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## REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

Ladies of the Century Club of California:

Owing to the absence of the President during the past year, it becomes the duty of the officer "who stands next in order of numerical precedence" to give, at the annual meeting, an account of the progress made by the Club during the past year, and also of its present condition.

The report given one year ago, at our first annual meeting, announced the birth and christening of the Century Club of California.

Having shown remarkable sagacity in the selection of its guardians, the beginning of the second year finds this overgrown and somewhat bewildered infant established in a home of its own, willing and anxious to begin work, and make for itself a position creditable alike to its sex and to its surroundings.

At the end of our first Club year, our list showed one hundred and fifty-six names. During the second year we had six resignations to record, and, unhappily, one death. The close of the second year gives us one hundred and eighty-two names, thus showing an increase of thirty-three members.

We have, after much thought and discussion, made some important changes in our Constitution and By-Laws, which we hope will prove, upon trial, to be improvements. Among other changes, our dues were raised and our initiation fee doubled.

By judicious alterations the seating capacity of the club-rooms has been greatly increased; and the addition of a furnace makes the comfort of the rooms complete.

We have announced our existence to our Eastern sisters by joining the General Federation of Clubs, of which association our delegate had the honor of being elected Treasurer.

The committees—which form a most important factor in the Club, and upon whose judgment and energy its success in a great measure depends—have during the past year filled their responsible and not always agreeable positions in a very satisfactory manner.

The dilettante character of the Club seemed to render it inadvisable for them to attempt to introduce any special lines of study or investigation; and their aim has been to present what would be found interesting rather than instructive,—to bring forward home talent, to prepare the ground and create a desire for special lines of study which should be developed in the future.

When we remember that, during our first year, only five Club members gave papers, and, in making out the Report of Exercises for our second year, we find that nearly forty papers have been contributed by Club members, we feel justified in saying that we have been neither idle nor indifferent.

The Committees on Art and Literature, and Science and Education, owing to the breadth of the field which they are at liberty to cover, have met with no difficulty in confining themselves to their prescribed limits, and can each present a report of exercises which is in harmony with its intention.

The Committee on Practical Questions of the Day, however, is not so fortunate. The most interesting things have had a way of happening along without any regard whatever to the arrangement of our "Days;" and when the question is *now* or not at all,—and Club members are loathe to lose some passing entertainment,—it instantly becomes a "Practical Ques-

tion" to the Committee, although it may not appear such to the casual observer.

In our first year's report there are only two papers given by this Committee which could not have been given under one of the other committees; and many, in the second year's report, present the same adaptability.

Again, most of our members have, outside of the Club, so many practical questions to work out and dispose of that they prefer other subjects; and the great desire of the Committee has been to make its programs acceptable.

But, when we remember that the programs must be printed in our annual report, and that many of them show no relation to the subjects which the Committee is supposed to introduce, it would seem better to withdraw this Committee, as it now stands, and substitute one whose work would agree with its name.

The Music Committee, although at times called upon unexpectedly to supply a program, has never failed to provide us with good music; and the three beautiful concerts given during the past year not only filled the Club-rooms to overflowing, but also our hearts with pleasant memories and fond hopes for the future.

The attendance upon "Social Days" during the past year has steadily increased; and the growing desire to exclude everything which is not purely social promises favorably for the future.

Among our "red-letter days," the first and most brilliant of the year was our brief afternoon with Sir Edwin Arnold and his charming daughter. His "Talk on India" was intensely interesting, and his presence here created an impression which many of us will never forget. The touching tribute, "In My Lady's Praise," which he presented to us with such simple grace, remains a cherished gift in the Club archives.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee on Formal Debate for the energetic manner in which it has conducted its "campaign." To its enterprise and powers of persuasion we are indebted for about one-third of the papers contributed by Club members; and the few days allotted to this Committee have been among the most interesting, and by far the most exhilarating, of the year.

The faithful services which our Housekeeping Committees have rendered the Club, in carrying out the uninteresting details of their department, call for more than a passing notice. Although the petty annoyances which besiege all housekeepers, and those proverbial

accidents which, according to tradition, "occur in the best regulated families," have appeared with their usual effrontery, they have always been sternly relegated to the background. The machinery of this department has performed its work with so little apparent friction that few of us realize the large amount of true Club spirit which has been expended to bring about such satisfactory results.

