave and received among the early almond blossoms our blessed climate afforded in February, but for the reason that it was the last evening affair in our old auditorium, whose lamps and lights sometimes failed, but whose happy moments can be neither repeated, excelled, nor forgotten.

The closing social afternoon gave us a clever monologue by a Vice-President, a rare recitation by Louise Humphrey-Smith, and a platform talk by Miss Beecher, after which were lined two verses of "Auld Lang Syne." The keynote given, all joined voice and hands, and it is doubtful if the old walls that have given us a loved and hallowed past ever held more feeling to the square inch.

An innovation was made by the Debate Committee, when its first question, "Resolved, That the free coinage of silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1, would be detrimental to the United States," was ably debated by experienced men, instead of Club members. Words were warm, interest great, and the argument, continued after adjournment, was interrupted only by our pleasant custom that enabled us to agree on the question that a cup of tea promotes sociability. The last debate was by young men, graduates and members of the University of California. Although the question was, "Resolved, That the United States should recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents," it was neither the Cuban flag nor the star-spangled banner that prevailed, but "blue and gold" in honor of our State University.

The responsible and responsive House Committee—whose duties have latterly

required time, strength, and judgment - has been thorough in polishing, mending, curtaining, arranging, and rearranging, with a result that has given comfort and a home-like atmosphere throughout the year. The auditorium has been rented by the Collegiate Alumnæ, the Woman's Medical Association. and Daughters of the American Revolution; also, once by a member for a social gathering. Except for the brief time that one was used for committee purposes, all available rooms have been constantly rented by three members. The total return in rents has been three hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$376) for the nine months preceding the additions and alterations that made it necessary to temporarily close the Clubhouse.

The Refreshment Committee, with willing service, week in and week out, has thoughtfully varied our dainty menus that have given evident satisfaction, and its department has been enriched by many gifts, notably, the hot-water urn, presented by the Practical Aims Section as presided over by Miss Hamlin.

The Printing Committee did efficient work

in the carefully arranged "strip of amendments," and promptly issued the Annual Report in the first week of November.

The committee of one, appointed from the Board of Directors for the purchase and distribution of postage stamps, has been convenient and satisfactory.

The Librarian has arranged the books in the new library as though old and loved associates; has catalogued them in a careful way, and presented to the Club the bound catalogue, that shows an increase for the year of seventy-seven (77) volumes, and a total of two hundred and twenty-one (221). Our recent desire to possess the works of California's best writers has given us five autograph copies from authors. These, with the gifts of members, make fifteen volumes of Californian literature.

When, throughout nine successive years, committees have fulfilled requirements of this exacting Club, to present during this one twenty-nine such days as these that have claimed fullest attendance, three additional occasions so awakening as to fill to overflowing our Clubhouse, we may conclude that

there has been satisfactory interest and industry throughout the thirty-eight sessions of the year.

There have been held ten regular and eleven special meetings of the Board of The officers, with conscientious Directors. purpose, have transacted the business of the Club, sometimes with diversity of opinion, but always with harmonious action, and their faithful attendance has increased as the year brought greater responsibilities. The Club owes its thanks to the Directory, with special thought to the Secretaries and a tribute of appreciation to the Treasurer, who has not only kept true books of account that would delight the neatest of experts, but has guided with judgment and watchful interest all expenditure. The minutes of the year's meetings, so faithfully and intelligently recorded and clearly read, cannot be over-appreciated, nor can the Secretary's co-workers soon forget her impartial, unvarying kindness. President has presided over all sessions of the Club and every meeting of the Board of Direc-The exchanges of the year - among which have been invitations from the President of Laurel Hall, from Ebell, of Oakland, Sorosis, Philomath, Laurel Hall, Town and Country, and Mnemosyne Clubs of our own city—have suggested the thought that sometime there might be formed a federation of literary clubs, one of whose objects would be the publishing of some of the fine papers written by club members. In able hands, would not such a publication be successful, and the means of developing and revealing talent, and perhaps genius?

Our Club register has been kept in mind, and we are honored with the autographs of many distinguished guests, speakers, and artists.

We have a more satisfactory form of monthly bulletin, the Directory having substituted for the postal card a folded slip for Club notices.

No tax has been levied on members for entertainment. Many gifts, elsewhere acknowledged and recorded, have been received. Several committees, through desire to execute as they had planned and the wish to serve and please the Club, have been generous with appreciated contributions; and the windowseat, purchased early in the year by voluntary donations and the Directory's assistance, has been a valued acquisition.

