

**THE CLUB LIBRARY.**

One of the earliest members of the Club said to us awhile ago that he thought the members of the Club were making a mistake in buying books and building up a little Club House library. His idea seemed to be that instead of buying books, they should put the money into first class magazines, home and foreign and make an ideal reading room for this city, and put the books into the public library.

Of course the members of the Club have a perfect right to do as they like about this matter and no one has any disposition to question that right, or does question it so far as we know. But the Club is a semi-public institution and we are all interested in it. Now our friend's criticism was based largely on his strong desire for the success of the public library. While it is not a pet of his, he seems extremely anxious for its success; not a moderate success, but the largest and best possible for a city of the size and resources of Highland Park. Now one vital point in the success of the public library is in the high permanent quality of the books put into it. Every choice volume put into the Club's private library, takes away the demand for the book in the public library. We use the public library very little because it contains so few of the books we want. We are deeply interested in the events of the "Far East" as it is called, China, etc, but the latest and best books were not there the last time we inquired, but we have found some of them in the Club. We go slow on the "books of the day," those just now creating a sensation.

Hence this Club library lowers the standard of the public library. The children patronize the public and call for fiction and that grade of literature, and the directors respond to the popular demand.

Now suppose the Club drops its library feature, and put all the money into the best American and Foreign periodicals. When Mr. Smoot and such men had charge of the reading room they had a choice lot of American magazines, and wanted

more. Such a reading room is not complete without such standards as the Forum, North American Review, Popular Science Monthly, and one or two of the best quarterlies, together with half a dozen of the best British magazines, as the Nineteenth Century Edinburg, Fortnightly or Contemporary, with the old tory Quarterly and Blackwood. That reading room marks the literary standard of the Club, and the cheap stuff like Munsey, etc, with a few Pucks and similar things are not quite enough.

Cows for rent or sale at Allen's Dairy Farm.

Robert C. Raffin, after doing justice to the Thanksgiving turkey et cetera, down at C. H. Bakers' went over to Crystal Lake and spent the balance of the week with his sister, Mrs. Dr. Hull.

The next annual meeting of the Exmoor Country Club will be held at the office of the President, Room 8, No. 94 Dearborn street, Friday Dec. 9th, at 3 o'clock p. m. This meeting is for the election of a new board of directors.

Pass this along to Frank Green, or any others struggling with the same problem. "The Binkses must buy everything on the instalment plan." "What makes you think so?" "I heard Jimmy Binks ask his father whether their new baby would be taken away if they couldn't keep up the payments."—Chicago Record.

We have received the collegiate department catalogue of Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., from which we learn that the founder of this modern News is a sophomore, with a "II" after his name which means that he ranks second in his class, we suppose. Pretty good for a boy from this wild and woolly west to go down there and distance those scions of old aristocratic families.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Alexander have taken quarters at the Virginia in Chicago for the winter and so another charming home among us is closed for a few months.

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