

## CLUB SEASON PROSPECTS ARE OF GREAT PROMISE

With the return to the city of a large number of society folk and club members, who have been spending the summer months at various watering places, things will begin to take on a more active aspect socially. Richmond may well be proud of the numerous pleasure and literary clubs which have their origin in this city. Perhaps no city of its size has so many musicians, art students and literary affairs. Last year these organizations were the means of bringing some of the best musical and literary talent in the country, to this city. The majority of the clubs will hold their first sessions the early part of next month, although a few will begin their year's work the latter part of this month. A list of the literary clubs, with a short account, is as follows:

### MUSIC STUDY CLUB.

Very dainty and unique year books have been issued by the Music Study club. The meetings are held in the mornings with now and then an evening session for invited guests. The first affair of the organization for this season will be held on the evening of October seventh. The program will be prepared by the executive board for this occasion. The Music Study club was formerly known as the Matinee Musical club, being organized in 1895. In April, 1904 the name was changed to the present name and several new members were taken into the club. The object of the society is the study of music and its masters. The membership list is limited to forty. All directors of the society are elected by ballot at the annual business meeting. The present officers are:  
President—Mrs. Will Earhart.  
Vice president—Mrs. W. C. Bernhardt.  
Secretary—Miss Clayton B. Hunt.  
Treasurer—Miss Alice Knollenberg.  
Advisory member—Mrs. Henry Genett.

### HELEN HUNT CLUB.

Several local women are honorary members of the Helen Hunt club, which was organized at Cambridge City in 1880. The club colors are green and white, the flower being lily of the valley. The year will be devoted to the study of history and literary subjects.

President—Mrs. Wagner.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLUB.

The Domestic Science club has been organized for about four or five years and is one of the most promising organizations in the city. Meetings are held every other Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Land is president. The society during the past year endeavored to interest the parents as well as young girls in domestic training. Lectures with demonstrations are given at each meeting. Noted women from various parts of the state often address these sessions. Domestic training seems to be claiming the attention of the entire country at present. In many public schools, cooking, sewing and serving are taught by paid teachers. The first meeting for this season will be held some time in the early part of next month.

### MADRIGAL CLUB.

The Madrigal club organized in this city by Professor Justin Leroy Harris will begin the season's work in a few weeks. The club is composed of a large number of the best vocalists in this city. Several charming and delightful musicals and recitals were given by this organization during the past season. It is very probable that the club members will make an effort to secure some noted musicians to appear here this season.

### HISTORY CLUB.

It is not known definitely whether the History club will reorganize again this year or not. The club was composed a year ago of some of the most prominent literary people of this community. From the year 1890 until recently it grew with marked rapidity. The work of the club has been along lines of art, history and literature.

### KERAMIC LEAGUE.

The Ceramic league will continue the study of ceramic art this season. Meetings are held in the lecture room of the Morrison-Reeves library. Several lectures on art, with illustrations will be a feature of the year's work. An art exhibit will most probably be held sometime in the early fall. Some of the best local talent are members of this charming and instructive organization.

### NOMAD CLUB.

A club composed of twenty-five members, principally school teachers, is known as the Nomad's. Art, music and literature will be the subjects discussed during the present season. The meetings are held fortnightly. Informal dinner parties with a banquet now and then give the members sufficient social diversion.

### TOURIST CLUB.

The year book for the Tourist club, which is one of the largest and most select clubs of this locality has just been completed. The membership is limited to forty and consists of both men and women. In 1890 the club started upon its career and each year a "tour" is taken without going abroad. Art, literature, history, people and governments of different nations are the subject, which papers read by various members are based upon. Often a novel playlet or an amusing comedy is presented by several members at various meetings. Dr. C. S. Bond is president of this organization. Meetings are usually

held on Friday evenings at the home of various members. The nature of the coming years work will be announced later. The club will keenly feel the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCabe, former members, who now reside in Chicago. They took active part in the work of the club.

### DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is composed of over twenty members who are direct descendants from ancestors who fought for Independence. The meetings are held on Saturday afternoon and occur once a month. The program consists of papers and discussions on historical events and traditions. Musical programs, which consist of patriotic songs, are given at some of the sessions. Through the efforts of this organization "Flag Day" was observed in this city by the school children and teachers. A wider interest seems to have been taken in American history by several societies since the chapter has been organized. Often prizes have been awarded to school children, who receive the highest percent in history, by these women. In the spring a convention was held in a nearby city which boasted a chapter. It was attended by several local members. Mrs. W. W. Gaar is Regent of the local chapter.

