

Mrs. C. H. Wigglesworth



Mrs. D. E. Histed

These sisters were devoted Pioneer members and did much in the early work of the Club; Mrs. Wigglesworth with the music and Mrs. Histed as poet laureate of the Club. Many occasions were graced by the apt and witty rhymes from the pen of Mrs. Histed.

On March 30th, 1892, a beautiful, spectacular entertainment - The Temple of Fame - was given by the ladies of the Scott Club at Leighton's (Selkirk's) Opera House. There was a large cast of characters; over sixty persons taking part. Mrs. A. H. Monroe took the part of Goddess and Mrs. Lora Wiley, as Mother, was crowned Queen.

Many noted women of the historical past were represented by these more modern ones, each telling in verse, why her deeds or attainments made her more worthy than all others to receive the crown which was to be given by the Goddess of the Temple, to that subject of the realm who was considered most deserving of it.

The ladies in charge desired to add a touch of local color to the program and asked Mrs. E. Jane Histed to write the necessary lines. They were read that evening by Mrs. A. C. Merritt.

Noble Goddess:- I've seen all this goodly array, and with
wonder have noted what each had to say; I think that you too,
as their wishes you've heard could but think them expressing
ideas absurd....Grace Darling might save near a half score of
lives; Martha Washington or Xantippe be wonderful wives,.....
All, once slaves in the South, may their freedom owe. To Uncle
Tom's Cabin by H. Beecher Stowe. Fair Helen of Troy! All her
beauty and grace cannot claim that on her brow, the crown shall
find place.

I'll not mention all, who've been before you tonight, for
honors to plead, by perhaps well earned right. There were
painters and sculptors and choice writers too, and Sisters of
Charity, faithful and true; There were women esteemed great,
noble and grand; who in their way had influence throughout the
land, but whate'er their office, their station or name, not one
can be worthy of that which they claim.

In Fame's lofty ladder,
there is one topmost round, not yet reached by any who've asked
to be crowned, there are those who've gained it who now on it
stand. T'is the South Haven Scott Club, a true noble band.
Whenever there's any good work to be done you'll always find
them as true as the sun, and not only good, they are learned,
they are wise, the knowledge they've gained might well you
surprise, With dictionary studied and laid on the shelf, they
pronounce and accent as Noah Webster, himself:
.....

Advancing, aspiring, united and strong, I am sure that to
them highest honors belong. I, as their representative, come
in their name and ask that you give me the crown they can claim.
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Noble Goddess on my brow it would rightfully rest, for of
all in your realm, Scott Club women are best.



Mrs. R. T. Pierce



Mrs. Joshua Smith



Mrs. Emma Johnson

The Building Committee.

The Literary and Library Association, the oldest society of this kind in the village, first bought the lot on which our Scott Club Building stands. After a time, the Antiquarian Society secured a half share and still later the two societies gave a third share to the Scott Club. And then in 1892 at a meeting held in Mrs. J. G. Ramsdell's home, it was voted to raise the dues to $1.00, to build a club home and to obtain a charter.

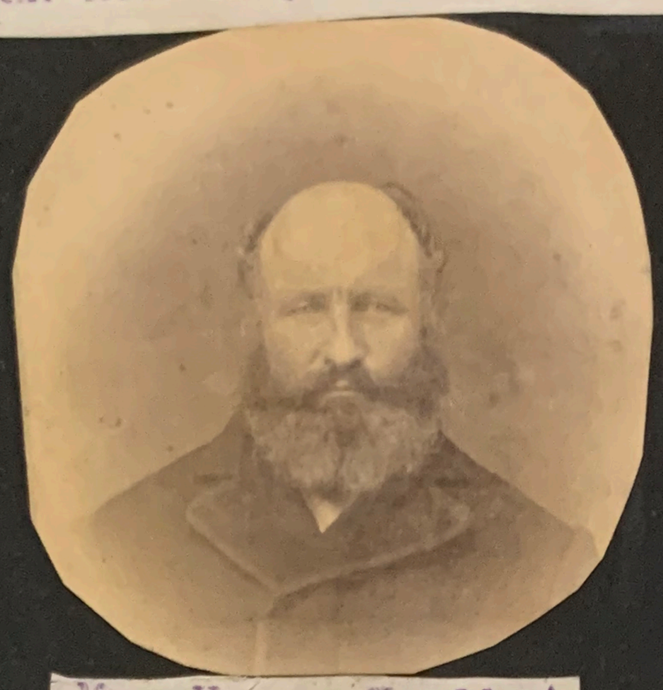
In April, 1892, the Scott Club was incorporated with forty-two charter members.

About this time Mrs. W.G.Triece, Mrs. S.P. Wilson, Mrs. Hattie Monroe and Mrs. Ella Voorhees were elected Directors.

Mrs. R. T. Pierce, Mrs. James Johnson, and Mrs. Joshua Smith were the building committee and the work on building began.

The townspeople were much interested in our proposed building venture and were most generous with gifts and labor, while the Club ladies were indefatigable in sparing no legitimate means to provide funds to carry on the building project. Dinners, Fairs, Bazaars, and various entertainments followed each other in rapid succession.

Mr. Henry Hurlbut took charge of the foundation. And at his request, and offer to pay ten dollars each yearto the Club, was voted an honorary member.



