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The service passed off Saturday evening, August 4th, according to program. The event will long be remembered by some of the people as a red-letter day in our local history. The audience was rather small, but select, and you, gentle reader, I fear were not there: you suffered loss.

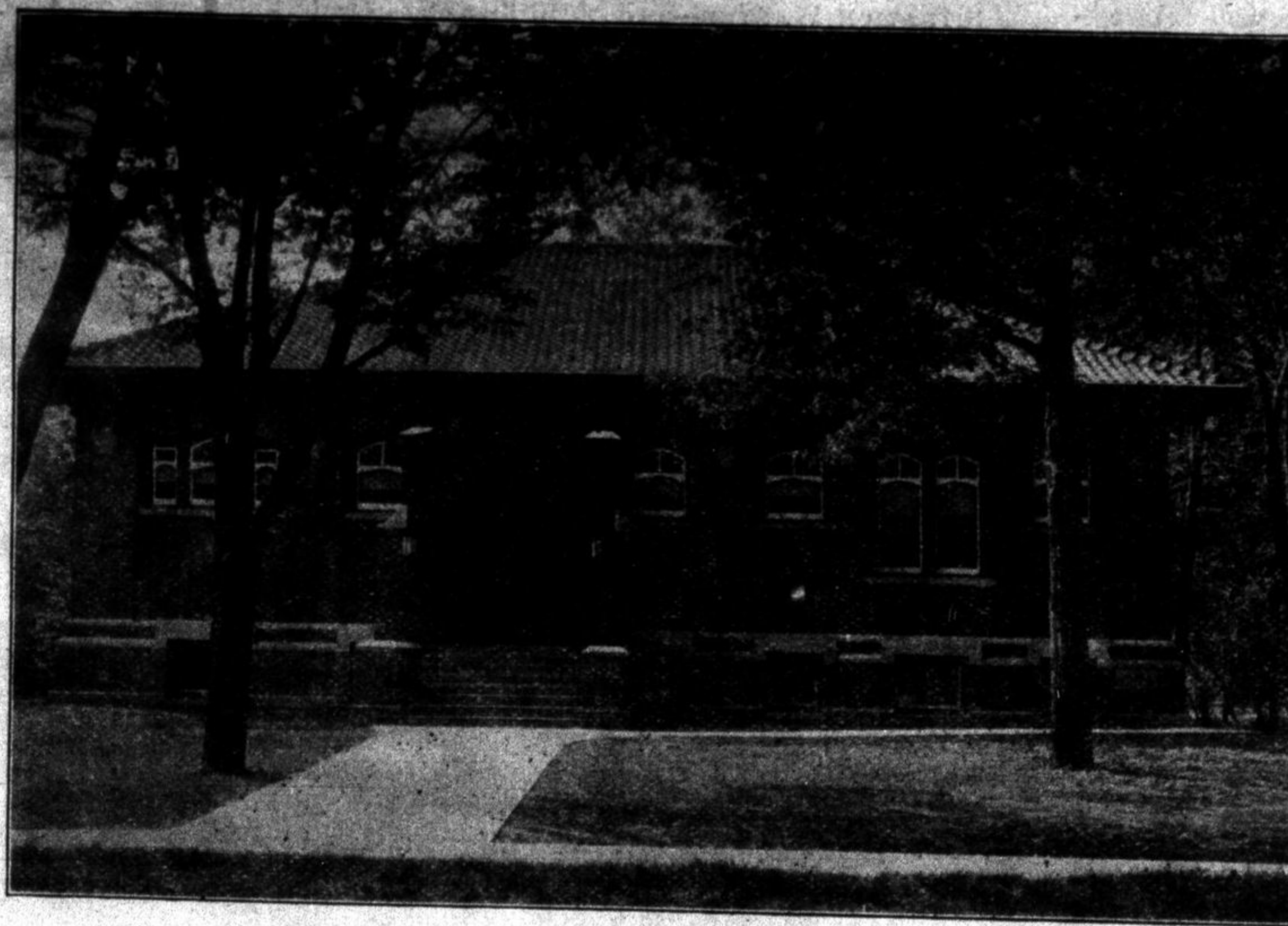
Rev. George D. Rogers of the Baptist Church offered a very appropriate prayer, following which, President Hibbard, in a dozen words, bid the audience welcome, and stated briefly, for the building

assembly hall for the club meetings this fall and winter would be very acceptable to the club. Common courtesy can do no less. It is done.

The Mayor's address by His Honor, Robert G. Evans, was, like all his speeches, emphatically brief. He congratulated the city on having such a Woman's Club as that which worked and waited nearly two years to win success which alone made this elegant building possible. He then congratulated the city on its public library, and especially on having such a home for it, and finally on our cultivated citizenship which could and does appre-

and Dr. Wolcott's address on the threefold classes of books will be one of the best of the series.

City Attorney Kenneth R. Smoot spoke on the "Recognition of Our Benefactors," Andrew Carnegie and Arthur C. Thompson. He said that in the ancient times the conquerors in foreign wars gave the populace popular exhibitions of various kinds, and this continued for centuries. In more modern times rich men began to found or endow colleges, but it was reserved for Andrew Carnegie to consecrate his millions to the public libraries of the land and world, a method which he heartily approved. For



committee, in round numbers, the total moneys received and expended. He then introduced Mrs. Bertha Baker Green, president of the Woman's Club, who read a very clean-cut history, with dates, names, etc., of the protracted, and we may say, heroic efforts of three women of that club Mesdames Cummings, Fessenden and Green, aided and cheered by all their associates in securing the original Carnegie gift of \$10,000. The story was as fascinating as the most realistic novel of the day. Those women would not be defeated—that was all, failure was not in their vocabulary, and the writer well remembers the morning when he was called up on the phone by the then president of the club, Mrs. Laura Dayton Fessenden, and informed of their success. We hope ere long to see Mrs. Green's monograph in print. She closed with a "gentle hint" to the library board that the free use of the

ciate it all. It was a very choice address, covered all the points, and stopped.

The dedicatory address of the evening was delivered, without notes of any kind, by Rev. Peter C. Wolcott, D. D., of Trinity Church. He spoke of the modern organization of libraries, and then quite fully of the three great classes of books. First, are books of nobility, as the Holy Scriptures, Pilgrim's Progress, and scores of other great works, biographies, etc. Second, books of the intellectual life, as history, science, etc., and third, books of pleasure, fiction, etc. Dr. Wolcott's address occupied a little over a half hour in delivery, and was in every way worthy of the occasion and the man himself. His analysis of Thackeray's "Henry Esmond" was as fine as anything we have ever heard. The writer has been asked to provide some popular lecturers for this winter in that Assembly Room,

the same end Mr. Thompson had given us a lot on which this fine building stands. The best way we could express our appreciation of these gifts is to make the wisest possible use of this library.

President Hibbard's address on "Some Functions of a Public Library" was read "by title only," a method he learned many years ago while Chaplain of the Vermont State Senate. He announced the fact that a lady of culture and means, and a former summer resident, had promised him a fine eight-day clock for the delivery room, and he was endeavoring to secure gifts of encyclopedias, dictionaries, histories, and similar works of reference from other people of means. He mentioned the gift of two volumes by one local author, A. L. Kipp, who, as Mr. Hibbard said, "combined the talents

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