On the other hand, the work of the Decorating Committee has shown for itself, and has been a feature in our Club life which has called forth sincere admiration and hearty praise.

As will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, our financial condition is sound. Having had the good fortune to have what theatrical managers call an "angel" behind us, we have been able to enjoy a home of our own, without making any serious demands upon our modest income; so that now, thanks to the aforesaid "angel," we have already a year's rent in the bank, ready to be paid out at the appointed time to our popular and obliging landlord, who happens, in this case, to be very much of a lady, and a Club member.

It will be seen from the foregoing report that, from our point of view, the Century Club, as a body of representative women, if not exactly all we may desire, is all that we could reasonably expect. It seems, however, upon investigation, that, from the Eastern visitor's point of view, the California woman fails to arrive at the standard set up for her sex in this, "the woman's century." It is reported that certain people have said that we, as women, are archaic and provincial; that we do not fill the prominent and responsible position occupied by our Eastern sisters; that we are not a power; that we have brought about no reforms; that our hospitality is spasmodic; and that "society," as understood in other places, has with us no existence.

A delegate to a convention held in this city, after making a comprehensive study of our manners, customs and institutions, during a two-weeks' visit, says, in a series of articles written for an Eastern paper, that our women are not up to the mark; that they show a timid shrinking from duties and responsibilities which Eastern women assume as a matter of course. The writer, evidently a woman, is loyal enough to her sex to make the men responsible for this extraordinary state of affairs, they having injudiciously kept up a system of coddling which was introduced

here in the "'49 and spring of '50" epoch, when women were a novelty.

For years we have been told that our strawberries were acid, our peaches watery, our pears tasteless, our apples without flavor, and that, with us, even the confiding pumpkin departs from the orthodox New England standard of excellence. We have even endured certain gibes flung at that cherished and sacred institution—our climate! But now that we ourselves are being weighed in the balance, and said to be found wanting, it is evidently time that somebody began to look around and inquire if these things are true.

That the Club idea received a tardy welcome in our Golden West we are willing to admit; and we ask ourselves,—all feeble excuses about home duties, raising a family of children, etc., having been loftily waved aside,—what have we been doing all these years? And we vainly ask why did not somebody invent the Century Club twenty years ago, or ten, or even five, and spare us the unutterable humiliation of being forced to confess that we are only two years old!

It is said by historians that, of all the native tribes which inhabited the Pacific Coast, those living in our immediate vicinity—that is, California, as it now exists—were the most shiftless and degraded. The nimble grasshopper was with them a staple article of food. Were these conditions the result of climate?

We might mention, in passing, that the California fruit, with all its deficiencies of flavor, etc., is the only fruit in the Eastern market; that the California horses have won the principal races of the season; that the San Francisco is the fastest American cruiser afloat; and that, if the men of California are so chivalric and devoted as to hold on to the old-fashioned habit of supporting and protecting their womenfolk, it shall not be the policy of the Century Club of California to point out to them any deviation from this established custom which may obtain in other places.

But, shall we dawdle in orange-groves, recline under fig, olive and pomegranate trees, inhaling the languorous odor of magnolia and jessamine-blooms, while our Eastern sisters, with a physique made perfect by the endurance of intense cold for one-half of the year, and equally intense heat for the other half, their imaginations stimulated by a diet of beans and brown bread, arrive at true culture? Perish the thought!

During the past year, we, the Board of Di-

rectors, have sustained a season of discipline, which, as a dear old lady known to some of us used to say, we hope will be "the means of doing us a great deal of good." Owing to our adolescent state, we were deprived of that guiding star, "precedent." Our Constitution, although abounding in good intentions, was often a hindrance instead of a help; and, but for the code of good manner, and a policy dictated by kindly feeling and common sense, we might many a time have arrested the growth of our youthful charge and brought desolation to all our hopes. On the contrary, we have brought her to the beginning of her third year in good condition of mind, body and estate. Her guardians for the coming year await with enthusiasm for their opportunity to render her their most loval service. Admiring and sympathetic friends wave their hands; and we all say: God speed the Century Club of California!

> FANNIE W. BANCROFT, First Vice-President.

Address:

Mrs. A. L. Bancroft, 1605 Franklin Street, S. F.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR SECOND FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1890.

