

HULL-HOUSE MENS' CLUBS

The Mercury Club A Hull-House Men's Club was organized in 1893, and was incorporated under the state laws. Its quarters were furnished with billiard and pool tables, a meeting room, shower baths, and a reading room with periodicals and a small library. The aims of the club were both recreative and educational, but as a large majority of the members were of voting age, from the time of the club's organization it has taken an interest in politics.

At present the rooms and library of the Men's Club are in possession of the Mercury Club which is composed of sixty young men who have long been identified with the Gymnasium at Hull-House. They carry on the old activities of the Men's Club but give much more time and energy to athletic interests. One of the largest rooms in the house, decorated with its numerous trophies of athletic victories, has been assigned to it for its exclusive use, and equipped with a billiard table, and a library of two hundred books. The club has a social side and gives occasional dinners and banquets during the winter.

The members of this club take an interest in the general work of the Boys' Club and do volunteer work as directors in the gymnasium and club building.

Greek-American Athletic Club A club of Greek young men who have the exclusive use of a room for club purposes. This is also an athletic club and its room contains the trophies of many victories. Its membership shows a falling off from other years owing to the return of some of its members to Greece to participate in the Balkan war, as many young Greeks left for the Balkan States when war was declared. A very impressive ceremony was held in Bowen Hall on a Sunday evening when Father Pegaas blessed two hundred young men who were to leave for the Balkan States.