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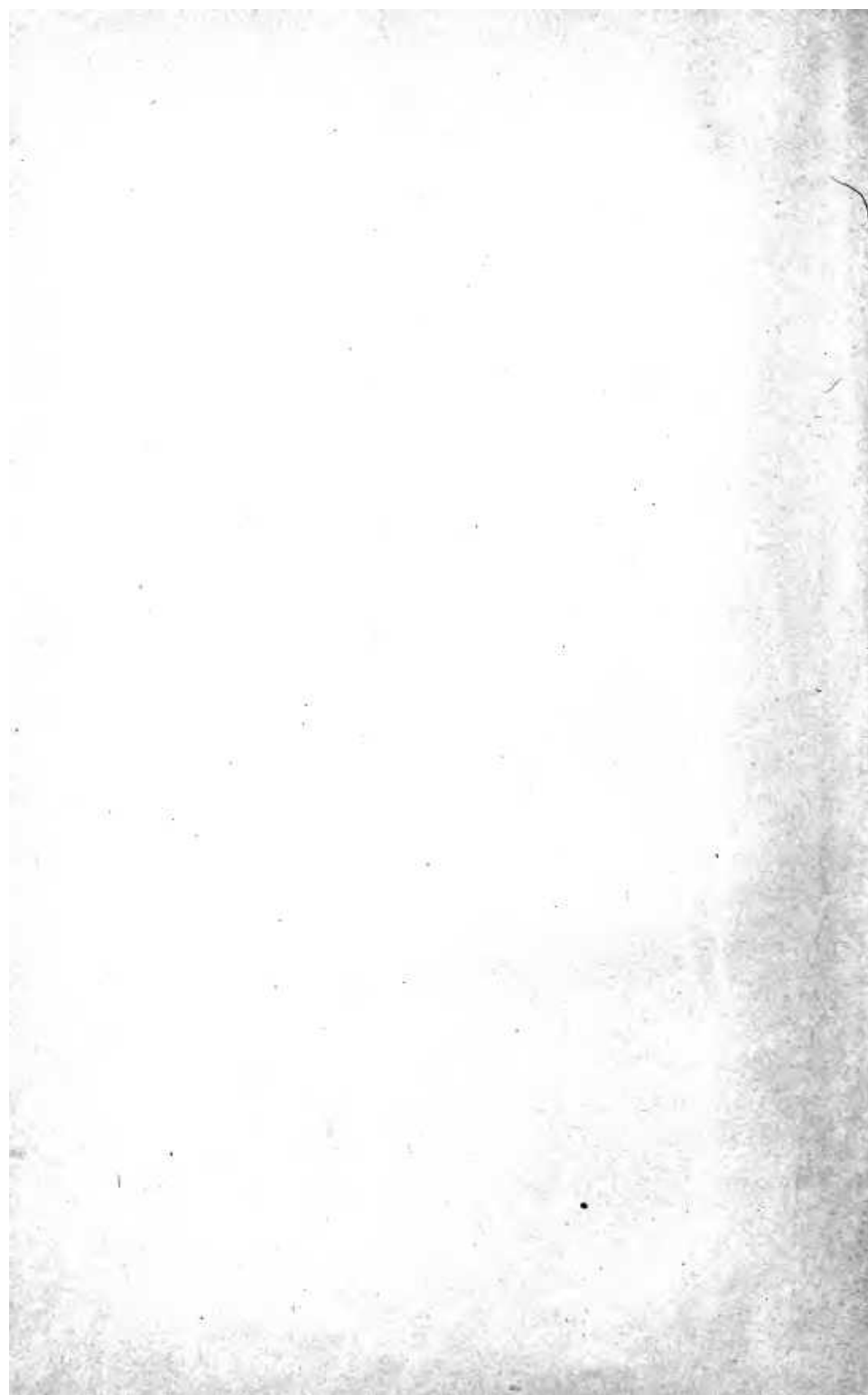
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Through the courtesy of the gentlemen represented here I am permitted to present to the public a few of the papers read before the Sunset Club during the past two years—and one or two articles which were prepared but, for some reason, not submitted at the Club meetings.

With a few exceptions these "talks" have not been revised at all, appearing here without correction. The general discussions indulged in at the meetings are not given here, because of lack of space to give them in full—and to give them in part would not be satisfactory.

On pages 3 to 7 will be found several extracts from an article in *The Chicago Herald* of April 26, 1891, which will probably be of interest to those readers of this modest volume who are not familiar with the aims and objects of the Sunset Club.

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## "THE NOTED SUNSET CLUB OF CHICAGO."

The following extracts are from an article which appeared in *The Chicago Herald*, Sunday, April 26, and are reprinted through the courtesy of the publishers:

The now notable Sunset Club of this city has just completed the most successful and profitable season it has experienced since its organization two years ago this spring. Its limited membership of 1,100 is completely filled; the subjects under discussion have proved of absorbing interest; the meetings have been largely attended, and as an educational factor the club has grown to exert a most potent influence, that, with each recurring season, is sure to become more powerful and widespread. \* \* \*

The object of the Sunset Club has already been outlined. The requirements for membership are simple: Any genial and tolerant fellow may become a member on approval of the Executive Committee. The programme pursued by the Club is a dinner every other Thursday at 6:15 o'clock, followed by short talks upon the topic previously announced by the secretary. The only expenses incident to membership are an annual assessment of \$2 for stationery, printing and the like, and \$1.50 for each dinner of which the member partakes.

NO PRESIDENT, NO PREACHING, NO DUDES.

A newspaper wag has termed the Sunset Club "an unprincipled Club" because there is a total lack of rules, regulations, by-laws and a constitution, but after reading the subjoined "declaration of principles" as formulated by "Father" Catlin, this would seem to be a misstatement. They are as follows:

No Club House	No Accounts	No Profanity
No Constitution	No Defalcations	No Fines
No Debts	No By-Laws	No Stealing
No Contribution	No Stipulations	No combines
No President	No Long Speeches	No Parliamentary Rules
No Bores	No Dress Coats	No Personalities
No Steward	No Late Hours	No Dudes
No "Encores"	No Perfumed Notes	No Mere Formalities