

and no legitimate mode of expenditure would very much reduce taxation - So in like manner should our Government act in national matters - When a Tariff benefits only a few, at the expense of the many, justice calls loudly for its extinction - The cost for Manufacturing the same articles in this Country and England is nearly alike. Why then should our people be compelled to pay higher for the goods?

The revenue of a Country should always be derived from the rich, but in this country a different maxim prevails.

Mr. Johnson says the question of Free trade is interesting to me. What is beneficial to one country may be injurious to another - Any system which gives employment to the masses, and good wages must be good for the country. I am glad we have so many Millionaires. Yes, and Millions of people in good circumstances - While the Pres. does not really say Free trade, his Message means it.

Take the duty off Wool and our Sheep raisers will be unable to raise a Sheep and other will then usurp the whole trade - So too, reduce the duty on Sugar, and in a year or two Cuba will increase the price.

Mr. Corbush says we must raise a revenue to support the Government, and make our industries a growing interest - The Pres. discussed a particular question in his Message which he had no right to do, and was foreign to his position - The Pres. says there are only 2 1/2 Millions dependant on labor benefitted by the duties on Manufactured goods, but there are really 10 Millions - A heavy tariff often reduces the price of the article.

The ^{leading} English papers are discussing the question involved in the Pres. Message with a good deal of interest - Our foreign commerce

has doubled since 1860 through our system of tariff.

Mr. Delamer says - Three times in the history of our Country, protection was abolished and in every case our national finances were ruined, until finally we were forced to restore and continue it, and now our country is rich and our Treasury full.

You ask to remove the duties and let in a flood of foreign goods to destroy our manufacturing interests - I say no.

There need be no man without labor in this country - for this government has generously offered 160 acres of land to every man who wants to make himself a home.

Mr. Cleveland has thrown down the gauntlet and you will be called upon to choose one system or the other - I admit my opponents assertion that this is the living question of today.

The meeting closed feeling that the debate was an interesting one.

Joseph Lammie Sec

South Haven January 11th 1888

The Literary Society met in the parlors of
Mrs Delamater - In the absence of the Post,
and Vice-Post, Mr. Delamater elected
Post for the evening

The next meeting to be held in the parlors
of Mrs A. S. Dykeman

The program for the meeting next week
is as follows

Mrs H. E. Dewey	Selection
" M. E. Payne	"
" Bayard Hand	"
M. Scovron	"
Dr. Cook	"
M. A. S. Dykeman	"

Critics appointed by the Post:

J. Lammie
Mrs H. M. Army
Hester Dewey

Mrs Delamater read an excellently written Biographical
Sketch of Richard Courde Lion

M. H. M. Army read a Selection from "The Lady of the
Lake"

M. Richard read the greater part of the Sermon
on the Mount from our "New Version" of the
New Testament

M. Payne read "Spiritual Rappings" a Parody
on Poe's Raven

M. Lammie as Critic

Mrs Delamater's nicely written article has only
one fault, and that is its brevity. The picture
of Richard drawn by the Lady is correct.
Richard was brave even to rashness, but
on the other hand he was coarse and
illiterate like 99-100% of the people of his
age. He succeeded in forcing a throne
from the great Beladine. Richard was
a warrior, nothing else. He lived and died

without accomplishing any good for his fellow
men.

The Selection read by M. Army is nearly as
graphic as the Meeting of Fitz James and
Rodrigo Dhu

Douglas had been banished from Court
by James the 5th. In that age the Scottish
nobles were the most turbulent and barbarous
of their kind Europe. They were contin-
ually at war with each other, or rebelling
against the king. At a royal tournament
Douglas appeared in disguise, and
when but little or no attention was paid
him by the king, he wrung a heavy boulder
from the earth and threw farther than
the strongest threw the bar. Compare
Verse 23. Cant. 5, with Odyssey Book 8
and lines 210 to 220. While you will a
similar feat performed Ulysses

In reference to the Selection from the
New Testament by M. Richards, I can only
repeat what all concede, that the Sermon
on the Mount is considered a Master-piece
"Spiritual Rappings" is certainly rendered
in Poe's best style

Mrs Army & Mrs Dewey refused to
offer marks further than to say they were
pleased with the exercises

The meeting then closed
Joseph Lammie Sec.

