

CLUB WOMEN AND STUDENTS.

The secrets of the heavens—the nebulae, the gaseous matter, the solar system, and the stellar system—were all laid bare to the members of the Brooklyn Institute the other day, and in the most delightful way. Brooklyn may yet boast another Maria Mitchell, for Miss Edwina Howard Hamblet, a young woman from the Heights, has been devoting herself to the study of astronomy with such good purpose that she was able to give a most lucid talk on "The Evolution of a Star." It was her maiden effort, but she managed her paper and the stereopticon views illustrating it with the greatest ease. Some of the views were sketched from the photographs, to make certain points, and, as Miss Hamblet is an artist as well as a student of astronomy, she was able to make them herself. The transit of Venus filled her with rapture when she was nothing but a baby, and mathematics and astronomy have possessed a great attraction for her ever since. She knows the professors at the big observatories, either personally or by letter, and she may enter one herself later for instruction. In the meantime, she studies constantly by herself, and when she is not reading ponderous books upon this pet hobby, she is very much like all girls under twenty, who love to wear pretty gowns, dance, or play tennis.

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At the meeting of the New-York Ladies' Health Protective Association last week Mrs. Jennie De La M. Lozier, who had just returned from the South, encouraged her co-workers by an account of a somewhat similar work she had seen in Florida. "The streets of Florida, in most of the places, are in a filthy condition," she said, "and orange peel is everywhere. Finally, we came to a little town called Green Cove Springs, where everything was in apple-pie order, and, upon investigation, we found that women had entire charge of the street cleaning and Department of Public Works. Not a piece of orange peel was to be seen." In the same place was a hotel kept like an exquisitely-ordered private house by a woman of wealth, who had presented the village improvement society with a little cottage with a library and reading room.

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At the next meeting of Sorosis, the first Monday in March, the annual election of officers will take place, and on the third Monday a breakfast will close the season.