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THE AFTERNOON CLUB.

A few young women desirous of mental improvement met at the home of Mrs. F. V. Erisman on Oct. 8, 1880, and there organized the Afternoon Club. Knowing that more knowledge would be gained, and the mind better disciplined by systematic reading, and then free discussion of the matter read, they have each year laid out a line of work, and mainly adhered to it.

Women's clubs being a new thing and most of their members inexperienced they have sometimes erred in selecting subjects too deep for them, but on the whole they have studied well and been benefitted thereby.

The original members of the Afternoon Club were: Misses—Margaret Erisman, President; Mattie Ward, Sallie Ward, Jennie Avery, now Mrs. Troughton; Jessie L. Ward, now Mrs. Davidson; Lucy M. Ward, Florence Chase, now Mrs. Meade; Annie Henderson, Mrs. F. V. Erisman.

As members dropped out others were added to take their places. At present there are but few charter members left. The membership for this year is as follows: Misses—Mattie Ward, President; Evaleen Stein, Vice President; Margaret Erisman, Rec. Sec.; Anna Aylsworth, Cors. Sec. and Tres.; Mrs.—F. V. Erisman, Jane C. Harvey, Jessie Bartlett, Frank Royse; Misses—Justine Barton, Ida Kellogg, Mary Erisman, Ida Smith, Nannie Groenendyke, Flora Lutz, Katharine Andrew.

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