South Haven January 18th 1888

The Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs A. S. Dyckman

Pres. Voorhees in the Chair

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved

The next meeting will be held in the parlors of Mrs A. S. Dyckman

Because of the "Farmers Institute" to be held in this village on the 24.25.26 & 27th month it was on motion resolved not to hold a meeting of this Society until two weeks from this evening

The Dramatic Exercises for will be Washington Irving

1st J. Lammie to lead with a paper

2nd A. S. Dyckman " "

3rd Mr. Payson

4th Mr. Voorhees

5th (Mrs Dyckman = Mrs Payson)

Critics Mr. Payson

Exercises for this evening

Mr. Payson "The Coward's Christmas" from Will Carleton

Mr. A. S. Dyckman a Poem by Rossetti and one from Gilder's works

Mr. Payson as Critic - In the poem by Carleton - The effort to make a man of the unfortunate is well worked out - When a man is down by the commission of crime, he is crushed by Society - If born in high life the unfortunate is taken by the hand and helped up - Poetry to be true should be possessed of a soul, and have practical sense, but poetry written with sound alone is valueless

The Poet. I think there is too much sentiment in the piece by Carleton - I observe that people on the whole are willing to help criminals when they behave and try to act honestly

The Meeting Closed

J. Lammie Sec

South Haven Feb 1st 1888

The Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman - Pres. Voorhees in the Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

It was decided to hold the next meeting in the parlors of Mrs Payson

Dramatic Exercises for the next meeting "The works of J. G. Holland"

Mr. C. Delamere a Written Review

Assistants - Readers of Extracts from Dr. Holland's writings

Mrs. A. E. Drury = Mrs. H. M. Army, H. M. Army and Mrs. Voorhees

Critics for this evening

Mr. Delamere Mrs. H. E. Drury, Mr. Brown, J. Lammie a paper on "Mahomet & his Successors"

Mr. A. S. Dyckman Reading from Irving "Christmas"

Mr. Payson From Knickerbocker on Gov. Vantriville

Mr. Voorhees "Sorrow for the Dead"

Mrs. Payson "The Student of Granada"

Critics Report

Mr. Delamere "To praise I will not, to dispraise I can not" Mr. Lammie's paper displays much research and critical acumen - I consider it a beautiful treatise on the Literary Style of Gibbon and Livy. And if Mr. Lammie is always as nervous as when he wrote that paper I hope he will remain in it - The reading of Christmas by Mr. Dyckman is a piece of fine descriptive work - The piece on old Vantriville is greatly humorous and the Dated Character well drawn - The article by the Pres. was rather mournful, he want something more reassuring - In reference to the "Granada Student" we all have been looking for the Seal of Solomon to enable us to unlock the fabled treasures of the Genie. The meeting

Because of the severe storm the attendance was small

South Haven Feb. 15th 1889

The South Haven Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs. Payson

Pres. Brooks in the Chair

The minutes of ^{the previous} meeting were read and approved

The next meeting will be held in the parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman

The Committee on Debates reported the following Resolution for Discussion
"Resolved. That no Territory shall hereafter be admitted into the Union as a State until there shall be a provision in the U. S. Constitution prohibiting polygamy."

Off A. Voorhees { Secy. W. H. Payson
A. S. Dyckman { Jos. Lammie

The Pres. appointed as Critics

Mr. Dyckman. Mr. Bullock & Mrs. Seaver
Programme for the evening The Writings of J. G. Holland

Mrs. Hawks. I knew J. G. Holland as a poor boy who had a hard struggle to obtain an education. When a young man he became a teacher in a common school, and while so engaged he married Miss Elisabeth Chapin an excellent young lady who became a great help to her husband in his success in life. He also gave lessons in music, and made pictures on the old Devereux type system. He went South but failed to give satisfaction as a teacher because of his outspoken opposition to the Slavery System.

