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The Senior Society in California bearing this name was organized in 1876 by Prof. Ebell. This organization in 1880, was the largest society of ladies managed entirely by themselves in the world, numbering two hundred and thirty, and at the present time none is more flourishing,

Dr. Adrien Ebell was born of German parents in Calcutta, and was educated in America. He was a scientist and lecturer, and early noted that womankind studied and read on superficial lines, and that the full development of feminine mentality required the sciences. This discovery lead Dr. Ebell to devote himself to lecturing in "Female Seminaries" upon science. Later Dr. Ebell organized a plan of study as broad as the universe, with headquarters in Berlin. Chapters tributary thereto were to be established in every part of the world. One of the first was in Oakland, and was named "The Oakland Chapter of the International Academy of Art and Science of Berlin." The first section of this Chapter was formed for the study of Biology.

On the voyage from New York, Dr. Ebell was taken ill, and died in the sight of Hamburg. In tender memory and full appreciation of his worth, the Oakland Chapter changed its name to "The Ebell Society." It is earnestly to be desired that the good work continue until we have not only a Federation of Ebell Societies in California, but that the full plans of the founder may be carried out, and the organization become national and international.

The Ebell plan of organization has received many complimentary notices. It is broad in the extreme, is, in fact, a federation of small clubs. In placing our constitution in the hands of our friends at large, we do so with the single request that in adopting it the name, *Ebell*, shall be retained with the constitution. This is a courtesy due the Oakland Ebell; after eighteen years of testing the method, eliminating and making improvements in the plan, they permitted us the use of their perfected charter, which we adopted and adapted to our requirements; we were thus enabled to have a perfected organization in two meetings. The third found us with Constitution and By-Laws printed, and sixty-four charter members. The Tourist Section also had three papers to read before the assembled society at this meeting.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this society shall be THE EBELL OF LOS ANGELES.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this society is advancement in all lines of general culture.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator and Librarian, a Critic and Parliamentarian.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society and Chairman of its standing committees shall constitute its Executive Committee. This committee shall arrange and control the business and funds of the Society; authorize the formation of Sections, and appoint their Curators; report to the Society all matters of general interest; and at the annual meetings make a full report of its condition.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall incur no indebtedness beyond the necessary expense of the Society without the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Society.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Committee.

SEC. 5. The Curators of the Sections shall constitute an Advisory Committee to be called upon by the Executive Board, when the best interests of the Society shall require their assistance or advice.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers shall take place by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, call all special meetings, make an annual report, and appoint all committees. The President's choice of committees shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall exercise supervision over all the affairs of the Society, and shall be an honorary member of all committees. In the absence of the President, her duties shall be assumed by the Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank.

SEC. 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee on Publication, and shall attend to all the correspondence of the Society, and issue all notices.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the transactions of the Society, and of the Executive Committee, and keep a record of the work being done in the Sections, and of the membership, furnishing a report of the membership to the Corresponding Secretary when called upon, and shall submit an annual report.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall be ex-officio chairman of the Committee on Finance; shall have charge of all the funds of the Society; shall pay all bills audited by the Executive Committee; shall submit a report of all receipts and expenditures monthly to the Executive Committee and annually to the Society.

SEC. 5. The Curator and Librarian shall have charge of all the books, papers and other property belonging to the Society; she shall receive all applications for the formation of new Sections, and shall keep herself informed of the general character of the work of each Section, reporting the same to the Executive Committee, and shall make an annual report to the Society.

SEC. 6. The Critic and Parliamentarian shall be referred to for authorities on the use of language and parliamentary law.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees of this Society shall be:

- (1) A Committee on Ways and Means, and Finance.
- (2) Building and Rooms.
- (3) Printing and Publication.
- (4) Lectures.
- (5) Receptions and Entertainments.
- (6) Membership and Ethics.

SEC. 2. The duties of these Committees shall be to consider the subjects of their respective committees, referred to them by the Executive Committee, reporting the same at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. An applicant for membership must have her name presented to the Membership Committee by a Charter member, accompanied by the names of two or more members in good and regular standing. If the name passes this Committee it must be referred to the Executive Committee for final vote.

