

**The Highland Park Woman's Club.**

A meeting was called at the residence of Mrs. B. A. Fessenden on Tuesday, September the 5th, at two p. m., for the purpose of considering the forming of a woman's club, in the city of Highland Park.

A temporary chairman and secretary were chosen, the gathering became a business session and "The Highland Park Woman's Club" was organized. The officers it elected are: President, Laura Dayton Fessenden; 1st Vice President, Bertha Baker Green; 2nd Vice President, Zelina Look Brown; Corresponding secretary, Minnie Dooley; Recording secretary, Hattie Davis Lang; Treasurer, Jennie Forrest Sampson.

Since the first business meeting of the club, the officers with the committee appointed by the club for the securing of a club room, have held two sessions and at a called meeting of the club at the residence of Mrs. Frederick Fischer (chairman of the committee on rooms) the board of officers were able, through the recording secretary, to present for the club's final approval and ratification, a calendar for 1899-1900, which includes the order of business, club meetings, study class arrangement, synopsis of the entertainment course and the by-laws. It has been decided by The Highland Park Woman's Club, that the club's calendar, shall be printed in a neat pamphlet form, and that a copy be sent to each club member, (additional copies may be secured from the corresponding secretary on payment of fifteen cents.)

Through the interest and courtesy of the board of managers of "The Highland Park's Young Men's Club" "The Highland Park Woman's Club" has been enabled to secure a home. It is their purpose to take down the partition, separating the two rooms, formerly known as the billiard room and the gymnasium, thus making a good sized hall, with comfortable seating capacity for a hundred people. It is the club's intention to hold at intervals of two weeks (beginning in October) a series of evening meetings of a literary and musical character; to these meetings all club women (through an unwritten law)

are privileged to invite their husbands, or their big brother, and any club woman may include a guest, by the payment of ten cents to the treasurer or corresponding secretary. No business will be transacted at literary meetings, and it is the desire of the club that at the conclusion of each paper the men present will feel at liberty to take part in the discussion by so doing adding to the interest of the evening. The dues of the Highland Park Woman's Club are one dollar a year; the qualifications for membership are character and intelligence. The club does not consider or question such distinctions as race, color, religion or politics. To the women of Highland Park, The Woman's Club of Highland Park opens its doors and all those, who care to cross the threshold have but to lift their eyes to see Salve (welcome) written upon the lintel for them. It seems needless to suggest the object of such an organization; but for those who may ask the answer is found in article one, of the club's by-laws. "The Highland Park Woman's Club" has for its objects, reform, education, home, art, literature and philanthropy.

The program for the ensuing year will, (through the courtesy of the editor of the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER) be printed in full after the calendars have been published and a notice of each literary meeting will be published in the NEWS-LETTER a week before its occurrence. The first paper of the course will be on Ireland essayist, Miss Kate Stoddard, principal of the Highland Park grammar school. All who were fortunate enough to hear Miss Stoddard's scholarly and charming paper on Du Maurier, will appreciate what a treat is in store for The Highland Park Woman's Club and its friends. Miss Stoddard visited Ireland two or three years ago, so that what she tells will be derived from her personal knowledge and experience. As an attractive setting to this "evening in Ireland," Miss Catherine McNulty has consented to sing some Irish folk songs and a quartette from St Marys' church choir will render several national ballads.

It is hoped that the "Highland Park Woman's Club" will have in its membership all the women of Highland Park who have the desire to belong. It must be distinctly born in mind that to be a member of the club does not mean that one must write a paper, lead a study class or take part in a discussion. When one stops to consider that the program for the entire year has been arranged and assigned it will be seen that for a twelve month at least, no one not already named will be asked to contribute any part to the literary evening or morning study classes. The officers of "The Highland Park Woman's Club" will take individual pleasure in answering any questions concerning the club that may be asked them and it is hoped that this full report may induce many women from all parts of our city to apply for membership.

**To Open Vine Avenue.**

A number of the members of the Exmoor Golf club recently saw Mr. McCullough of the Northwestern Railroad Co., and explained to him the universal wish of the people of the Park, as well as of the members of the golf club, that Vine avenue should be opened across the railroad. Mr. McCullough admitted the necessity of a crossing at Vine avenue, and told his interviewers to have a petition signed by all the golf members, and also said that he would see that the petition was given to the engineering department of his company for an estimate of the expenses to put in a subway under the tracks. If Mr. McCullough finds it necessary for the citizens of the Park to sign a general petition he will so notify Park residents. This is not the first time Mr. McCullough has shown himself ready to use his influence to aid Highland Park, and it is safe to say everyone will appreciate his kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Saksie of Rogers Park spent the Sabbath with Miss Mary Zimmer.

The Ladies' sewing society of the Swedish M. E. church will hold an auction September 30th. Refreshments will be served; also music and singing. Everybody is welcome.