Mr. Henry Hurlbut

The Ladies Marine Band offered to plaster the basement on condition that they be allowed its use for their meetings; this offer gladly accepted. Mr. S. M. Trowbridge gave a generous gift of flooring.

Mrs. Joshua Smith gave the newel post of the stairway in the library. Through the efforts of Mr. A. S. Dyckman the two beautiful windows, which came from Innsbruck, Austria, were obtained. Mr. James Bates of Brooklyn, N.Y., a close friend of Mr. Dyckman's, gave the Sir Walter Scott window in the west side of the building and the Longfellow window in the east was a gift from Mrs. Marshall Hale (Mr. Dyckman's sister) and twelve members of the old Literary and Antiquarian Societies: (Charles J. Monroe, W.C.Ransom, R.T.Pierce, Geo.D.Carnes, Geo. Myhan, Geo. L. Seaver, Joseph Lannin, A.Voorhees, O.A.Dean, H.M.Avery, W.H.Hurlbut, and A.S.Dyckman). Mrs. Henry Chatfield gave the Arm Chair used for the President's Chair until the fall of 1923. (now Mrs Shaw)

Thus the work on the building went forward and on Feb. 7th, 1893, the first Club meeting was held in the basement; Mrs. Hattie Monroe presiding in the absence of Mrs. Barstow, the Club's President.

The building was also the club home of The Antiquarian and Literary Societies and was known as The Literary Building for a number of years. On June 12th, 1900, the Secretary of the Scott Club announced that the shares owned by the Literary and Antiquarian societies had been deeded to the Club; they still reserving their right to use the building for a place in which to meet.

Mrs. Genevieve Barstow.....1890-1894

Studies.

AMERICA

ITS

History, Biography and Literature.



Mrs. J. G. Ramsdell



Mrs. Lucia Ludwig

Two Pioneer members of the Scott Club. Mrs. Ludwig was secretary for a number of terms of office and from time to time contributed much appreciated verse.

Mrs. Ramsdell's keen intellect and wit brightened many programs. Her best remembered contribution being her response to the toast: Our Husbands, "Loveliest of all lovely things are they!"

A tribute to Mrs. Genevieve H. Barstow; written by Mrs. Lucia Ludwig:

A woman true and nobly planned,
Her best of gifts with lavish hands
Doth nature to her yield,
Whilst she with rare unconscious grace,
With modest mein, and kindly face
Seeks her worth to conceal.

"An altruist in word and deed,
Content to work for other's needs,
Spent nobly so is life.
With memories stored and knowledge vast
Of ancient truths and histories past,
Her mind with treasures rife."

Her gems of thought she gives to all
Who care to come at kindly call;
No wonder then, that we
Have had her long at helm, with care
To guide us in historic lore,
And keep our bark at sea.

"Her years in truth beyond us reach,
Her patient helpful life doth teach
Us what we all might do."



Mrs. A. H. Monroe.....1894-1895

SUBJECT;—LITERATURE,

AND

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

W. E. Stewart, genial editor of The South Haven Sentinel, kindly gave into the hands of the ladies of the Scott Club the editing of the paper of June 6th, 1894; they to have the proceeds from the sale of all extra editions; also a certain per cent from the advertising. #30.00

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The Scott Club

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Miss NELLIE B. STEWART,

MANAGERS.

WILLIAM E. STEWART,

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OUR BOW.

When an editor or association of editors take charge of a paper it is customary for them to write an introductory or editorial, and set forth their aims and objects. As we, the "Scott Club," are editors of the SENTINEL, we accordingly make our bow and some pledges. The aim of the management is to tell the truth, wherever it may rest. On religion we will advocate orthodoxy, and superiority of women to men. The latter is now claimed by the women and admitted by the men—so we will ask them to look up for awhile. On the Hawaiian question we will urge the restoration of the Queen and the use of the Islands as an asylum for the feeble-minded and uncontrollable men. On the tariff we will advocate a duty of 100 per cent. on men, and bonnets and curling irons free. On the silver question we believe that every husband should make his silver FREE, and that butter money should belong to the wife. We will recommend the organization of women, and will encourage the men to wash the dishes, at least half the time—and for awhile we will permit them to write on the first page and we will write last, for we WILL have the last word

THE SCOTT CLUB.

Some ten years ago a number of the ladies of South Haven, fit though few, met at the home of one of them to inaugurate a plan of study and culture which could be best carried on by associated methods. After organization their first readings were from the works of the Wizard of the North, too much neglected in these days of abundant literature. Hence came the name, "The Scott Club," a name which has become a household word in many families in our town. The study of History then became the absorbing subject with the Club, and the annals of England, France, Germany, and for two years past America, have been studied with pleasure and profit. It is safe to make the assertion that we have learned much, and that a desire for further study and investigation has been awakened which will lead us on to fresh fields and pastures new. And the benefits afforded by our Club have not been confined to its membership alone. Many of the members are mothers, and the influences of the course of study cannot fail to be felt in their homes by their children. In fact the day is at hand when a son or daughter of the Scott Club will be known from other less favored beings by his or her superior manners and morals and mental cultivation. During the period of storm and stress which resulted in the erection of our beautiful Literary Building, the Scott [illegible] bore well its part, as a record of [illegible] labors in lectures, entertainments [illegible]