Mrs. Voorhees Read from Katerina - And
Rev. E. F. Voorhees Read from "Bitter Sweet"

Mr. Voorhees said "The scene is laid in a New England home. Time November. The eastward return from Bitter & Sweet. - End - Good"

The Arranger & the Arranged - Actors. The father Israel - The Son David - The daughter Ruth
Critics Report

Mr. Dyckman - I was interested in Mrs. Hawks account of the early life of our author. I understand Dr. Holland made the acquaintance of W. Scribner while in Europe and was offered the Editorship of the Magazine so justly celebrated - and all leaders of that Magazine agree, that Dr. Holland's editorial management the Magazine became justly popular.

The Extracts from Katerina, read by Mrs. Voorhees were of an overpowering nature, and reminds me of the Ghost Scene in Hamlet. Where Hamlet promises to remember the poor Ghost. In reference to the extracts read from "Bitter Sweet", the proof that our author was a philosopher as well as a Poet. Often these two gifts do not go together in one person. Holland was chaste as well as religious.

Beautiful & picturesque

Mr. Bullock - In Mrs. Hawks description of Dr. Holland I saw the scope and force of "Bitter Sweet". Many of the thoughts are like those of the apostle Paul. I like his manner of narration so easy and fluent. Many of the scenes are of the family, simple and touching, so for instance the boy chasing the lamb. He describes landscape beautifully, in them we see all of the charms & needs of nature.

We always feel better after reading a few pages of Dr. Holland's works.

Several of the members were called upon for remarks by the Pres., and a lively discussion followed on the merits of Dr. Holland as a writer.

The Secy ^{being} unable to see the rich help encircling Dr. Holland as a writer, that others see. The meeting closed with excellent good feeling. Jos. Lammie Secy

South Haven Feb. 27th 1888

The South Haven Literary Society met in the parlors of Mr. A. S. Dyckman

But barbers in the chair
The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The Sec. moved that this Society adjourn until July, and that the Pres. appoint a Committee to prepare a program, fix the time and place for such meeting.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Payson - That the motion be laid on the table until next meeting, & that the Sec. give notice that matters of importance will come before the Society for consideration at next meeting
Carrington

The next meeting is to be held in the parlors of Mrs. A. Voorhees, with the following Program

Mrs. L. B. Monroe

" C. Delamer

" A. M. Army

Mr. E. F. Voorhees

C. Delamer

A. M. Army - Original articles prepared

The discussion then followed onResolved - That no territory shall hereafter be admitted into the Union as a State, until there shall be a provision in the United States Constitution prohibiting polygamy. - Mr. A. S. Dyckman in the Chair.

Mr. A. Voorhees Off. - All nations have social laws, no matter how crude they may be, and the higher they grow in the scale of civilization the more elevated are their laws

Customs & usage become in time fixed laws, it is therefore necessary for the good of mankind that customs tending to evil be nipped in the bud, before they grow and spread.

The Constitution of this country belongs to the people, & the people & States give the power to the general government. No law can be final - As the needs of the people increase, new laws become necessary to meet those wants

Polygamy in this country is not old, yet it has grown to large proportions in one of the territories, and now before this territory becomes a State it is necessary for humanity to put a check upon the evil.

After a territory becomes a State it can make its own social laws ~~and~~ ^{we} support of Polygamy.

Mr. Payson Off. - The question is that no territory shall ^{become} a State until this amendment or addition to the Constitution be adopted

This country has power already under its laws, to crush out polygamy. There is no necessity to go to all of this trouble and expense to prove a law of the character proposed in this Resolution for the general government controls territories in a great measure

Polygamy is a relic of barbarism like slavery. The total number of Mormons in this country is 162,353, while the majority live in Utah. We have several Territories knocking at the doors of Congress praying for admission into the Union, shall we keep them out until we pass this law? And if this law fail to pass, shall we then have no more States? Many of the Mormons do not believe in, nor practice Polygamy.

