

**The Woman's Club.**

We have a kind of liking for this new organization, it smacks of democracy, and every one trained in the Baptist faith and polity has the purest democracy in blood and brains, "Ye are all one in Christ Jesus"—no upper, middle and lower classes: all their creeds and policies savor more or less of caste and classes.

But theology aside. This Woman's Club is the people's club; that is, it may be theirs if they wish it. The more aristocratic Highland or Ossoli run right up into the money, \$50 to \$100 per annum: while this young democratic organization costs \$1 and some small dues. Then this young democracy is opened to the people, at ten cents each to pay for lights, heat, etc., and an entertainment that is not worth ten cents is not worth wearing out shoe leather to attend. Hence all things considered we have a soft spot in our hearts for the club, albeit they have not yet and never will ask us to give them a rare "Evening with Vermont and Her Wonderful Children". When it comes to papers they have the old aristocratic hankering after "big guns", if some of them are of the "quaker" order: they look formidable on a program.

Tuesday night was on "Poland," and the paper by Mrs. George B. Cummings, the daughter of a Polish nobleman, exiled to this country by Poland's oppressors. Without going into details, it was about 30 minutes long, none too long; we run no risk in saying that no paper read before any club in this city, this, or perhaps any other season, showed the extended, comprehensive, thorough research, with results more carefully classified, grouped and digested, than did Mrs. Cummings'. She touched on every feature of Polish history and life, some art and literature, reserved for Miss Cushman of this city and Miss Sargent of Ferry Hall. The only lack we felt in Mrs. Cummings' finished essay was a brief epitomized history of several "Partitions" of Poland, their causes and results, but in 30 minutes the history of even all Poland could not be told.

Every body here knows Miss Sargent's ability and culture, but she

had only ten minutes, but she gave us a succinct resume, closing with a clear cut and accurate estimate of Sienkiewicz works. Miss Cushman surprised. Like "Topsy," she has "grewed" very much since we heard her before. She is becoming a master in her chosen field of Art, and unless we go far afield, she will be heard from in the future as one of the not very numerous public instructors who will make their mark in the world.

Miss Higley of Waukegan rendered one or two pieces and some samples were given during the essay. Mrs. Capt. G. D. Burke of the Military Academy had three pieces, one accompanied by the Captain's cornet. The next club meeting comes Tuesday evening, May 8th.

Remember Levin, the jeweler, does his own work, and has twenty-four years' experience. At A. P. Dunn's News Stand.

The Baptist church never had a finer musical service than last Easter morning. One of the Misses Schwarz presided at the organ, and she is a skilled organist. Prof. Wilson's quartet choir had a few pieces. Capt. and Mrs. Burke rendered a duet; Mrs. Burke a solo, while a young lady from Chicago had a violin solo. Capt. Burke and his cornet accompanied the choir very effectively. The combination of artistic rendering with devotional spirit and effect was very marked and gratifying.

A. W. Fletcher received his commission as postmaster Friday morning, and soon we shall be revelling in Republican postage stamps.

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