

## FAMOUS ACTORS

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ioned neighborhood (and still an excellent one), No. 16 Gramercy Park. It is a fine New York mansion done over; the grounds run back to the next street, as do also those of the house adjoining, where Samuel J. Tilden lived, so that there is an outlook on the park from the front and on a broad garden space from the rear, and the house was delivered to the club altered, decorated, furnished, and fully equipped by its founder, the late Edwin Booth, a much-loved name within its walls.

Though founded by an actor, the club received its apt name at the suggestion of an author, Thomas Bailey Aldrich. It was in the summer of 1887 that on the "Oneida," the steam yacht of Grover Cleveland's friend, E. C. Benedict, there were Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett, Mr. Aldrich, Laurence Hutton, and William Bispham. Mr. Booth there for the first time intimated that he would like to found a club in memory of his father, Junius