Our efforts to crush out polygamy so far is a good deal like Esop's fable of the Mountain in labor, which brought forth a Mouse. Sacred

Mr. A. S. Dyckman Off. - If any system is more ~~harmful~~ ^{harmful} than another it is that of the family - instituted by God ⁱⁿ the case of our first parents in the Garden of Eden - The Turks have not the sacred institution of One Wife - Polygamy was the base of

Solomon's System and his polygamous acts were productive of evil to his people - A Stringent law against polygamy is absolutely necessary for I would not give a farthing for Christianity if this great evil should be established in our Country. And it is strange that a System of this Character should rise in this Christian Country in this 19th century. But the people of Illinois rose in justifiable anger and drove those unclean people from their State.

Congress has tried for years to settle this question and sent an army to put it down but so far have failed.

I deem it necessary to pass this law for we dare not let them in as a State. If we do they can then make their own State laws in support of their System - It is due to our Mothers, our wives & our daughters that we pass this law - If it is due to the purity of our Social System that we pass it.

Rev E. F. Vothrus Off - This Matter is of such importance that the other Territories can wait until it is settled - Slavery is a blot large & foul upon the pages of our history and we poured out an ocean of blood to remove it, but this System of polygamy is just as foul, and perhaps more destructive of our Social system than Slavery - And I deem that even here in Mich. there are over 200 persons trying to make converts to Mormonism.

Our Christianity should be supported by liberal laws - While we speak of this as a Christian Country, there are over 20,000 people who in New Mexico alone, who look upon the pictures of the Virgin for the forgiveness of their sins - We have a large amount of ignorance & superstition of which Mormonism is not the least.

Rev. J. H. Richards Off & Arg - Individuals multiply and become families & families make States. Can we ~~say~~ say with justice, we will withhold certain rights from you until you place yourselves in a right position - We can say however, you dirty fellows stay out, but you good clean people come in - Then the Baptist should not have said to Howard, You should not hold your Bro's wife. I can agree with the Resolution if you make it applicable to the State alone, but I am not vote in favor of punishing the people of several territories for the sins of people in ~~the~~ one territory.

Mr. J. H. Richards Off - Congress have power to make all law not prohibited and can control polygamy if it will. And no State can be admitted until it presents its constitution to Congress and be confirmed by the national body - The U.S. have passed laws against polygamy and the head of the ^{Church} Mormon^s is now in hiding from the officers of Law - There need be no fear that ~~the~~ ^{the} State after it becomes a State, can change its laws, for no State can make and enforce a law contrary to the Laws of the United States.

Mr. A. Vothrus Off in closing - The U.S. Congress never enacted, and can not enact a Law which will not apply to all States alike - A State can enact laws for the regulation of its Social System - As for instance Mich. does not hang for Murder, while Illinois does - So in like manner each State can pass laws on the Sunday question, or on the Sale of liquor, and so in like manner a State may pass such laws as will treat polygamy lightly or entirely condone it.

The Society then adjourned

Jos. Lammie Sec

South Haven March 7th / 1888
The South Haven Literary Society met in
the parlors of Mrs. A. Voorhes

Pres. Voorhes in the chair
The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and approved

The next meeting will be held in the
parlors of Mrs. Price, with the following
programme -

Mr. Lammie on Fulfillment of Prophecies

" L. S. Monroe

Mrs. G. L. Searn } each to determine the

" A. S. Dyckman } nature character of
" Price } their contributions

The motion offered on week ago and laid
on the table until this meeting, was withdrawn
with general consent

The Pres. appointed as Critics

Messrs. Payson, L. S. Monroe & A. S. Dyckman

Mrs. L. S. Monroe read from Will Carleton

"How the Gougeon the Fire"

Rev. E. P. Voorhes "A picture of the Jones Family"
An original paper of the Humorous Editor

Mr. A. S. Dyckman "A Sonnet" on Whittier's 70th & 80th
Birthdays

Criticisms by

Mr. Payson I feel a good deal of sympathy for the poor
old ^{Price} with his 4 wives & 13 children, and
his disappointment on discovering that it was
only the sort in the chimney burning out
Carleton's poems are all interesting because
of their quaint humor

I have often met Mr. Jones & his family -
In fact there are many of the Joneses.