Cash on hand September 1, 1889	\$ 501 68
RECEIPTS.	
From Mrs. Hearst - Gift \$1,375 00	
From members—Dues 1,797 00	
From Life Membership for Miss Hamlin, 100 00	
From rent of upper floor of Club House, 909 25	
From rent of parlors 55 00	
From Visitors' Tickets 84 00	
From Mrs. Davis to carpet platform 6 45	
From sale of keys 8 10	
From interest on deposit in S. F. Savings	
Union 43 19	
Total receipts	4,377 99
Total to be accounted for	\$4,879 67
	\$4,079 07
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rent	
Water (thirteen months)	
Gas	
Janitress 480 00	
Fuel 51 90	
Gardener	
Rent of Piano 51 50	
Stationery, stamps, printing and copying, 163 60	
Furniture, china, etc 183 85	
Socials 202 70	41
House alterations	
Housekeeping and incidentals 131 90	
Total disbursements	3,144 65
Cash on hand September 1, 1890	\$1,735 02
In San Francisco Savings Union	\$1,572 67
In Bank of California	162 35
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ANNA P. GREER, Treasurer.

## REGULATIONS.

- 1. The Association shall meet weekly, on Wednesday afternoons, at 3.
- 2. The first Wednesday of any month shall be under charge of the Committee on Art and Literature.
- 3. The second Wednesday shall be under charge, *alternately*, of the Committees on Music, and on Practical Questions of the Day.
- 4. The third Wednesday shall be under charge of the Committee on Science and Education.
- 5. The fourth Wednesday shall be under charge of the Committee on Social Entertainment; and on that day refreshments, consisting of tea, coffee, chocolate, bread, butter and crackers, with some kind of cake, will be provided.
- 6. The fifth Wednesday, when it occurs, shall be under charge of a Committee, and shall be devoted to Formal Debate.
- 7. It shall be the policy of the Association NOT to be reported in the daily papers.
- 8. Members must be ready to show their tickets at the door, at every meeting.

## GIFTS.

Gavel				. From Mrs. George Davidson.
Ballot-box .				, From Mrs, George Hearst.
				, From Mrs. Horace Davis.
				. From Mrs. A. A. Sargent.
				. From Mrs. C. E. Whitney.
				. From Mrs. W. H. Crocker,
				, From Miss West.
				. From Mrs. Hearst.
				. From Mrs. W. H. Crocker.
				and gift of Miss Eva Withrow.
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Souvenirs of First Gentlemen's Reception.

#### LITERATURE.

In My Lady's Praise . . . . . . . From Sir Edwin Arnold.

#### PERIODICALS FOR THE YEAR.

North American Review From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Contemporary Review From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Fortnightly Review From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
London Society From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Illustrated London News From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Life From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Popular Science Monthly From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Woman's Cycle From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Über Land und Meer From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Fliegende Blätter From Mrs. A. L. Bancroft.
Atlantic Monthly From Mrs. Selden S. Wright.
Scribner's Magazine From Mrs. Selden S. Wright.
Harpers' Monthly From Mrs. F. Hewlett.
Century Magazine From Mrs. F. Huse.
Lend a Hand From Miss Kirkland.
Dress Reform Magazine From Mrs. J. L. Moody.
Visitors' Book From Mrs. M. R. Lansing.
The Century Guild From Mrs. J. L. Moody.

## CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1.—The name of this Association shall be: The Century Club of California.

SEC. 2.—The object of this Association shall be: To secure the advantages arising from a free interchange of thought and from co-operation among women.

SEC. 3.—The total number of members shall be two hundred; of which number one hundred and seventy-five shall be residents of San Francisco, and the remaining twenty-five of any other part of the State of California. The Club may also elect honorary members without regard to their residence, the number never to exceed five. Such honorary members may at all times have the same use of the Club rooms as do the other members thereof; but they shall not be eligible for office, nor to serve on any committee, nor have the right to vote at any meeting of the Club.

## ARTICLE II.

Section 1.—A President, first, second, third and fourth Vice-Presidents, one Corresponding

Secretary and two Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer, all of whom shall be, ex officio, Directors of the Club, and six Associate Directors, shall be the officers of this Club, and together shall constitute the Board of Directors, in which shall be vested the government of the Club.