There are ever two ways in which to economize: one is, to go without and save the money; the other is, to keep the reserve and outlay so proportioned, that the future be not uncertain, and the present complete in itself—a certain, happy quantity for all concerned. This latter, we believe, has been practiced, and we trust all Club members who have attended regularly have been amply repaid. A snug sum (\$70.50) has been turned into the Treasury, through the fortunate transfer of some piano subscriptions to the furnishing fund.

Notwithstanding our vacation expense has been fifty dollars a month beyond what was expected in our first verbal agreement as to rent of unoccupied premises while under repair, the average monthly expense, in round numbers, has been two hundred and thirty-one dollars (\$231), while the average income has been two hundred and sixty-three dollars (\$263), making a gain, during the year, of nearly three hundred and eighty-

seven dollars (\$387)—a surplus convenient for the furnishings we now find necessary. This day of annual reckoning finds us with our reserve fund of one thousand six hundred and sixty-nine dollars (\$1669) intact, and there is, in the general fund, the sum of one thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars (\$1444), and we close our full and busy year, not only with a bank account of three thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars (\$3113), but the status of the Century Club is such, that the owner of this property is quite as willing to accept our assurance for a lease of five years as though we were a banking corporation.

While an unusual amount of business has come before the Club this fiscal year, one special and the four regular business sessions have accomplished all that was necessary. These days spent in executive session have been as pleasant as profitable, and some of their results may be worthy of record here: In March the members strongly opposed a motion to incorporate the Club. After full discussion, the Club also voted against the binding of magazines, for eight of which the

Club subscribes, while three annual subscriptions are the gifts of members. It may here be mentioned that the Magazine Committee, with the Directory's approval, arranged to keep full files of magazines for the Librarian to distribute, as called for, in packages of six numbers, to be retained by members not longer than six weeks. Some few incomplete files have been given to the South Park Settlement.

After the vacation of last summer, a dozen pins with the C. C. C. enameled were in evidence, and it seemed advisable to announce their advent. A few weeks after this first official mention to the Club (November, 1896), fifty pins were worn by members, and thus the contract made with Shreve by the committee of one of the preceding year, was satisfactorily closed.

Mrs. Marriner-Campbell, having conceived the idea of canvassing our membership for subscriptions toward the purchase of a piano, reported, in November, six hundred dollars (\$600) subscribed. In accepting the report, the Club recommended the Directory to expend an additional amount, if necessary,

not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the purchase of a Steinway parlor grand. At the business meeting of January, however, this chairman read a letter from Mrs. Hearst, who offered to present to the Club her piano, that could arrive late in the summer. With unanimous expression of acceptance and gratitude, the Century Club, at this reunion that begins the tenth year of its life, finds great pleasure in listening to the Steinway parlor grand received from the Club's most generous member and friend. It seems appropriate, also, that Mrs. Marriner-Campbell should first test its tone, especially that in this opening hour her leadership should find us all standing to sing that which we so love-"America."

In recognition of the personal qualities of Miss Susan B. Anthony, she was, on November eleventh, elected an honorary member of the Club.

Another year the constitution has stood its own without material change, while a bylaw was amended as to method of electing and perpetuating the Committee on Admissions. Accordingly, it will be necessary to elect, to-day, twenty-one women whose responsible duty shall be the voting upon proposed members.

To the future is consigned the page of amendments offered one year ago to-day, as is also a provision recently offered, whereby absentees may be retained in the membership list. Is it well to evade the printed amendments that will drag along for the quorum that may or may not present itself? Would it not be better for members, though opposed to the change, to come and vote accordingly?

By the election of sixteen members, the resignation of four, one reinstated, fallen out through absence and unpaid dues three, deceased three, the membership of the Club, including four honorary members, numbers two hundred and ten.

Action has been deferred on the resignations of the Misses Withrow, who have gone abroad for an indefinite stay. These talented sisters were charter members of the Club, and aside from their charming personality, we have received much pleasure from their contributions of music and art. Who can look upon the large Club caricature that Miss

Eva's genius has given us, and relinquish her? Let us find a way to retain the names of absentees. Think how we miss soul and body of Cordelia Kirkland, who never failed to say the right thing at the right time, and whose name is still an inspiration!

A Library Committee of five has been appointed, whose continuance seems desirable. Pursuant to a vote of the Club, the list of books recommended by the Committee as desirable for the Century Club to own, has been tastefully printed (under the exacting care of its chairman, Mrs. R. E. Wilson) and sent to each member. We heartily wish each would contribute a book with her autograph and the date.