He must have felt retired when he wrote
and found it only a dream - The article
was well written & well used - Mr. Dyckman's

was good & the subject was one calculated
to stir the poetical emotion - We here in Con-
necticut do not appreciate our poets as we should.

Mr. Dyckman - Carleton is not only a humorist, but he is
also a poet, a poet true to nature.

His "Christmas Baby" is a tender, ^{also} serio-comic

"Rifts in the Cloud" is highly poetical

"Mr. Jones & wife" is a happy impersonation of
finishing phasms in going anywhere from
home in search of pleasure - Many of our
rich people get about as much pleasure
from travel as H. W. Beecher would from
keeping a hotel

Rev. J. H. Richards - The old Deacon ^{who had} 4 wives, would
seem to represent a sad state of things in home
life - The fact is brought out that at a fire the
people become so excited, ^{virtually} that in their attempt
to save, they destroy more than they save from the
fire - Some desultory remarks followed after
which the meeting closed

Joseph Lammie Secy

South Haven March 20th. 1888

The Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs. Prince. Dr. Cook in the Chair

The Committee reported the next meeting to be held in the parlors of Mr. H. E. Denny with programme as follows

A Review of the works of Mr. H. H. Jackson led by Rev. R. M. Burgess

Mrs. A. Bonheers

" E. Delamer

and Mr. A. M. Arony

Assistant

Receipts this evening Dr. Cook 50¢ dues

The President appointed as Critics for the evening

Rev. J. H. Richards

" E. F. Bonheers

and Mr. Denny

J. Lammie then read a paper on the Fulfillment of Prophecy

Mrs. Scarr read a beautiful piece of Poetry

"Whistling in Heaven"

Mr. A. S. Dyckman Read "Donald Gray" by J. G. Holland

Mrs. Prince a paper "What was the condition of woman in the Feudal Ages?"

Critics Report

Mr. Richards - I think the writer of the first paper believes in God and in the Inspiration of prophecy. The proofs advanced by are all in favor of the position taken by the writer

It appears from what we heard tonight that it is dangerous to violate divine law, human punishment will follow sooner or later. Every sin will bring its punishment. For every violation of Law man suffers, even in this life, and nations suffer for national sins. The position taken by the writer is new to me. The facts and figures are so striking and must lead to the conclusion that the Jews suffered severely for violating the

continued by
J. H. Richards

Mrs. Scarr's reading was very fine. I can understand how that lovely woman felt when that honest boy came along whistling to stay with her all night. She was certainly correct in her instinct that one whose intentions were bad would not approach the house whistling in the dark

Donald Gray was a good old man and it is fortunate for a country when it has even one good man in it

The question by Mrs. Prince was well brought out. I think she is correct in her view that the influence of women did much to mitigate the barbarism of the feudal ages.

Mr. E. F. Bonheers Our program this evening is an excellent one, and I am glad to be present and enjoy it.

The paper on prophecy gave us a comprehensive view of God's providence, greatness, and judgment. We should keep God's Sabbath holy and God will bless. The nations of the world today holding the highest position of wealth and power, are the nations which take the Bible as their standard of faith

The second paper ran smoothly. The picture was beautiful and the lone woman was glad when she heard the whistle - The picture of the good old man was pleasing and well told

The customs and manners of the Barons during the feudal ages were barbarous in the main, but in many ways were modified by the gentle influence of women. Women are influencing society today more than all other causes combined

