

RAINY DAY CLUB MARKS 25TH YEAR

'Short' Skirt, Once Bitterly At- tacked, Is Now Conservative, Tableaux Show.

The Rainy Day Club whose banner shows a trig, short-skirted woman under an umbrella in a rain storm and whose emblem is a daisy, from a newspaper name, the "rainy daisies" given the members of the club at the time of its founding twenty-five years ago, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary yesterday with a luncheon at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

The feature of the day was a resumé of the history of the active work of the club given in tableaux vivants and showing the original rainy-day costume which was the reason for being of the club. It was the idea of Miss Bertha Welby to protect business girls from wet skirts which the long gowns of those days made almost inevitable in wet weather.

The original rainy day suit, as it was shown on the stage, worn by one of the "rainy daisies," was a conservative affair. It was of dark material, the skirt long compared to present-day standards, with a pert little short-tailed jacket. It did not look as if it could possibly have been a cause of warfare, but the rainy daisies figuratively fought, bled and nearly died for it. The Rainy Daisies were written about and preached about and persecuted on the street. They even had troubles in their own club when the younger and prettier members went the limit and cut more inches off their skirts than the sedate elder members thought necessary for the sake of hygiene. The original, and now long, short skirt of the Rainy Daisies was received with hearty applause by the Rainy Daisies themselves and their guests yesterday.

Mrs. A. M. Palmer, who has been the President of the club for the last twenty-four years and who has been elected President for life, was pictured on the program with the club's affectionate name for her—"Radiator of Harmony." The tableaux were followed by cards and dancing.

Mrs. Owen Kildare was in charge of the tableaux and Mrs. Louis Ralston brought out the Souvenir Program Book. Mrs. Imogene King shared with Mrs. Palmer the honor of being one of the original members.