SEC. 2.—All the officers named in the foregoing section shall be elected on the first Wednesday in May of each year, in such manner as is hereinafter prescribed, and shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the annual meeting of the Club on the third Saturday of the following September. They shall serve for a term of one year.

SEC. 3.—The Board of Directors shall manage the business of the Club in all matters save those specially provided for in the Constitution as coming before the Club itself for adjustment. They are, therefore, empowered to adopt such regulations as they may deem necessary to the proper management of the Club. They shall also authorize all expenditures of money, and shall create and appoint such agents and sub-committees as in their judgment are needed, and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in any of the elective offices between two annual elections.

SEC. 4.—No member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation; nor shall any salaried agent be appointed from among the members of the Club.

#### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1 .- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors; shall appoint from the Board of Directors an Auditing Committee of three, and from the Club at large all standing committees, and the Chairman of the Wednesday Committees, such appointments being subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; shall make a report at the annual meeting of the progress and status of the Club; shall have the casting vote in case of a tie on any question in the Board of Directors; shall sign all warrants upon the Treasurer, and in general have a supervision over the affairs of the Club, and see that its rules and regulations are rigidly enforced.

SEC. 2.—In the absence of the President, all her duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President who stands next in order of numerical precedence.

SEC. 3.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a journal of all the proceedings of the Club, and of the Board of Directors, and file all papers and documents which belong to the Club archives.

The Assistant Recording Secretary shall notify members of any meeting of the Club when necessary, notify persons of their election as members, and perform such other duties as the Directors may require.

SEC. 4.—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, and keep a file of all letters received, and a copy of every important letter written by her. She shall present a report at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and an annual report at each annual meeting of the Club.

SEC. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Club, and to disburse the same, under the direction of the Board of Directors, upon checks or orders signed by the President and one member of the Auditing Committee. She shall deposit the same with the bank or banks to be designated by the Board of Directors, in the name of the Club.

She shall keep true books of account accessible at all times to the officers of the Club, shall submit a statement of her accounts at each monthly meeting of the Board of Directors,

with proper vouchers, and make an annual report at the annual meeting of the Club.

It shall also be her duty to notify members in case of delinquency in payment of dues, as provided in Article V, Section 1.

SEC. 6.—It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to examine and audit all accounts and bills as often as the same shall be necessary, but not less than once a month. Before such accounts and bills shall be paid, they must have been first approved by the Chairman of the Committee incurring the indebtedness. The signatures of the President and of one of this Committee shall authorize payment of bills. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to have all regular bills—such as rent, gas, water, etc.—ready for the President's signature at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV.

Section i.—To become a member of this Association, it is necessary to be proposed by a member and elected by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2.—The President of the Club shall appoint a committee of three, whose names shall be known only to the President, and who shall receive all proposals for membership and pass

upon them before submission to the Board of Directors. The name of the candidate proposed must be inclosed in an envelope, with the name of her indorser; and this envelope must be sealed and sent under cover to the President, who must not be informed of the name either of the candidate or her indorser, but shall transmit the sealed envelope to the Committee on Membership.

SEC. 3.—Whenever the Committee on Membership shall send the names of any proposed new members to the President, she shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors to take place at least two weeks before the next regular meeting of the Board, and at this special meeting shall submit the names of the proposed new members for the consideration of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4.—All letters indorsing candidates, and stating their qualifications for membership, shall, after having been sent to the President by the Membership Committee, and read by the Board of Directors, be placed for one year in the archives of the Club by the Recording Secretary.

SEC. 5.—No candidate who shall have failed to be elected shall be again proposed for mem-

bership within one year from the date of first proposal.

SEC. 6.—The Directors shall vote for candidates for membership by ballot. Nine votes shall be considered a legal ballot, and three black balls shall reject.

SEC. 7.—No vote, either of the Club or of the Board of Directors, shall be east by proxy.

SEC. 8.— Every Director shall be in honor bound to keep secret the names of persons proposed until the same shall have been elected to membership; nor shall the name of a defeated candidate ever transpire outside of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 9.—No Director shall be at liberty to state the nature of her own vote for candidates for membership.

SEC. 10.—Only one successful candidate shall be proposed by a Club member during one year. On final rejection of a candidate for membership, the proposer shall be immediately notified that she is at liberty to send in a new name.