SEC. 2. No resident shall be made an honorary member of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The entrance fee shall be \$1.00 each for the first one hundred members. After

the limit of one hundred members is reached, this fee shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The regular annual dues shall be \$2.00, payable semi-annually in advance. \$1.00 November 1, and \$1.00 April 1. The non-payment of dues for one year shall forfeit membership.

SEC. 3. Any member paying \$30 shall receive a certificate of life-membership, and shall be exempt from payment of dues.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall have authority to remit the fees and dues of any member when it shall be deemed for the best interest of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. A regular meeting shall take place on the last Saturday of each month, except the months of July and August, at 10:30 a. m., for the transaction of business, and for the reports of Sections. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee, a social meeting shall take place on the second Monday of each month, at 2:30 p. m., except the months of July, August, and September, when papers will be presented. At this meeting members will show at the doors their cards of membership.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at 10 a. m., on the last Saturday of each month, and at the call of the President.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting shall be held on the last Saturday of June at 10 a. m.

SEC. 5. Charter Day shall be October 27.

ARTICLE VIII.

Members desiring to invite guests to the meetings must obtain cards of invitation from the Curator.

ARTICLE IX.

All communications on business must be made in writing.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. Copies of all papers read before the Society and in the Sections, shall be placed on file in the hands of the Curator, and at the end of one year shall be placed under the care of the Librarian.

SEC. 2. Papers shall be written on legal cap, on one side of the paper only, and fastened securely at the top.

ARTICLE XI.

The discussion of politics and religion is prohibited at the general meetings of this Society.

ARTICLE XII.

SECTIONS.

The study of special subjects may be carried on in Sections formed and managed according to the following rules:

RULE 1. All members of Sections must be members of the Ebell.

2. Members wishing to form Sections should obtain permission to do so from the Executive Board.

3. Curators shall preside at the meetings of their Sections, plan the course of study, and make a full report of the study and advancement of their Sections at each annual meeting of the Society.

Curators shall notify the General Curator of the dates when their Sections meet, and when they disband or take a vacation.

4. Special teachers may be employed by Sections.

5. No Section nor any officer thereof shall have power to incur any indebtedness or liability binding upon the Society, but shall defray all its expenses not expressly authorized in detail by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII.

These By-Laws may be repealed or amended by application to the Executive Committee, signed by not less than nine members, two-thirds of whom shall be charter members. The Executive Committee shall report to the Society for final vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President desires, in submitting this report for the closing Ebell year, to emphasize the congratulations due the Society, for the success that has marked the efforts of the workers. To the various officers, the Curators, and Committees, we must turn with feelings of satisfaction and gratitude that each important step has been one of advancement.

Our bulletins, issued each second month, have kept every member in touch with the various lines pursued. Our membership has increased, while the new features of the year, the Chairs of Science, Art, Literature, and practical topics presented to our Society and its friends, rare entertainment and enjoyment with information of most attractive nature. These lectures have been noticed in our bulletins from time to time; yet the President feels it her pleasant duty to again thank the lecturers of the year, and express the grateful appreciation of the Society.

The interest thus awakened will no doubt lead to much individual research in the same lines. The Ebell stands for home talent; and our first

desire is to seek it out, bring it into the sunlight where, as a Society, we derive first benefit; and next, through the Ebell, its beneficent influence will be felt in the community. True worth, deep thinking, and broad culture, are often timid, and, like sweet charity, "seeketh not her own."

The full reports of the officers that have preceded this, leave little of the routine work to be mentioned, except, generally, to commend, and specifically to note the valuable work done in the Sections—and also to look about with feelings of commendable pride that we are in our own quarters, furnished comfortably, and that we have passed the first dangerous ground to most women's clubs—the handling of money. This is always a necessary evil, and as to most women the best things in life come without money and without price, it is well for us to look with pride upon this community of interests, these things that we have bought with others, these earthly possessions, our very own, yet belonging to us all. It is said that nothing is really valuable unless we pay for it. These furnishings have cost us much, and may we add to the beauty of our rooms from time to time, remembering the example of the kind friends who have presented us pictures to adorn our walls, and certain dainty articles of vertu.

