

ber of the National Academy of New York, and of the Royal Institute of London, holding a distinguished position in the art of this continent and of Europe, and whose works are to be found in many of the national collections of other countries.

The club is indebted to Mr. Harris, Mr. Brymner and Mr. Cullen, of Montreal, who have shown their sympathy with the club by contributing some of their works to this exhibition.

To carry out an enterprise of this nature demands certain sacrifices on the part of the members, which they willingly bear in the interests of art. In the United States the native painters suffered for many years from deep-rooted prejudice in the minds of their own people. Their works were little sought and much less appreciated. The few that found their way into private collections were often relegated to the attic or auction room, and foreign works, often of doubtful authenticity, and frequently of very indifferent worth installed in their place. Of recent years, however, the tide has turned, and now the people of the United States are beginning to realize the fact that the training of Europe combined with the spirit and environment of the new race, allied to the natural beauties, wide areas and atmospheric effects of their native land, have raised up an art that is national in character, vital and big, and that promises to outshine the art of the Old World, and now many of the mediocre foreign productions are in turn being moved on to the attic or auction room and pictures by American painters are taking an honored place in American homes and art galleries, and are also to be found in the national collections of the Old World.

Let us hope that the efforts of this club may result in a similar awakening on the part of our fellow-citizens, and that this night will see the commencement of a development on the part of the citizen and on the part of the artist that will afford pleasure and satisfaction to the one and great encouragement to the other.

We are gratified that the first exhibition of the club should be under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the