### ARTICLE V.

Section i.—Every member shall contribute the sum of twelve dollars for a Club year, which dues shall be paid for an annual term commencing September first, or for semi-annual terms commencing September first and March first. Any member failing to pay her dues within thirty days after the first of September or the first of March shall be personally notified of her delinquency by the Treasurer, and failing to pay such dues for thirty days after such notification shall, *ipso facto*, cease to be a member of the Club.

Personal notice shall be deemed to have been given to any member when mailed to her at her last known address.

On good cause shown, the Board of Directors shall have the power to restore any member who may by such default have lost her membership.

SEC. 2.—An initiation fee of twenty dollars shall be required from members elected on or after September I, 1890. On the election of each new member, the Assistant Recording Secretary shall immediately notify her thereof, and furnish her with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Constitution and By-Laws must be signed in the office of the Club, and the initiation fee paid by each new member within thirty days after notification of election; and any lady not making response either in person or by writing to the notice of her election, within one month after such notice is

sent her, shall forfeit her election, and shall not again become a candidate for membership within one calendar year from the date of her first election.

The payment of yearly dues shall begin on either the first of September or the first of March, whichever first follows her election.

SEC. 3.—Any member conducting herself, either in the Club or elsewhere, in a way calculated to disturb the harmony of the Club, or impair its good name or prosperity, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Board of Directors may decide, subject to appeal to the Club.

SEC. 4.—The fee for life membership shall be one hundred dollars, upon payment of which the annual dues shall cease.

SEC. 5.—The fiscal year shall begin on the first of September.

#### ARTICLE VI.

SECTION I.—The annual meeting of the Club shall be on the third Saturday in September, at two o'clock P. M.; and individual notices of the same shall be sent to members by the Secretary at least five days before that date.

SEC. 2.—The Board of Directors shall meet once a month; and seven of its members shall

constitute a quorum for all business except electing candidates for membership, when nine will be a quorum. Any member of the Board of Directors who shall absent herself, without good cause, from its meetings for three consecutive months shall be deemed to have resigned therefrom.

SEC. 3.—Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President, either of her own motion or at the request of three members of the Board.

SEC. 4.—Special meetings of the Club, to consider specified subjects, may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, and *shall* be called by the President at the written request of ten members of the Club, notice of such special meeting and subject being sent to members five days before date of meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Section i.—At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in March of each year, the Directors shall elect a Nominating Committee, consisting of seven persons, to be selected from the Club at large; and this Nominating Committee shall prepare a ticket of the officers to be elected for the ensuing year, which ticket shall be printed and circulated for two weeks

before the first Wednesday of May, that being the day of election.

SEC. 2.—Voting shall be by ballot, the polls to be open at the Club rooms from two o'clock until five in the afternoon of said day.

SEC. 3.—No member shall vote at an annual election until after paying all dues for the year in which the election is held.

SEC. 4.—Three judges of election shall be appointed by the acting President,—two from the Club at large, and one from the Board of Directors. Two of these judges shall be present during the whole time the polls are open; and the three together shall close the polls at five o'clock, and shall count the votes. They shall then report the names and votes to the Directors, who shall at the next meeting of the Club declare the result.

Sec. 5.—A plurality of all votes cast shall elect.

SEC. 6.—In case of a tie, decision shall be made by lot.

### ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1.— This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the quorum required for constitutional amendment at any regular or special meeting. Notice and copy

of proposed amendment shall be sent to each member of the Club at least one week before such regular or special meeting.

SEC. 2.—Thirty members of the Club shall constitute a quorum for all business except amendment of the Constitution, when fifty members shall be required for a quorum.

SEC. 3.—This amended Constitution shall take effect on the fourteenth day of May, 1890; and a special election for the officers to be installed in September, 1890, shall be held on the third Wednesday of August.

The Nominating Committee for this special election shall be appointed at a special meeting of the Board of Directors in May, 1890.

## BY-LAWS.

Section i.—The President, and in her absence the acting President, shall have the power of issuing cards of invitation to non-residents, and also to distinguished strangers in the city, to any of the regular meetings of the Club (excepting those devoted exclusively to business), provided that not more than twenty such invitations shall be issued for any one meeting, and that each such card shall bear the autograph of the officer issuing it, the name of the guest invited, and the date of the meeting.