A few mistakes have been made, one of these first being the selection of a non-resident President—a mistake I urge you not to repeat. The President of such an organization should not only meet the members of the Society on the regular days, but she should be in personal touch with each member, seeking to learn the special ability of each one in order to call it forth, bring it out for the best good of the Society, and the promotion of its objects and aims.

The progress of the world and of our miniature world depends upon thinking, and that thinking must be original thinking. First to doubt, then to investigate, then to discover, has been the method of all great minds. Johns Hopkins and all other post-graduate universities are organized to stimulate original thought, and when even a small discovery is made in a new line of research, the whole world is richer for it.

Thought uncontrolled—a succession of ideas or mental pictures uninterrupted—is not thinking. Let me again remind you of Plato's definition; it is the best we have: "The Mind Conversing."

We are called "thinking" animals, but after all is it not the last thing we really want to do? Do we not pay everybody to think for us? Our physician, to think about our health; clergymen, to think out the methods of the soul's salvation; lawyers, to think us out of our disputes; and newspapers emphatically think out and announce our political preferences and conclusions.

The brain is said to be only capable of hard thought on a subject, without interruption, for the short space of fifteen minutes. How many of us converse hard to our utmost capacity for a single fifteen minutes each day? Most of the thinking of the average individual is mere routine, or imitation, following in grooves the line of centuries.

The strength of this organization is in its Sections. It is here that we must turn with expectancy for the maturing of the objects of this organization—the advancement in all lines of culture. The Ebell becomes thus a part of the world's progressive movement. Broadly in its plan, and in its centralized scheme, of improvement, of encouragement, to cultured women, not to become school girls again, but to advance in ways that are feasible, in paths that are agreeable, and these may be entered upon by the most timid. Co-operation as secluded as one's own fireside, a club with home surroundings and advantages that will surely lead up to, and assist in developing original thought.

Teachers and institutions, books, societies and clubs, are our best helps, but they are after all only helps. Whenever one does some original work for himself, then he begins to be part of the moving world, then he begins to live! To be simply receptive is better than nothing, but it is apt to produce literary dyspepsia. The idea of the Ebell is more than to test the receptive faculties. It is to delve deep for the metal stored away in the recesses of our being, veritably "mines of wealth," and minds of worth, and that mind has awakened which realizes its hunger. One discouragement lies in the fact that so many do not realize the difference between receiving second hand, and the possession of unlimited material within. Some may fear to delve lest there will be discovered poverty not riches of intellect.

Let us accept full measure of encouragement. The Ebell has become, even now in its early infancy, a part of the evolutionary movement of the age, which is progressive to the extent which we understand our ability, which is the ability of each individual member, and understanding, then to make the most of this material. "To hold fast that thou hast" and acquire as much more as possible day by day, centralizing and crystallizing into a perfect whole.

The usual last Saturday of the month reports have been in October, Current Events Section; November, Tourist; December, Conversation; January, Law. These annual reports prove the fine work and deep interest in the subjects of these Sections.

FROM RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is to be regretted that the Recording Secretary cannot offer as her report for the year closed, the papers "*verbatim et liberatim*" that have been read by our members before our general meetings; and the valuable lectures of the year, given us from the mental storehouse of representative thinkers and careful students of Southern California. In no other way could it be shown so clearly how well the Ebell is fulfilling the purpose of her organization: "Advancement in all lines of general culture."

The lectures before the Society have been in the departments of art, science, literature and practical subjects. Along these lines we have had the advantage of listening to the following subjects ably handled: "Some Every Day Emotions" "The Planet Mars and a Few of the Double Stars" "Love of Nature in English Poetry from Chaucer to Tennyson," "Prison Reforms," "Bacteria," "The Trap-door Spider," "Literature and Society of Greece," "Prisons, Past and Present," "Botany," "Egypt," "X-Ray" "Chemistry of Food," "Geology," "Soul and Immortality Theory of Certain Scientific Men," "The New Ideal," "The Common Shells of San Pedro," "The California Condor and other Birds Bordering on Extinction" "Student Life in Europe."