### MAGAZINE CLUB.

In 1896 under the leadership of Mrs. M. B. Ballard, a company of women formed a society known as the Magazine club. Mrs. Ballard was one of its most active and energetic workers for a number of years. Meetings are held every Monday afternoon. Two readers, who read clippings and articles from the current magazines, are appointed at each session to furnish the program for the next meeting. Several banquets are held during the year. The first meeting will be held the second Monday afternoon in October at the home of Mrs. Hibberd, on North Ninth street. Miss Lillian Paige, secretary, is the only officer of the organization. The club has a membership list of twenty-five.

### ALICE CAREY.

The Alice Carey club, one of the enterprising younger clubs of this city will open the season some time next month with its annual banquet for members and invited guests. The birthdays of the noted poets and literary folk are usually celebrated in an appropriate manner by the club. The course of study for the year's work has not been fully decided upon, but will be announced later. The officers are:  
President—Mrs. Chauncey Piffle.  
Secretary—Mrs. Ross.

### TICKNOR CLUB.

February 21, 1889, in Boston, Massachusetts, under the direction of Miss Ticknor, of Boston, the Ticknor club was organized. She organized these same literary clubs in various cities. The local Ticknor club did not use programs arranged by Miss Ticknor, but formed a committee which selected the course of study for the season. The club will study Shakespeare for a portion of this season, the remaining work having not been decided upon as yet. The quotation for the year is, "Who can be wise, amazed, temperate and furious, Loyal and neutral in a moment."

—Macbeth.

The officers who will serve for the coming year are:

President—Mrs. D. W. Dennis.  
Vice president—Mrs. D. L. Mather.  
Secretary—Mrs. E. B. Grosvenor.  
Treasurer—Mrs. G. T. Dunham.  
Corresponding secretary—Miss Susan Kelsey.

The first meeting for the coming season will be held Monday afternoon, October twelfth and will be president's day.

### TRIFOLIUM.

The Trifolium literary society has decided to open the season Monday evening, September twenty-eighth. This society is an organization of the First English Lutheran church. It is composed of a large circle of young people. The course of study for the year will be "Scotland." Several informal banquets and social functions have been arranged for by a program committee. Election of officers will take place at the first business session.

### CRITERION CLUB.

The date has not been set for the reopening of the Criterion club but most probable it will be sometime in October. The club originally consisted of members residing in one neighborhood, but lately other women have been taken into the organization. The course of study for the year will be announced later.

### COUNTRY CLUB.

The members of the Country club have the privilege of attending a number of social functions which are given at the club house during the winter months. The programs are prepared by a chairman and assistants. A new chairman being chosen every three months. Mrs. Harry Jay is the present chairman of the social committee of the club.

### AFTERMATH.

The Aftermath society is one of the most prominent social and literary societies in the city. The club has a membership list of twenty-five. The first meeting was held in the year 1884 and consisted at that time of women belonging to the Friends church. But in a few years women of various denominations were given the privilege of joining the society. The course of study this year will be in the nature of civic improvement with a discussion now and then of "Germany." Several social functions will be given at certain intervals during the year. The motto of the society is

"Ohne Hast, Ohne Rast." The officers to serve this year are:  
President—Mrs. N. C. Heltonimus.  
Vice president—Miss Mary A. Stubbs.  
Secretary—Miss Mary Wilcox.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Clark.  
The first meeting of the season will be held Tuesday, October thirteenth, with Mrs. W. Middletown.

### ATHENAEA SOCIETY.

The Athenaea Literary society of South Eighth Street Friends' church will observe its eleventh anniversary with the opening of the present season. This is one of the city's most interesting and beneficial clubs. It has an unusually large membership roll. The officers are:  
President—Eliza Wilson.  
Vice president—Margaret Wickett.  
Secretary—Jean Mills.  
Treasurer—Minnie Keates.  
Program committee—Minnie Coffin, Eliza Hiatt, Sarah Stutson, Lillian Reynolds and Edna Heltonimus.

Entertainment committee—Anna Horn, Belle Kinsey, Ethel Reid, Mary Johnson, Alma Loehr, Halcy Harold and Grace Mendenhall.

Flower committee—Jane Dalbey and Laura Dickinson.  
Civic representative—Hannah Francisco.

The first meeting for the season will be held Friday afternoon, Oct. 9. The club color is pink and green, the flower being the carnation.

The year's work will be devoted to literature, history and music. Several indoor picnics and receptions will be the social features for the season.