Mr. A. S. Dyckman I was highly interested by Mr. Lammie's paper. I could wish that the benefits of the Sabbath year to wit - the freedom of the slave had continued during the ages. Also that we had a pair of Jubilee so that mortgaged property might revert to the original owners. In many ways the Jewish were more humane than ours - carried over

Mr. Burgess I was very much interested in the first paper. Indeed I enjoyed all the exercises. I was particularly pleased with the paper on the fulfillment of Prophecy. As there was a positive affirmation of the truth of Prophecy, and a positive assertion and proof of its fulfillment. It is refreshing and comforting to me, to hear a layman bring out so clearly and forcibly the truth of Prophecy and its fulfillment so fully shown from history. Your Society must do good if your meetings are of this character.

The meeting then closed
Joseph Lammie Sec

South Haven March 28, 1888
The Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs. Fannie Wilson.

Pres. A. W. Weeks in the Chair
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. On motion was decided to close our term after holding the next meeting.

The Society will hold next meeting in the parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman with the following programme -

Pres. F. W. Weeks a paper
Mrs. Hawk "
" G. J. Moore "
Rev. J. H. Richards "
Mrs. S. P. Wilson "

Music Mrs. & Mr. Geo. L. Scarer
Critics for the evening

J. Lammie, A. S. Dyckman, Mrs. Wilson
Mr. Burgess presented a paper, it being a review of the Life and writings of Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson.

Mrs. A. W. Weeks a short paper on the "character and influence of Mrs. Jackson" also some extracts from her writings.
Critics Report

J. Lammie I was pleased with the nicely written paper presented by Mr. Burgess, but I differ from the writer as to certain ^{of} conclusions.

Mrs. Jackson was a strong vigorous writer. Somewhat emotional in her prose works. Her poetry appears to me to be crude, cramped, lacking in euphony and beauty of personification. I am aware that many with Mr. Burgess, admire her poetry. We differ in our tastes, what pleases one will not always please another. I have often tried to read some of her poems, but always failed to finish the first stanza. I was, and am in entire sympathy with her in her efforts to do justice to the

poor Indian - justice demands that a heavy penalty is imposed upon the descendants of Joseph, for the terrible wrongs they have done to the Black and Red races of Manhood. Mr Burgess has shown in a forcible manner, the ability of Mr Jackson, and her power of civilization in her digest of international Law, and the treaties so often made with the Indians.

Mrs A. S. Dykman. Mr H. H. Jackson has a high reputation as a writer and her writings are in demand.

Dr Holland had which editor of Scribner's Magazine, intended to make up a whole number of the Magazine wholly from the writings of Mr Jackson.

It is true as Mr Lammie says, what will please one in literature may not please another. I do not like all the trend of her thoughts, but I think her poetry is fine. I do not respond to her thoughts in "Form or Death" as it appears to lead to Materialism.

Her emotion was strong, but changeable. She was one thing one year and another the next.

When she found herself wrong she turned at once. She married a Quaker and became with him impressed in favor of the oppressed Indians of this country. Here Mr. gave a sketch of Mr Jackson's novel "Ramona".

Mr Richards. The presentation made by Mr Burgess was good. Either in prose or poetry, the language should be plain, clear and expressive. Some her poetry is not very clear. I think she believed in Foreordination, and spun her thread as Providence intended she should.

I wish she had touched very heart in behalf of the poor Indian. Terrible wrongs have been done in the name of humanity, religion, and civil Law.

After some general conversation on the subject, the meeting closed.

Los Lammie see

South Haven April 4th 1888
The Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs A. S. Dykman.

Prot. A Voorhes in the Chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Sec. Mr A. S. Dykman and the prot. were a committee to a appoint a place and prepare a programme for holding a mid-summer meeting.

The prot. appointed as critics for the eve. Rev. E. F. Voorhes, Mrs H. M. Arny, & Mr Payson.

Exercises of the evening.

Mr A. Voorhes "Towards of Industry" by Prof Spring.

Rev. J. H. Richards "Native Power of the world" from the London Standard.

