BOSTON TOPICS.

LITERARY AND SOCIAL GOSSIP.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE NEW CLUB AND BOSTON CLUBS IN GENERAL—NOTABLE LITERARY UNDERTAKING—BOSTON'S NEW HISTORY—CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY—STATUES AND ARCHES—THE FEBRUARY "ATLANTIC"—ELECTION OF SOCIETY AND CLUB OFFICERS.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Boston is much given to clubs that have a mission or are based on an idea. Thus the Art Club, the Agricultural Club, the Commercial Club, the Women's Club, the Radical Club, the Antiquarian Club,—the character of these is more or less clearly indicated by the name. Then there are the Apollo, the Cecilia, the Boylston, the Euterpe,—these and ever so many more are composed of musical or dramatic people. The Bird, the Banks, the Middlesex, and the Massachusetts,—these are all semi-political, though their only apparent end and aim is to eat a weekly dinner at Parker's or Young's. But of purely social clubs, organizations for the promotion of good fellowship in any general and comprehensive sense, Boston has no great share. Of course there are scores and scores of small and delightful neighborhood clubs of a social character, but I am speaking of bodies of gentlemen large enough and strong enough to influence the currents of city life to some extent. When the Union and the Somerset and the Temple and the Papyrus are named, the list is about exhausted, and I am not even sure that it should include more than two of these. Hence there is ample room and verge for the new St. Botolph club—indeed, its make-up is such that it can hardly avoid being beneficial to the city. It organizes with about 260 members, and limits its numbers to 300. While there are a good many names that one is surprised to miss from the list of membership, nobody will deny that it begins its career with a company of gentlemen of very high standing. With Francis Parkman as president, John Lowell and Martin Brimmer as vice-presidents, James M. Bugbee as secretary, and a strong Committee on Elections, the success of the organization is assured from the start. Among its members I recognize the president, two vice-presidents, and four directors of the Union Club; two vice-presidents and at least four directors of the Somerset Club; the president, the vice-president and four members of the Executive Committee of the Papyrus Club; the president and five of the Executive Committee of the Art Club. It costs $100 admission fee and $100 yearly assessment to belong to the Somerset or the Temple, and $100 admission with $50 annually to be a member of the Union. As the St. Botolph exacts but $20 for entrance and $30 as a yearly tax, it is likely to draw somewhat from the older clubs, and is certain to leave an opportunity to admit a good many gentlemen of brains and a clubable disposition whose bank accounts are not large.

Perhaps I may venture to give you the outline facts of a literary enterprise of considerable magnitude and interest which has lately been undertaken here. While Boston has produced and nurtured many historical writers of high rank, who have enriched the literature of the world with works long to endure and be praised, she is yet without what can be offered to the student or the general reader as a complete history of herself. Drake, Shurtleff, Frothingham and others have written satisfactorily within the bounds they set for themselves; but a city which celebrates the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its settlement on the 17th of September next ought to have the story of its beginning and growth and development put down with consecutive and harmonious fulness. This, at least, is the view of a considerable number of able and conscientious gentlemen who have carefully considered the subject and agreed to unite in the preparation of what it is hoped may prove worthy of common acceptance as a History of Boston. My understanding is that the scheme originates with Mr. C. F. Jewett, who, with his associates, has recently published a History of Worcester County in two great quarto volumes. The new History of Boston is to be printed in four octavo volumes of about 500 pages each, and the work is already so far advanced that Mr. Jewett hopes to issue the first volume early next Fall, and the remaining three before the end of another year. The striking feature of the undertaking is that the projector has sought to place each well-marked section of the history in the hands of some one specially qualified to write on that particular subject, and that unity and harmony are to be given to the work by the labors of a corps of editors consisting of Mr. Justin Winsor, the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, and Dr. Samuel A. Green. Mr. Winsor's long connection with our Public Library, and his more recent duty as Librarian of Harvard University, have made him thoroughly familiar with matters pertaining to the Boston of yesterday at least; Mr. Hale is the well-known Unitarian clergymen, a man of wide reading and study, a Bostonian in every fibre of his being, and a good deal of an antiquarian in certain ways; Dr. Green is our city physician, one of the leading members of the Historical Society, with a vigorous and trained intellect, and a genius for getting the pith out of old papers and records. Without positive information on that point, I presume it falls to Mr. Winsor to write the concise historical sketch, wherewith the first volume of the work will undoubtedly open. Among the twenty-five or thirty gentlemen who contribute to some portion of the history, I have heard the names of the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Dr. George E. Ellis, who has a capital study of "Puritan Boston" in the forthcoming February number of *The Atlantic*, Judge Mellen Chamberlain, Superintendent of the Public Library, Boyle O'Reily, the Editor of *The Pilot*, Professors Gray and Shaler, of Harvard College, Librarian Dean, of the Historical Society, President Quincy, of the Antiquarian Club, etc. Probably the two Harvard professors are to write chapters on the Floral and Geological history of the city and its neighborhood. I hear that Mr. Parkman was invited to join in the enterprise, but was obliged to decline because of his health and of other engagements.