The programs offered at the Saturday morning meetings have demonstrated, by the depth of original research shown that womankind, at least that portion drawn to The Ebell can no longer be accused of reading and studying superficially. Papers have been presented from the various sections on such topics as "Domestic Duties as Imposed by the State," "Law-Study from Non-Professionals," "Anti-Toxine," "Albert Durer," "Cuba," "Kiel Canal," "Aesthetic Advantages of Physical Culture," "Gounod's High Masses," and "Conversation as a Fine Art."

The papers offered at the Monday social afternoons have been of unusual interest, of practical as well as artistic merit. They have touched on education, philanthropy, art, music, literature, history, science. A wide range of subjects as, "The Evolution of Mark Twain," "Christmas Among Various Nations," "Philosophies of Greece," "Angelica Kaufman," "Joshua Reynolds," "The Flavor of the Soil in Fiction," "Life, Character and Place in History of America's Three Real Queens, Isabella, Elizabeth and Victoria," "Pundita Ramabai," "Taj Mahal," "Evolution of W. D. Howells," "Jean Jacques Rousseau," "Atlanta Exposition."

The discussions following the papers tend always to be freer and more general, and are of the greatest value to us as individuals. For after all it is "not what we give but what we share" that calls forth our best possibilities.

FROM TREASURER'S REPORT.

Account of Receipts and Expenditures for year ending June 26th, 1896:

Cash on hand June 25th.....	\$127 92
Initiations and dues for year	424 50
Cash from other sources.....	62 50

Total Receipts.....\$614 92

Contra Credits—

Expenses as per vouchers	\$576 45
Balance	38 47

Total.....\$614 92

GENERAL CURATOR'S REPORT.

Advance is still our watchword—advance along the safe and pleasant paths of self culture marked out for the Ebell on the morning of October 27th, 1894. As our Society now forms a part of the great Federation of Clubs and wears its badge signifying "In Diversity is Unity," so we a smaller federation of Sections or Study Clubs make up the strength and power of the Ebell as a factor in the best life of our City—each Section building not only for itself, but for the whole.

We have had evidence of the high class of work done during the year and its thoroughness by the excellent papers read and discussed before the General Society at the monthly Saturday morning meetings, the following Sections having thus reported:

Tourist Section, Mrs. C. B. Jones, Curator.
Current Events Sec., Mrs. Dean Mason, Curator.
Conversation Sec., Mrs. Henry T. Lee, "
Music Section, Miss A. C. Adair, Curator.
Orig. Composition Sec., Miss Strong, Curator.
Law Study Section, Miss Palmer, "
Physical Culture Section, Miss Swaine "

As the strength and influence of the Ebell grows out of the fact of a working force in our midst, so we hope to enlarge our borders and create new interests as new opportunities for study are offered. Sections in Literature and Economics, in Science and Art, in Modern Languages and in Sanitation are spoken of for another year in addition to those already organized.

Our comfortable, attractive rooms speak for themselves, as well as for the liberality of the ladies who gave of their time and money toward the furnishing and adornment of our home. Gifts of pictures, bric-a-brac, and draperies are greatly appreciated—a fine Chickering Grand piano—a necessary addition we enjoy thoroughly, as well as the concerts, in anticipation, that will help to swell the monthly payments. A library fund is to be created in the fall for which lectures and other entertainments will be given. Our shelves will soon be too small for the original papers and other literature that are accumulating,

and the General Curator will have to make an appeal for more room.

She is glad to announce, in conclusion, that our members are realizing more and more the advantage to themselves in the work of original research, developing hitherto unknown talent, as their reports testify, and an ever deepening interest in the best things. Therefore the true object of our being is attained, and the future is bright with promises that need only patient, earnest effort to be fully realized.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

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NOTES.

