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TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB'S NEW HOME – Formally Opened and Dedicated in the Presence of Many Persons at Lansdowne

The handsome new building of the Twentieth Century Club of Lansdowne was dedicated last evening and formally opened in the presence of a large number of persons, consisting of members of the club, and presidents of women's clubs from different parts of Delaware County and Philadelphia.

The new club house, which cost \$25,000, is Gothic in design and is beautifully situated in the Lansdowne Court on South Lansdowne Avenue. The building has a large assembly room with a stage and dressing rooms on either side, two reception rooms, balcony, club room and a large dining room.

The ceremonies were of an informal nature, consisting of a reception which was followed by the turning over of the keys of the building to the club. Mrs. Henry T. Kent, chairman of the building committee, in a brief speech turned the keys of the building over to Mrs. William A. McEwen, president of the club, who accepted the keys on behalf of the organization with a short address in which she gave a review of the club and the building of the new home. The advisory board, consisting of George Foster White, William A. McEwen, Henry T. Kent, W. Frank English, Henry E. Johnson, George W. Statzell, Clarence Eppelsheimer and Samuel Pennock were present at the reception. During the evening the Triangle Orchestra of the Lansdowne High School rendered selections.

CLUB OFFICERS – The club officers are President, Mrs. William A. McEwen; vice presidents, Mrs. Francis D. Maxwell, Mrs. Isaac H. Rhoads; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. Pancoast Levis; recording secretary, Mrs. David A. MacGregor; federation secretary, Mrs. William Paton Thomson; treasurer, Mrs. Walter L. Webb; Board of Directors, Mrs. Clarence H. Eppelsheimer, Mrs. Theodore Evans, Mrs. Frank Longstreth, Mrs. Henry T. Kent, Mrs. J. Lynn Barford, Mrs. Henry Enu Johnson. The building committee consists of these ladies: Mrs. Henry T. Kent, chairman; Mrs. William A. McEwen, Mrs. W. Frank English, Mrs. Francis C. Taylor, Mrs. Abram L. Pennock, Mrs. Clarence H. Eppelsheimer, Mrs. Henry Enu Johnson and Mrs. Walter J. Webb. Press committee, Mrs. Frank M. Longstreth, chairman; Mrs. S. Pancoast Levis, Miss Helen Garrett and Miss Sophronia Beatt. The honorary members of the club are Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, wife of Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Joseph P. Mumford of Philadelphia, and others.

Frank M. Cody, Esq. of Lansdowne is the attorney for the club. The history of the club has been one of rapid growth and it is recognized today as one of the leading woman's clubs in the country. The club was organized December 1897, and incorporated in 1907. The presidents of the club since its organization up to the present time have been: Mrs. Benjamin Hallowell; Mrs. Matthew H. Cryer, Mrs. Edward C. Kirk, Mrs. Nathaniel S. Keay, Mrs. Seymour Eaton, Mrs. Henry T. Kent, Mrs. William A. McEwen. The latter is the present president.

For more than two years the club has been working hard to own its own home and this was accomplished only by the hearty cooperation of the member of the organization. Last spring Hokanson and Heacock, architects of Philadelphia, prepared plans for the new building which were accepted and then the contract was let to George Grover, a builder of Morton. The structure is beautiful in every way and will add much to the beauty of Lansdowne.

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