

are being accomplished without much social activity. During the financial depression of the last few years there have been few brilliant balls or parties. A stylish wedding has occasionally varied the monotony. Dinner-giving has almost become a lost art. The community wants intelligent leadership. It needs ladies and gentlemen at the hotels who can organize little assemblies that will render that mode of existence tolerable. Grand parties with their crush and discomfort can in a measure be dispensed with, if we have more meetings around the dinner-table, and more inexpensive gatherings in neighborhoods for pleasure or for intellectual improvement. The influence of private theatricals and of amateur concerts would be refining, and they might often be made to inure to the benefit of some worthy charity. Fashion should never aim to exist for itself alone, and it always has at hand the means of uniting polite social intercourse with mutual improvement and the amelioration of the ills that afflict humanity. That which has been achieved in San Francisco society may be considered as merely indicative of what may be accomplished hereafter by the vast wealth and the many moral, social and intellectual advantages enjoyed by our citizens.