Mr Voorhes in behalf of Mrs Wilson "Life Thoughts" in original paper.

Mrs A. S. Dykman "Lines on the death of Chief Justice White".

Mrs. & Mr. Seaver played and sang "20 years ago".

Critic's Report.

Rev. E. F. Voorhes. The programme was very interesting. The song of "20 years ago" was first read in the city of Upsala, in this State and became justly popular because of its pathos.

In the industries of life, I believe with the Basel writer that in whatever business we are engaged we should work with all our might.

The native power of the world today is Steam and by this wonderful agency we can in a few days on a R.R. obtain a panoramic view of the world. In illustration of Mr Voorhes paper on Life Thoughts, Mr Voorhes read a poem by Mrs Eliza Wheeler without.

Mr Payson A certain writer says truly, "Towards

die often, the brave but once. Yet we must admit, the brave often fail. Still it is better in my opinion to try, and fail in a good cause, than not try at all. Napoleon succeeded during many years but failed miserably in the end.

When a man has unlimited means at his command he generally succeeds.

Steam and the printing press are the two great levelers and collaborators of our age. Both mean mankind, and the products of industry have been brought into closer contact.

And through these two wonderful agencies Mankind is destined to reach a high degree of civilization. The question, Is life worth living, may be answered in the affirmative. The life of Mankind is better, and is continually growing better than it was before the age of Steam.

Musie is always sweet, and "20 years ago" is always acceptable. Mr. Duckman's poem is a just tribute to the dead Purist.

Mr. Voorhies Sec. The memories ^{of the old time} are always touching. I enjoyed the papers and the music. In my younger days we had no such advantages as meetings of this kind afford.

Our Mission Messrs. Seaver, Duckman & Army were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for an excursion on the Narrow Gage R.R. in connection with our new Steamer. During the Summer. The proceeds to be devoted towards building a Hall for the use of this Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

Joseph Lannin Sec.

South Haven July 25th 1888
Summer Meeting of the South Haven Literary Society, held in the parlors of Rev. E. F. Voorhies. In the absence of the president.

Mrs. L. S. Norton called to the chair. The program was a consideration of some of the Leading Characters in "King Lear".

The exercises began by reading the first act of the tragedy.

Mrs. L. S. Norton as General, Mr. Dewey Cordelia, Prof. Deurtt Lear, Mrs. Fuller Regan, Mr. Bugby Kent, Mr. Voorhies Brown Gundy, Mr. Voorhies Sen France.

After which the following papers were read.

Rev. E. F. Voorhies on Lear

Mrs. Voorhies " Kent

Mrs. Force " Cordelia

Mrs. Burlingame " Cordelia

Joe Lannin " The Fool

Critic Mr. Bugby & Prof. Deurtt Mr. Bugby The work this evening shows a ^{complete} study of the great tragedy, and a careful preparation of all the papers presented.

I am highly pleased with what I have heard. Goodness appears in several of the papers, in Kent, Cordelia & The Fool. Tragedy fails when it is all tragedy. Tragedy is lightened by relief as we have it this evening in the Characters of Kent & The Fool. It is true as Mr. Lannin says, that "we look in vain for a Fool in the ancient tragedies" but the friends of the audience were diverted and raised by the songs of the Chorus. The Fool does the same for the auditors in the Tragedy of Lear.

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Report of the Sec. of the Literary Society for 1888

you held 17 meetings during last year
including the Summer meeting

There are 26 paid up members to Nov 7th 1888
as follows

Mr & Mrs Seaver

" " Voorhees

" " Avery

" " Delamer

" " Dyckman

" " C J Monroe

" " L S Monroe

Mr Price

" Moor

J L Linnin - Mr & Mrs Payne

Rev J H Richards

W C Green - Mr Dewey

H J Edgell

" Rogers

Dr. Cook

" Burlingame

113.04
13.75

126.79

Receipts during the year \$126.75

Expenses . . . 1.00

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Linnin Sec