The following are the social clubs which meet regularly during the season:

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Whist.  
Penny club.  
Modern Priscilla Thimble club.  
Friday Afternoon Thimble club.  
Helping Hand social.

Good Cheer club.  
Happy Hour circle.  
East End Sewing circle.  
The Buzzers Whist Club.  
"Bakers Dozen."

Martha Washington Society.  
N. O. C. club.  
East End Dancing club.  
Pansy club.

The "Merry Widow" card club.  
The "Gabblers."  
Thursday Afternoon Card club.  
Friday Evening Bridge Whist club.  
Dorcas society.

Spring Grove Sewing circle.  
Woman's Relief corps.  
Tuesday Euchre club.  
South Thirteenth Street Sewing circle.

Protection Mite club.  
Ivy club.  
Chocolate club.  
Sub-Rosa club.

## SOCIAL NEWS

To Reach the Society Editor, Call Home Phone 1121, or Bell Phone 21

One of the most enjoyable of the early fall receptions was given yesterday afternoon by Miss Marie Kaufman at her home on National avenue for Mrs. Robert Abercrombie of New York. The reception and living rooms were arranged with sunflowers. Large jars filled with the flowers were placed on the mantle pieces and tables. In the drawing room vases of American beauty roses were placed on the piano and in various parts of the room. The whole decorative scheme giving a beautiful effect. The hours were from three until five o'clock. Punch was served in the reception hall during the afternoon. At the conclusion of the affair a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess. The invited guests were: Miss Ethel King, Mrs. Clarence Collins, Miss Edith Harvey, Miss Ruth Mashmeyer, Mrs. Wilbur Hibberd, Miss Alice Hill, Mrs. Ray Holton, Miss Hazel Freeman, Misses Bessie and Elta Jones, Miss Florence Corwin, Misses Florence and Hilda Shute, Miss Ruby Wilson, Mrs. Earl Coate, Mrs. Wheaton Tallant, Mrs. Thomas Kaufman, Mrs. Maude Eggenmeyer, Miss Edith Nicholson, Miss Nina Harris, Miss Josephine Cates, Miss Marie Campbell, Mrs. Clem Kehlenbrink, Miss Inez Coale, Mrs. Fred Gennett, Miss Virginia Clements, Miss Pearl Hasecoaster, Miss Jessie Beeler, Mrs. Otto Parsons of Chicago, Miss Anne Dilks, Mrs. Robert Study, Miss Ruby Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarrington Barnes will camp at Nolansfork over Monday.

The first of a series of social affairs arranged by the present committee of the country club was given last evening at the club house. Piano and drums furnished the music. A large number of the members enjoyed dancing until a late hour.

Master Howard McManus celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon at his home on Laurel street. Games and music were features of the afternoon. Luncheon was served. The guests were: Warren Elliott, Francis McManus, Malvern Sonner, Leo McManus, Clyde Cesnan, Bartley Gordon, William Gordon, Herman McManus, Robert Law-

ler, Irvin Cesnan, Charles Lawler, Russell McManus, Howard McManus and Raymond Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ahl and Miss Clara Myrick with several other young people will form a house party at Bert Henley's Cottage, near Fountain City. They will remain until Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Hendricks of Dayton, O., and Miss Jessie Pence of Anderson are the guests of Mrs. Edward Stigleman, 24 North Fourteenth street.

Mr. Charles Kirk left last evening for Springfield, Ohio, where he will join his wife who has been visiting friends and relatives there for a week. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk will be gone about two weeks.

Miss Virginia Clements will be maid of honor at the Harlan-Beck wedding which takes place at New Castle, the early part of next week. Miss Georgia Harlan is well known locally.

Mrs. Robert Abercrombie and little daughter Ruth of New York, who are the guests of Miss Marie Kaufman, 209 National avenue, will leave Tuesday for Elwood, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Abercrombie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Later they will be joined by Mr. Abercrombie.

Miss Afton Clapp and Miss Mildred Powers of Indianapolis are the guests of friends at Fountain City.

The following young men will leave this week for Purdue University where they are attending school: Donald Graves, George Rettig, Frank Brown, Walker Land, Robert Tallant, Jesse Miller and James Wood.

Miss Nina Harris has returned from a week's outing at Winona lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Starr and children will return this week from an extended outing in Wisconsin.

Misses Lenora and Viola Wickemeyer left last evening for Chicago where they will be honor guests at a house party given by Miss Martha Meyn.

Later the Misses Wickemeyer will

go to Michigan City to be the guests of their cousins, Misses Freda and Martha Wickemeyer.

Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Charles Ersmith and several other women, who are members of a card club, will picnic Monday at Jackson's park.

Mrs. Frank Critchett and little daughter Ruth of North Ninth street, are the guests of friends and relatives at New Carlisle.

Misses Elsie and Jessie Beeler are entertaining with a house party over Labor Day, at the Beeler farm, south of the city. Miss Helen Shuman of Covington, Ohio, is the honor guest.

The members of the Ivy club will picnic Monday at Jackson's park. All members are invited to attend.

Miss Alice Hill will leave Monday for Indianapolis, where she will teach this year.

Miss Prudence Wilson of Owentown, Kentucky, will come this week to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Howard Sutton, at her home on the National Road, west.

Master Roland Osborn will entertain with a birthday party Tuesday afternoon at his home on South Eighth street.

Mr. Emmett Bartel has returned from Chicago.

Mr. Carl Eggemeyer, who has been spending a few days in northern Michigan, will return home tomorrow.

### MUSIC.

An exchange says: "This is going to be a musical season."

Lucile Pollard Carroll, an accomplished pianist-teacher, who recently located at Columbus, Ohio, is a decided acquisition to the music art's most exclusive circles. Mrs. Carroll has had much experience in teaching, her own teacher having been Moszkowski.

Mr. Edward Fulton of Columbus, O., and who was a pupil of Mr. Herbert Witherspoon for four years, gave a program of fine, well delivered songs last week. He has taken on considerable of the style and elegance which characterizes Mr. Witherspoon's work.

The new catalogue for the season of 1908-1909, just issued by the Chicago Music college, is one of the handsomest ever issued by any western school or college.

Evelyn Fletcher Capp, widely known

for her Fletcher music method, is at Green Acre; what she calls her Barn studio, near the famous Green Acre pines, is well filled each morning with her enthusiastic class of teachers from the South, the West and everywhere, to study directly with this remarkable teacher.

Madame Nordica was heard in recital at Ocean Grove recently. The reception to her had never been equalled there. She was in superb voice.

Elizabeth Sousa, wife of John Philip Sousa, died last week. Mr. Sousa was leading concerts at Willow Grove, Philadelphia, when the news reached him.

Members of women's musical clubs who are seeking themes for their essays this coming season ought to try some psychological subjects like "Gratitude Among Musicians," "The Just Musician," "Singing and Jealousy," "The Vocal Teacher Without a Method," "The Ideal Accompanist" and "The Musician's Bank Account."—Musical Courier.

The choir of the First Methodist church under the direction of Professor Justin LeRoy Harris, will give a special musical program this evening at the church. All are cordially invited to attend.

## DISTINCTION IN PECULIAR MANNER

### Courtship of Ancients Gains Recognition in One Way.

Wellshoro, Pa., Sept. 5.—For brevity the courtship of Ezra Backus and Mrs. Mary E. Peake, which culminated in their marriage on Wednesday, was noteworthy. Backus is 76 years of age and a widower since July 21 last, while his bride is 73 and a widow of long standing.

Backus, who is a civil war veteran was dreadfully lonely after his wife died, and he considered that it would be in keeping with her wishes if she could have so expressed them, that he should obtain another companion. On Tuesday last Backus came to this town.

Up to that day he knew nothing of Mrs. Peake. He met her here that day and proposed before the day was over. The next day they were married.

# Notice To Our Customers and the People in General

We are being criticized by some of our worthy competitors. They say we buy bankrupt stocks; they say we buy samples and job lots. Because they cannot meet our prices we are always underselling them. We have been in business now a little over seven years and it's time our methods were understood. We are in business to undersell; we are in business to serve the masses. WE BUY BANKRUPT STOCKS, SURE! We buy samples and lots of all kinds. If we can get them so cheap that we can make the people's dollar worth two dollars. We send our agents into the markets at all times and if we discover one who is hard up for funds, we will give him money for his goods, or if we find one that has a business that he must turn into cash we will buy it if the sacrifice is such that we can sell the stock to you at from half to one-third less than its regular price. Are there any harm in that? Aren't we the people's agents? Isn't this the store the people? Don't the people appreciate it? Would this always be the busiest store if it were not always the best? We can buy stock or lots, no matter how large, for we have the outlet and the outlet would not exist if we did not undersell. You must admit that, for merchandise, fine or medium, this is the store, and no matter what you see or where you see it, you will find it here for less money. You may dress better, live better and swell your bank account if you learn this lesson by heart and profit by it.

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