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INTRODUCTION.

N the spring of the year 1876, a number of young ladies met by invitation of Mrs. Erminnie A. Smith, at her residence, No. 203 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, to organize a society for mutual improvement.

Mrs. Smith was chosen President, and Miss Clara Frasse Secretary.

The object of the organization being the cultivation and education of a taste for the beautiful in literature, science, and art, it was decided to adopt the name of "The Æsthetic Society."

As a guide in their studies the President advised the use of White's Eighteen Christian Centuries, which was chosen as a text-book, and the topics for essays and discussion were taken up in chronological order.

Beginning with the twelve Cæsars, the first lesson was