Sec. 2.—No resident of San Francisco shall be admitted as a visitor to any regular meeting of the Club, except on invitation of the Chairman of the day, who may obtain from the President invitation cards, not to exceed five in number for any one meeting.

SEC. 3.—In all questions arising concerning the construction of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final, unless overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present, such vote not being taken except after notice of five days given to each member, and not less than fifty members being present.

SEC. 4.—A two-thirds vote of those present shall be necessary to close debate or suspend rules.

Suc. 5.—All important voting in the Club must be done by ballot, which may be called for by any member.

SEC. 6. This Club shall never request a member to sell tickets; nor shall it arrange any entertainment for the profit or for the charitable relief of any individual or association; nor shall it advertise any business enterprise.

SEC. 7.—No demonstration on behalf of any political or religious object shall ever be made by this Club; and sectarian doctrines or political partisan preferences shall not be discussed by this Club at any regular or special meeting thereof.

SEC. 8.—The rules and orders of Roberts' Manual of Parliamentary Law shall govern this Club so far as they are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

## LIST OF OFFICERS.

From September 22, 1888 to September 1, 1889.

PRESIDENT,
MRS. GEO. HEARST 1105 Taylor Street.
Vice-Presidents,
MRS. E. L. CAMPBELL
MRS. JOHN M. BURNETT 1713 Larkin Street.
MRS. L. L. BAKER 1882 Washington Street.
DR. EMMA SUTRO MERRITT 530 Sutter Street.
Corresponding Secretary,
MISS CATHERINE H. HITTELL 808 Turk Street.
Recording Secretary,
MISS A. M. FULTON 1215 Sutter Street.
Assistant Recording Secretary,
Miss C. S. KIRKLAND 1306 California Street.
Treasurer,
MISS ANNA P. GREER 1216 Hyde Street.
Auditor,
MRS. GEO. DAVIDSON
Associate Directors,
Mrs. A. L. BANCROFT 1605 Franklin Street.
MISS HARRIET M. SKIDMORE 1219 Filbert Street.
MRS. A. A. SARGENT 1630 Folsom Street.

## COMMITTEES.

From September 22, 1888 to September 1, 1889.

## ART AND LITERATURE.

MISS S. D. HAMLIN, Chairman, 1215 Sutter Street.

MISS, P. L. WEAVER. MRS. HORACE DAVIS.

MISS C. S. KIRKLAND. MRS. WILLIAM ALVORD.

Committee Meeting, First Wednesday of each Month, at 2 P. M.

Literary Exercises under this Committee, same day, at 3 P. M.

#### Music Sub-Committee,

MRE GEORGIANA MCELROY. MRS. JOHN H. BOALT.
MISS MARIE WITHROW.

## PRACTICAL AIMS.

DB. 18ABEL, LOWRY, Chairman, 848 Van Ness Ave.
MBB. D.W. MONTGOMERY. MRS. S. S. MURFEY.
MBB. BARAH B. COOPER. MISS EDITH BUCKINGHAM,

Committee Meeting, Second Wednesday of each Month, at 2 P. M.

Literary Exercises under this Committee, same day, at 3 P. M.

## SCIENCE AND EDUCATION.

MISS MARY B. WEST, Chairman, 2014 Van Ness Ave.

MISS C. C. JACKSON. MRS. GEOGE DAVIDSON.

MRS. MARY W. KINCAID. MRS. S. C. BIGELOW.

Committee Meeting, Third Wednesday of each Month, at 2 P. M.

Literary Exercises under this Committee, same day, at 3 P. M.

#### SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

MISS A. W. BEAVER, Chairman, 1300 Taylor Street.
MRS. JOHN R. JARBOE. MRS. ANNIE LAKE TOWNSEND.
MISS ELLA L. ADAMS. MRS. MARRINER-CAMPBELL.

Committee Meeting, Fourth Wednesday of each Month. at 2 P. M.

Social Enjoyment Exclusively, same day, at 3 P. M.

## FORMAL DEBATE.

MISS E. L. CAMPBELL, Chairman, 1522 Broadway.

MISS MARY VERY.

MISS HANNAH NEALL.

MRS. SARAH B. COOPER.

MRS. GEO. D. BOWMAN.

Committee Meeting, Fifth Wednesday of the Month in which it occurs, at 2 P. M.