With a single exception, all of the twenty-five cards of invitation (as limited in a by-law) have been issued for each Club session, whose "orders of the day" have been under a committee. The last Musicale of the year brought such a demand for guest cards, the Board of Directors granted a request for special ones to the daughters of members, and a pleasant element of the day was the presence of these daughters among participants and audience.

Temporary freedom of the Club has been formally extended to thirty-one women; and two men have been invited to regular sessions - President Jordan in February, and, later, the artist, Mr. Strauss, who had presented the Club with a gem in oil from his own hand -a landscape, near Monterey - and we were pleased to bring him into our midst on a social afternoon. Cards of "The General Federation of Women's Clubs" have been issued to twelve members, several of whom have reported advantages therefrom, while Miss Catherine Hittell gave a tenminute talk on her experience and observations in Eastern clubs, quaintly and loyally declaring, "We are fine, quite as good as any."

Twenty-three times have members given of their talents for the fulfillment of programs.

Had it not been that eighty-five women, beside fifty-five special committee women, were enlisted and occupied in the working force of the Club year, interest and attendance must have failed to be so remarkable, as aside from those enjoying travel, and an unusual number absorbed in business and

professions, sickness and sorrow have come to many. It has latterly become the practice to take notice of the bereavement of members, in the Directory, rather than in Club meetings with guests present. But when one of our own number is taken irrevocably from us, our expressions follow no plan but the natural one our feelings may prompt. There is a bitter-sweet in the recollection of how, in the midst of December's holiday anticipations, we met for respectful adjournment of two weeks, and to pay more definite homage to our departed charter members - Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and her daughter, Miss Harriet Cooper. Our hearts were in accord with the grief of the time that revealed tragedy in life and in death. The afternoon was occupied in feeling speech, with resolutions in memoriam, and with expressions of sympathy for one another and the Club, that had lost one whose place can never be filled. Peace was her watchword, and peace be unto them - who are one.

On December 16th a motion passed that the names of deceased members be thereafter printed in the year book. We record with regret the name of our beloved member — Mrs. B. F. Dunham of Oakland — who, though seldom present, was yet in sympathy with the Club and its aims.

There are changes the retiring President might recommend, such as more section work and less frequent sessions of the Club, beside matters upon which experience of the term has made her solicitous. But, in looking back upon the years, the conclusion is reached that changes are not thus brought about, and it suffices to express a wish or so: First, that the Club may provide itself with a limited number of "Associate Members" from the talented women of the community, whose hours are so given to their pursuits in life as to prevent frequent attendance, but whose association would be a mutual benefit to the Club and themselves through name, spirit, and interest. Another wish, that the plan or results of section work might occasionally be reported to the larger body, thus putting all in touch with advantages offered. The Parliamentary Section, whose appointed meetings are on Friday of each week, made an excursion in May to Mount

Tamalpais, where, after luncheon and impromptu speeches, Mrs. J. M. Burnett was presented with a choice copy of Roberts' Manual, in recognition of her services as censor of the Club's parliamentary assembly throughout its three years' existence.

In January the Club took its first step toward obtaining better accommodations. It has, meantime, received reports from several committees on investigation of many proffered quarters. To the committee of nineteen, appointed in February, Mrs. Bancroft, Chairman, we owe practically the plan of this renewed Clubhouse, at a monthly rental of one hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$135), with the pledge of a five years' lease. The Club having expressed its desire for the adoption of the above, subject to more definite specification by the Building Committee, the Directory authorized the President, Treasurer, and Secretary to proceed with the business. No one who has not had similar responsibilities placed upon her can appreciate the anxiety and labor necessarily assumed from the beginning to this hour, for, aside from the custom and law to be under-

stood before signing an agreement between lessor and lessee, our home of seven years was to be dismantled, and our possessions stored elsewhere. The astonishingly long inventory one always finds on moving, was made, packing and removal superintended, by the acting chairman of the House Committee. Near the close of May, an agreement drawn by our lawyer was duly signed, and the work commenced that, finished, gives us these improved, more spacious quarters, where we may delight in fresh, delicate tints and the splendor of electric lights. We have now a broad, bright entrance-hall to the Clubhouse, a separate one, with ticket office, for the auditorium, a Board room or office, library, tea room, kitchen, pantry, cloak rooms, telephone and furnace space, four choice rooms on second floor, with bath and three dressing rooms and closets, and an attic of four rooms, beside this, new Century Auditorium, on first floor, thirty-four by fiftyone feet, with a seating capacity for three hundred persons. Removed from the noise of the streets, we anticipate much pleasure in this hall, and trust its central location, acoustic

properties, and thorough ventilation may make it popular and desirable for societies and individuals to rent, thus bringing an income to offset our outlay. It behooves our members to assist toward this end.

