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Mr. Moncure Conway, the popular preacher of South Place, Finsbury, has completed his great book on "Demonology, the Dark Science of the Dark Ages." It has cost the labour more or less of ten years, and has merits which may place it at the head of all works of the class, as it includes all that is known as the result of modern research. His church having won many new adherents, a reception was held there by Mrs. Conway, that she might become acquainted personally with the fresh hearers. Carpet, floral, and other decorations lent their gaieties to the scene. An unexpected presentation of £350. was made to Mr. Conway as a memorial of the pleasant reception, and perhaps of congratulation that he had at last laid the demons—who in all times have given trouble.

The Nineteenth Century Club has been opened in Brighton through the munificence of Mr. P. H. Taylor, M.P., who takes upon himself to meet any losses for the first two or three years in order to see whether the members care to render it self-supporting. The building was once the famous Kentfield Billiard Rooms, where in George IV.'s days all the noble gamblers of the time played. The building and alterations will have cost from £3,000. to £4,000., including fittings, and a fine library. The club without and within is a really handsome place. Strange to say, Mr. Taylor's condition, that the library of the club should be open to non-members on Sundays, has been well accepted. It was thought that objections would be made thereto; but the members are a little nervous about recreation in the club—of billiards or chess—on Sunday. Mrs. Grundy is a good deal about in Brighton. The fresh air does her good; and at a meeting of members it is expected Mr. Taylor will be asked to see the old lady. The object of the club is to enable members of the working-class who may belong to it to have the same freedom of innocent and moral enjoyment of any kind and on any day as gentlemen use in their clubs, never condescending to ask permission of any one, never suffering the interference of others with them. If, however, the committee think that the majority of members are without the self-respect which would value this independence, or are wishful, from any scruple, to prohibit this honourable freedom to their associates, Mr. Taylor will be asked to consent that for the first year all recreation on Sunday, save reading, lectures, and music, shall be suspended, on the understanding that at the end of that time the question shall come up for reconsideration and adjustment. It is expected that Mr. Taylor will leave details of enjoyment to be determined by the

members, the principle of the club being open on the Sunday being respected. Working people never had such a chance of a club as this.