Besides Oakland and Los Angeles, Santa Ana has an Ebell Society and the last one organized is in Long Beach. An Eastern lady who knows much of Clubs, recently visited our Society and says that "the high water mark in Club organization is reached in the Ebell plan" and advocates a State Federation of Ebells. This has been frequently said, and from the General Federation Headquarters as well, that even in Boston where there are hundreds of small Clubs if they would join hands on the Ebell plan, much more good would come, and results would follow, now made impossible because of lack of combination of interests. We are always glad to hear pleasant things of Ebell.

Duties of officers, etc., are set forth in the Constitution. The duties of members seems not so well understood, 1st to attend the meetings, 2nd to pay promptly the very moderate dues without which the Finance Committee is embarrassed. There are no assessments, and the expenses are regulated by the amount pledged in annual dues. Each member should feel herself a part of the Society and should interest her friends in its objects, its breadth. What is usually a weakness in similar organizations—namely cliques—is in the Ebell an element of strength. The Section idea being this, that friends, those congenial to each other, whose tastes are similar will belong to the Section. The numbers of Section officers and those of the General Society, giving the most ambitious to hold office, ample opportunity to serve the Society. Its ethics-code also provides a settlement of disputed points, as to neglect to perform duties or transcending the same by referring the same to the Membership Committee for investigation and adjustment.

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BULLETIN.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

First Monday of each month—

Executive Committee and other Committees, 2.30 p.m.

Second Monday—

Executive meeting, 2 p. m.

Regular meeting, 2.30 p.m.

Last Saturday of each month—

Executive Committee, 10 a. m.

Regular meeting, 10.30 a. m.

Report of Sections.

OCTOBER, '96.

Second Monday, October 12: "The Evolution of the Opera," Miss Dennen.

Last Saturday, Oct. 31: Report of Current Events Section.

NOVEMBER.

Second Monday, November 9: "Realism and Idealism," Mrs. C. D. Ruddy.

Last Saturday, November 29: Report of Tourist Section.

DECEMBER.

Second Monday, December 7: "Wm. Morris, the Man, Poet, Artisan, Socialist," Mrs. R. W. Burnham. Music.

Last Saturday, December 26: Report of Conversation Secretary. Music.

JANUARY, '97.

Second Monday, January 11: Afternoon of Science in the Department of Invention. Music.

Last Saturday, January 30: Report of Law Section. Music

FEBRUARY.

Second Monday, February 8: "Scandinavian Literature," Mrs. Ruddy. Norse music.

Last Saturday, February 27: Report of Music Section.

MARCH.

Second Monday, March 8: "An Afternoon with the Ballad." Illustrated.

Last Saturday, March 27: Report of Literature Section. Music.

APRIL.

Second Monday, April 12: "Afternoon of Japanese Art." Music.

Last Saturday, April 24: Report of the Art Section. Music.

MAY.

Second Monday, May 10: "Afternoon with the Plays; (a) French and Italian Actors, (b) English and American." Music.

Last Saturday, May 29: Report of Science Section. Music.

JUNE.

Second Monday, June 14: "Saints and Sinners; the position each occupies in Social Economics. Music.

Last Saturday, June 26: Annual Meeting. Reports of the Officers of the Society. Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

SECTION MEETINGS.*Tourist Section.*

MRS. STEARNS, Curator.

This section meets first and third Saturdays of each month at 10.30 a.m.

Current Events Section.

MRS. DEAN MASON, Curator.

MRS. R. W. BURNHAM, Asst. Curator.

This section meets every alternate Thursday at 2317 Figueroa Street, 10 a. m.

Conversation Section.

MRS. HENRY T. LEE, Curator.

MRS. JOHN C. MERRILL, Asst. Curator.

This section meets on second Saturday of each month, at 414 Adams Street, 10.30 a. m.

Music Section.

MISS A. C. ADAIR, Curator.

This section meets on first and third Mondays, 2.30 p. m.

Writers Section.

MRS. I. B. HAMILTON, Curator.

PROF. C. F. HOLDER, Critic.

This section meets first and third Tuesdays, 3 p. m.

Art Section.

MRS. W. R. BENTLEY, Curator.