Debates on same day, at 3 P. M.

## FINANCE.

MBB. GEO. DAVIDSON, Chairman, 1117 Hyde Street.
MBB. J. M. BURNETT. MISS A. M. FULTON.

## PRINTING.

Mas. A. L. BANCROFT, Chairman, 1605 Franklin Street.
Mas. D. W. MONTGOMERY.
Miss C. H. HITTELL.

## HOUSE.

MBB. HORACE WILSON, Chairman, 1307 Taylor Street.
MBB. GRO. DAVIDSON. MRS. E. L. CAMPBELL.



## LIST OF OFFICERS.

From September 1, 1889 to September 1, 1890.

#### PRESIDENT,

MRS. GEO. HEARST . . . 1105 Taylor Street.

#### Vice-Presidents,

First—MRS. A. I., BANCROFT . . . . 1605 Franklin Street. Second—MRS. JOHN M. BURNETT . . . 1713 Larkin Street. Third—MRS. SELDEN S. WRIGHT. . . . 910 Lombard Street. Fourth—MRS. PHILIP L. WEAVER . . . . 2012 Broadway.

#### Recording Secretary,

MRS. FREDERICK HEWLETT . . . . . 775 Haight Street.

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## REPORT OF EXERCISES

FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 22, 1888, TO CURRENT YEAR.

Report for 1888 - 1889.

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. 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. Adsir.

Jan. 16, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . Art and Literature Paper . . . . . . . . . . . Robert Elsmere Essayist, Rev. Thos. Bacon.

Jan. 23, 1889. SOCIAL DAY.

Jan. 30, 1889. Amendments to Constitution.

Feb. 6, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . Art and Literature Paper . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Robert Browning Essayist, Mr. John Vance Cheney.

Feb. 13, 1889.

Rasayist, Hon. Horace Davis.

Feb. 20, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Volapuk

Basayist, Dr. RINGNALDA.

Feb. 27, 1889. SOCIAL DAY.

March 6, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . Art and Literature Paper . . . . Realists, Idealists and Impressionists Essayist, Miss Eva Withrow.

March 13, 1889.

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 . . . . . . . . Art and Literature 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. SARAH B. COOPER.

April 17, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Louis Agassiz . Essayist, Mr. Mills.

April 24, 1889. Social Day.

May 1, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . Art and Literature 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.

Music . . . . . . . . . Miss Ella Partridge

May 29, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . Formal Debate Subject . . . . Resolved, That Youth is Not the Season of the Highest Enjoyment.

## REPORT OF EXERCISES.

FROM AUGUST 14, 1889, TO SEPTEMBER, 1, 1890.

Report for 1889 - 1890.

Aug. 14, 1889. Formal Opening of Club House, 1215 Sutter Street.

> Aug. 21, 1889. Business Meeting.

Aug. 28, 1889. Reception to Madame CAMILLA URSO.

Sept. 4, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . Art and Literature Address . . . . . . . . . Scottish Life. Speaker, Rev. Dr. MACKENZIE.

Illustrative Songs . . . . Madame Sanderini Recitations . Mrs. Edgerton and Miss Shearer

Sept. 11, 1889.

Committee . . . . Practical Questions of the Day Address . . . . Organized Charities in Cities Speaker, Rev. Mr. McCulloch.

Sept. 13, 1889. Reception to National Conference of Associated Charities. Sept. 18, 1890.

Mrs. BURNETT.

Sept. 25, 1889. SOCIAL DAY.

Oct. 3, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . Art and Literature Paper. . . . . English-speaking Women Poets of the Nineteenth Century.

Essayist, Miss Harriet M. Skidmore.
Supplementary Papers. by Miss Agnes M. ManNING and Mrs. Frances Davies.

Oct. 10, 1889.

Committee. . . . . Practical Questions of the Day Address . . . . . . . The Modern Newspaper Speaker, Col. John P. Irish.

Respondents, Mrs. C. E. WHITNEY, Miss C. S. KIRKLAND and Miss Anna W. Beaver.

Oct. 16, 1889. SOCIAL DAY.

Reception to Sir EDWIN ARNOLD.

Oct. 23, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . Science and Education
Paper. . . . . . . Cubes, Marbles and Men
Essayist, Prof. C. M. GAYLEY.