While the violet has grown into our hearts as the loved flower of the Century Club, and has evolved in its own sweet way a power to kindle loyalty and fraternal spirit, the want of color to relieve its somber tone has led to some effort toward establishing pink and green as Club colors. Anticipating release from constant decoration in the future, we would thank all the deft hands that have contributed to the pleasure of our weekly meetings in the long past. We would thank this artistic and economical Committee on Decoration. from its faithful chairman to its member whose violets throughout the season have bloomed for this table. We acknowledge its prized and generous compliment to "pink and green" at the closing session in May, when Presidio roses, rich in pink, vied with Menlo sweet peas and spikes of heartsease, as they saluted great and quaint baskets of varied green, suspended from windows and the

central arch, that no longer spans our rooms for decorative purpose, or to throw back the strains of music and oratory.

Looking back upon experiences in the Club, do we not recognize former opponents, hand in hand at various times for the next departure and its principle? Does not this show individual growth, courage, and mutual faith? Do we not discuss in candor and pleasantness great questions that divide and make political parties?

Two Club tickets come and go, with harm to none, development to many, and beneficial awakening to the whole. That old-time product, a rut, yields to the electric touch of a board or a committee. That stately dame, Madam Majority, whose august presence in the beginning of our experience, and later, created disturbance, now walks forth in quiet dignity—to meet respect from all. This shows progress.

We now have elected our first Honorary President, Mrs. Phœbe A. Hearst. The office gives her no new duties, for, from the Club's inception, how graciously and generously has she more than fulfilled its fraternal demands. Your retiring President cordially acknowledges that, during the term over which she has had the honor and pleasure of presiding, there has not been a heart nor hand which has not, in some way, shown appreciation, coöperation or helpful suggestion.

Congratulating the coming administration and the Club upon occupying this improved club house, we wish greater success than has been, in any single year, achieved.

SADA D. CORNWALL,

President.

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Mrs. P. B. Cornwall, S. E. cor. Buchanan and Page Sts. San Francisco, Cal.

September 1, 1897.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. President, and Ladies of the Century Club:—

There have been forty-four letters and eleven reports received this year, eighty-nine letters and fifteen reports sent. Of the forty-four letters received, nine were on General Federation business, six, requests for reports, four invitations, and twenty-five on miscellaneous business. Of the eighty-nine letters sent, twenty-one were acknowledgments of gifts received, thirteen letters of sympathy, eleven reports acknowledged, nine General Federation business, four invitations acknowledged, and thirty-one miscellaneous business.

Resolutions of sympathy, passed on the deaths of Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and Miss Hattie Cooper, were received from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Chicago and St. Louis, the Woman's Literary Union of Portland, Maine, and the Sorosis of San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted.

GRACE N. CUSHING,

Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. SIDNEY B. CUSHING, San Rafael.

September 1, 1897.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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# JENNIE A. WHITTELL,

Treasurer C. C. C. (MRS. A. P. WHITTELL, 1025 Pine St.)

CLEORA M. HEWLETT, Chairman Auditing Committee.

# GIFTS OF THE YEAR

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	Gilt frame Mrs. W. H. Mills
V	Silver sugar tongs Mrs. E. E. Goodrich
V	Silver sugar shovel Mrs. O. E. Wood
	Dozen pen and ink sketches "S. F. Chronicle"
	Frames for posters Mrs. Horace Hill
	China teapot, violet decoration . Mrs. W. H. Moor
160	Two violin stands Mrs. L. L. Baker
	One sofa pillow Mrs. L. L. Baker
	"Harper's Monthly," one year . Mrs. G. H. Roe
	"The Critic," one year Mrs. Jos. L. Moody
	"Popular Science Monthly," one year
	Mrs. Chas. E. Green
	Two potted palms Mrs. Timothy Hopkins
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	( Mrs. Levell White
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J	Souvenir spoons Mrs. Lovell White Mrs. A. S. Hallidie Mrs. Niles Searles
	Sofa pillow Mrs. Geo. Barstow
	Violet pin tray Mrs. Geo. F. Bowman

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### Committee on Art and Literature