This section meets every Thursday, 2 p. m.

*Law Study Section.**

MISS ELIZABETH PALMER, Curator.

C. K. HOLLOWAY, Instructor.

This section meets every alternate Saturday, 2.30 p. m.

Science Section

MISS RYAN, Curator.

The section meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 8.00 p. m.

Mrs. Ruddy, Literature Section, second Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

All sections, excepting those otherwise designated, meet at the Ebell rooms, 1057 S. Flower St.

For information about Sections apply to the General Curator, Miss E. H. Parsons, 1026 S. Olive Street.

* Pay Sections.

NOTES.

All members are requested to sign the Constitution.

Ladies are forgetting the custom for each member to present a cup and saucer.

All committees are expected to meet, on first Monday afternoon of each month, also the Advisory Board.

We have the pleasure of greeting the New Year with continued interest in Ebell and its work renewed and sustained.

We hope to have a fine library of music, and reference books now greatly needed, but beyond the resources of the Society at present.

The Tourist Section has reached the Imperial City, and paid a visit to the Capitol, St. Peter's, and the Palaces. The Vatican next.

It gives us pleasure to welcome the Curator of the Music Section. Miss Adair has been missed. This Section will enter upon more serious study in a different line.

The Science Section has decided to meet Saturday evening. Mr. J. B. Scott delivers the first lecture on the Science of Government.

The Sections are many of them continuing in the same lines as last year. Some have not yet reorganized—French, German, Delsarte and Economics. While the new Sections, Art, Literature, and Science are substantially progressing.

The President and the Chairman of the Program Committee attended the house warming "at home" of the Oakland Ebell. Their fine new building was thrown open in November, when they entertained over eight hundred guests.

The Society at its first meeting in September determined to change its rooms, which was acted upon, and we are now at home in pleasant quarters such as the House Committee vainly sought for when our first rooms were engaged. A pleasant apartment, No. 1056 S. Flower St. gives ample room for our average audiences at the general meetings, and greatly improved facilities for Section meetings.

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NOTES.

Mrs. Baker presented to the Ebell, at its general meeting Saturday morning, March 27th, a large photograph beautifully framed, which she had brought from Florence especially for the club. The subject is Santa Barbara, and the original picture is the finest work of Palma Vecchio and is the chief figure of an altar piece in the church of Santa Maria Formosa in Venice. "It is magnificent, almost heroic in treatment, and glowing in color." The photograph makes a handsome addition to our already choice collection.

The attention of members is especially called to our advertising pages; and whenever quality and prices are equal, we should patronize those who have so kindly remembered us with their patronage.

The most successful method of forming a new section is through the new members who come in for the study of a special subject not yet entered upon. It is usually true that the present members are doing all they wish, or have already chosen all they have time to do.

The science and literature sections have been delayed in their work through the illness of Mrs. Ruddy and the absence of Miss Ryan, their respective curators. Owing to this delay it has been suggested that the two unite for the rest of this year in one evening Drawing Room Lecture, which will be the forerunner of next year's complete and separate organization.

[GENERAL MEETINGS.]

April—Monday meeting—Japanese Art.

May—The Drama.

June—Saints and Sinners.

The publication of this report has been unavoidably delayed, which gives us the opportunity to note that the afternoon with Ballads was especially enjoyable.

The report of the music section proved a charming treat for the members of the general society; while the report of the art section showed to those present that the Ebell is capable of thorough and conscientious effort, which promises much for the future success and stability of the club.

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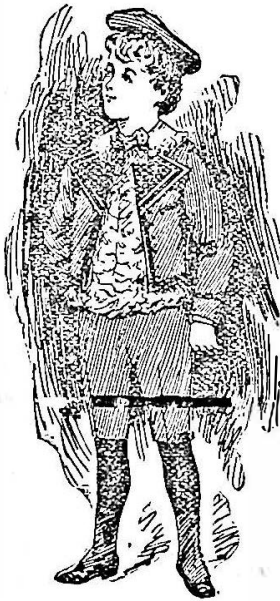
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