Other celebration of our quarter-millennial than the production of this great history we shall of course have. The bronze copies of the statues of Samuel Adams and Governor Winthrop, cut in marble by Miss Whitney and Mr. Greenough for the State as its contribution to the National Gallery at Washington, are to be finished and delivered to the city by the 1st of September, and the Mayor is undoubtedly correct in believing that the Councils will deem it appropriate to dedicate them on our natal day. Where the Winthrop will be placed is not yet determined; the Adams is to be set up in the neighborhood of Dock Square. Both are paid for from the fund left by Jonathan Phillips for the adornment of the city. There has been some talk of a grand commemorative arch, to be set up on the Back Bay, paid for by private subscription in part at least, and dedicated with pomp and ceremony on the coming anniversary. The matter is now in the hands of architects and engineers, I believe, for something more definite as to plans and cost than has yet been furnished. The Mayor also suggests in his inaugural address, and *The Advertiser* heartily approves the idea, that it would be well to publish in a memorial volume some of the hitherto unprinted records of our early town meetings and other municipal transactions.

The February number of *The Atlantic* will be issued early next week. It gives one of Mr. Longfellow's exquisite little poems entitled "Helen of Tyre," but the poetry that most stirs the blood are a dozen anonymous verses about "Miles Keogh's Horse"—the horse Comanche escaped from that field of slaughter where Custer and his men gave up their lives. The continuation of Mr. Howells's singularly fascinating but not altogether agreeable story occupies twenty-five pages, while for solid reading there is a twenty-page essay on "Pessimism," by Goldwin Smith, and a shorter anonymous paper on "The Strong Government Idea." Mrs. Kate Foote concludes her strange Hartford story, "Thirty-seven Hundred and Fifty-eight," and there is a wierd and murky Florida tale by Constance F. Woolson. A supplement of twenty-four pages preserves the story of "The Holmes Breakfast." This appendix contains the only hint in the number that Houghton, Osgood & Co. have just been tried by fire—mention is made that letters from certain invited guests unable to attend cannot be given because they were burned before reaching the editor's hands. But among the twenty-five preserved are charming notes from John Hay and W. W. Story, now first made public.

A number of our societies and clubs have held annual meetings and chosen officers within the past week or ten days. The Hon. Charles Francis Adams voluntarily retires from the presidency of the Boston Athenæum, and is succeeded by Dr. Samuel Eliot, our present Superintendent of Schools. The Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, substantially recovered in spite of his age from the severe accident of last Winter, is re-elected to the presidency of the Historical and Genealogical Society. The Hon. Samuel M. Quincy is the first president, and F. B. Perkins the first secretary, of the new Antiquarian Club. Bank Examiner Needham is retained as president, and Legislative Speaker Noyes is made vice-president of the Middlesex Club, of which Governor Long and ex-Governor Talbot are also members; C. C. Perkins remains president of the Art Club, with Sub-Treasurer Kennard as vice-president; John Lowell holds the reins at the Union Club, with Russian Consular-Agent Storer as one of his three vice-presidents; that well-known writer, George M. Towle, is president of the Papyrus Club, with Editor Hovey, of *The Transcript*, as his first subordinate; and Congressman Morse luxuriates in the presidency of the Suffolk Club.

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