MRS. HORACE WILSON, Chairman

Oct. 7, 1896 A Walk in Florence Prof. Edward Howard Griggs, Stanford University
Nov. 4, 1896 Le Symbolisme Décadent
Monsieur Dupuy
Jan. 6, 1897 American Indian Day
Exhibits of Primitive Arts
The Old Pomos Grace Hudson
Arts and Industries of the Aborigines - Mrs. Lemmon
Indian Lullaby Mrs. John R. Loosely
Indian of Romance Miss Coolbrith

Feb. 3, 1897 . Art and Literature of Ancient Egypt, with Stereopticon Views Rev. Heskett Smith, of England

Indians of Reality in War Dance

Feb. 24 to March 4, 1897 . . . . Spring Exhibition March 3, 1897 . . . . . . . Modeling in Clay Mr. Otto D'Aubertin

Violin Solo - - Mr. Nathan Landsberger Achievements and Possibilities of Painting in California - - Mr. Charles Keeler

April 7, 1897 . . . . . . Dramatic Reading

Die Burgschaft - - Herr Becker

Dramatic Sketch - - The Indian Giver

Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Sage, Miss Putman, and Mr.

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#### Committee on Science and Education

MRS. JOSEPH MARKS, Chairman

- Oct. 21, 1896 . . . . . Genius and National Ideals
  Mrs. Ramon E. Wilson
- Nov. 18, 1896 . . { Ancient Home and Culture of the Indo-Europeans
  Prof. Senger, University of California
- Feb. 17, 1897 . . . Greek Lyric Poetry and Music
  Prof. Fairclough, Stanford University
  Vocal Illustrations Prof. Mary Robert Smith
  Hymn to Apollo

Small Orchestra - - Stanford Students

May 19, 1897 . { Notes on Talks with Prof. Elmer Gates, the Psychologist Mrs. Mary W. Kincaid

## Committee on Practical Questions

MISS MARY VERY, Chairman

- Oct. 14, 1896 . . . . . . Our Duty to Our Sick Mrs. Dita Hopkins-Kinney
- Jan. 13, 1897 . . { The Public Schools as a Social Factor in Evolution
  Prof. Earl Barnes, Stanford University
- March 10, 1897 . . . . . . . . Practical Altruism
- April 14, 1897 . . . . . . Growth of the Spirit Rev. Horatio Stebbins

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Reception to Mrs. Phœbe A. Hearst Introduction of "The Century Club Tea Leaf" Mrs. John F. Finn

> Nov. 25, 1896 "The Century Club Tea Leaf"

> > Jan. 27, 1897

Speakers: Mrs. Worthington and Miss Hittell "The Tea Leaf"

Feb. 24, 1897

Evening reception and opening of spring exhibition of California artists

March 24, 1897

Analysis of papers read at National Congress of Mothers in Washington . . . . . .

. . . . . . . . . . Mrs. Mary W. Kincaid

May 22, 1897

Original Monologue . . . . Mrs. A. Gerberding Talk on Women's Clubs . Miss Amourette Beecher Recitations . . . . . Mrs. Humphrey-Smith Chorus—"Auld Lang Syne" . . . . . C. C. C.

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MRS. A. L. BANCROFT, Chairman

Sept. 30, 1897

Resolved, That the free coinage of silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1, would be detrimental to the United States.

Affirmative Mr. Joseph Hutchinson, Mr. S. G. Kellogg Negative Mr. M. F. Taylor Prof. Edward Ross

March 31, 1897

Resolved, That the United States should recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents.

Affirmative Mr. F. H. Dam Mr. E. T. Treadwell

Negative Mr. M. C. Flaherty
Mr. Joseph O'Connor

#### Business Meetings

- Sept. 2, 1896.—Eighth annual meeting; installation of officers for 1896-97; notice of constitutional amendments.
- Nov. 11, 1896.—Amendments and miscellaneous business.
- Jan. 20, 1897. General business; Susan B. Anthony elected honorary member; memorial letters, Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and Miss Harriet Cooper; furnishing fund established.
- Feb. 20, 1897.—Special meeting to receive reports of Committees on Club Quarters; appointment of committee of nineteen.
- March 6, 1897—Election of Committee on Nominations; appointment of Building Committee.
- March 17, 1897.—Adoption of report of Building Committee; general business.
- May 5, 1897.—Annual election of officers.
- May 12, 1897.—Reports of standing committees and of Judges of Election; miscellaneous.

### Special Meetings

Jan. 7, 1897.—Indian Day Reception to other clubs. Feb. 26, 1897.—Artists' Day.

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