Oct. 30, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . Formal Debate
Subject. . . Resolved, That American-English is
the Most Acceptable Form of the Language.

Nov. 6, 1889.

Music Sub-Committee.

Music . Misses Partridge, Miller and Putnam.

Nov. 13, 1889.

Committee. . . . Practical Questions of the Day

Paper . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thorwaldsen

Essayist, Mr. WAAGE.

Nov. 27, 1889.
SOCIAL DAY.
Reception to Mrs. JULIA WARD HOWE.

Dec. 4, 1889.

Committee . . . . . . . Art and Literature

Paper . . . . Social Life of English Artists

Essayist, Mrs. Murray Cookesley.

Dec. 11, 1889.

Committee . . . . Practical Questions of the Day Discussion . . . . Literature of Childhood Speakers, Mrs. NEALL, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Bellinge and Miss Skidmore.

Dec. 18, 1889.

Committee. . . . . . . . Science and Education Paper . . . The Influence of Women on the Fate of Nations.

Essayist, Mr. John HITTELL.

Jan. 8, 1890.

Committee . . . . Practical Questions of the Day Paper . . . . Physical Education of Young Girls Essayist, Dr. F. A. A. Belinge.

Jan. 15, 1890.

Committee . . . . . . . Science and Education Paper . . . The Revelations of the Microscope Essayist, Prof. WYTHE.

> Jan. 22, 1890. SOCIAL DAY.

> > Jan. 29, 1890.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . Formal Debate Subject . . . Resolved, That in Paying Visits of Ceremony there is no Adequate Compensation for the Time and Labor Involved.

Feb. 3, 1890.

Special Business Meeting for the Discussion of Amendments to Constitution.

> Feb. 5, 1890. Music Sub-Committee.

Music. . . . Miss Bacon, Mr. Henry Heymann, Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Powers.

Feb. 12, 1890.

Committee. . . . Practical Questions of the Day Discussion. . . . . . . Domestic Economy Speakers. . . . Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Kaufman, Mrs. Burns and Dr. Charlotte Blake-Brown.

Feb. 19, 1890.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . Science and Education Reading, by Mrs. EDMUND HATHAWAY, of a Lecture by Sir EDWIN ARNOLD, entitled, "Modern Horizons of Thought."

> Feb. 26, 1890. SOCIAL DAY.

Music . . . Mrs. Horace Davis and Prof. Rose-WALD.

> Reception to Miss AMY C. FOWLER. (Sister Rose Gertrude.)

March 5, 1890.

Committee . . . . . . . Art and Literature Paper . . . . . Literature of History Essayist, Mrs. Geo. Oulton.

March 12, 1890.

Committee . . . Practical Questions of the Day

Paper . . . . . . The Imperial Family of Russia Essayist, PRINCESS ENGALITCHEFF. Poem . . . . . . . . . . Sister Rose Gertrude

Poet, Mrs. Frances Laughton Mace.

March 19, 1890.

Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . Science and Education

Paper . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . The Spectroscope
Essayist, Dr. JOHNSTON.

March 26, 1890. SOCIAL DAY. Reception to Mrs. KENDAL.

> April 9, 1890. Business Meeting.

Committee Science and Education Paper The Delsarte System Essayist, Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson.
Wednesday Evening, April 23, 1890. Committee Social
Gentlemen's Reception.
PROGRAM.
Music "Praise of Spring"
Music "You Spotted Snakes"
Paper The Ladies' Grand March Miss KIRKLAND.
Music "Serenade Espagnol"
Paper The Mystery of the Modern Club Mrs. John Vance Cheney.
Paper
Music
Poem Miss INA D. COOLBRITH
Dramatic Sketch The Club By Members.
April 30, 1890.
Committee Formal Debate Question Is the Disarmament of Nations Calcu-
lated to Advance or Retard their Progress?

April 16, 1890.

May 7, 1890.

Committee . . . . Art and Literature
Paper . . . . . . . . . . Art
Essayist, Mr. WILLIAM KEITH.

May 14, 1890.

Discussion on Amendments to the Constitution, and Adoption of the Same.

May 21, 1890.

Committee . . . . . . . . Science and Education

Paper . . . . The Development of Language

Essayist, Mr. Syle.

Aug. 20, 1890. Election of Officers.

Aug. 27, 1890. Social Entertainment. 

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