

Mrs. M. H. Bixby. ..1899-1901



Mrs. E. A. Hartman.....1901-1903

Mrs. Bixby, 1899-1900 and 1900-1901.

$206.25 in December of 1900. Several evening entertainments were given; musicales, an Indian evening with program and exhibits, and "The Old Maid's Convention" - a humorous farce - at Selkirk's Opera House. These were some of the programs planned and carried out to raise funds. The building was rented to two other organizations, the Episcopal Church and to the Immanuel Church. 1897-1898
On June the 12th, 1900, our ladies greatly rejoiced when the S.C. Secretary announced that the shares owned by the Literary and Antiquarian Societies had been deeded to our Club; they reserving the right to use the building for a place in which to meet.

The question of joining the State Federation of Women's Clubs was one on which there was much difference of opinion and some delay. On May 29th, 1900 the motion was made that we join the State Federation Clubs and action postponed two weeks for consideration. Then it was taken up and, after discussion, it was lost, June 12th, just a month after it was tabled. On July 10th, 1900, a special meeting was called to decide the question and the motion was lost. The matter then rested until Feb. 12th, 1901 when a letter from the State Federation was read. But there is no record of any action until on Mar. 26th, 1902 a second letter was read, motion made and carried by four votes. Mrs. Carnes had the pleasure of being the first Scott Club delegate to State Federation, in fall of 1902, held in Ann Arbor, where she gave a three minute talk telling of the work of the Club and received cheer after cheer for the efforts of the Club and the courage of its members in attempting to build our Club Building and for not limiting our membership.

The last meeting of the year was held in the evening of June 11th, 1901. At six o'clock about 150 members and their guests sat down to a banquet which preceeded the regular meeting. After the repast, Mrs. A.H.Monroe responded very gracefully to the toast "Our Guests"; Mrs. Ramsdell to "Our Club" and the late Mr. Wicksall to the toast "The Value of the Scott Clubvto the Community". At eight o'clock, the president called the meeting to order in the auditorium. The reports of the officers were given. The retiring president introduced Mrs. E.A.Hartman, the president elect, who responded with a few gracious words and adjourned the closing meeting of the year.

Mrs. E. A. Hartman, President 1901-1903.

The programs on literature, travel, history, music, and domestic science were interspersed with afternoons devoted to book reviews, debates of pronounced interest and the reading of Shakespear's plays, all of which were most instructive and enjoyable.

Each year in January, our meetings following the holiday vacation opened with a delightful evening reception for members and friends. On Tuesday, March 18th, 1902, was given the first of the many pleasing St. Patrick's Day programs arranged by Mrs. Kenyon for our enjoyment and also in celebration of her own Birthday, Mar. 17th. Among programs for financial as well as instructive and enjoyable purposes are noted Miss Fuller's recital, musicals, and a dramatization of a selection from Samantha Allen. A handkerchief bazaar with Mrs. Lora Wiley, chairman, filled one afternoon and netted the Club $50.00. A gift of $10.00 was received from Henry Peckham. One afternoon was given to an experience social; each lady telling in rhyme or otherwise the means used to earn her dollar. $85.00 was realized from several ladies paying five years' of advanced dues. Some time on Mar. 7th, 1902, a ten cent guest fee was voted. Some time and thought was devoted to Civic Improvement. Through the ladies' efforts, receptacles for waste materials were placed on street corners downtown and our Club grounds were beautified. On March 3rd, action was taken with regard to the local option law, as follows:- We the ladies of the Scott Club of South Haven

RESOLVE:- That we recognize the great evil of drink and the difficulty of suppressing or controlling the traffic in the same and further

RESOLVE: That we believe that the highest interests of our city and county will be best served by the preservation of the present law. Also

RESOLVE That we ask the press to publish this declaration.

Committee (Mattie E. Hemenway
(Sarah Newcome
(Cora M. Cook

The program arranged for Tuesday afternoon at the Scott club was very different from the ordinary program.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs E. A. Hartman, and a short, concise and interesting program given, several encores being responded to with much grace and ease.

The chairman of the afternoon was Mrs. Harry G. Wiley, who planned a most successful handkerchief bazaar, the proceeds of the sales being $50, which sum is to be applied to the Scott club debt.

The handkerchiefs were tastily arranged on a table, which was adorned with a bouquet of beautiful pink roses, and comprised handkerchiefs trimmed with point lace, valenceinnes lace, embroidery, tatting, etc. One was black the work being handmade and coming from Rio Janerio. Many were sent from out of the city among them being those from Mrs. A. E. Briggs of Elk Grove, California, Mrs. A. H. Jones, Oak Park Ill., Mrs. Ophelia Sakectt, Rockford, Mrs. Chas. Towne, New York, Mrs. Lester Newbre, Chicago, Mrs. H. C. Crosby, Baldwin, Mich. and many others.

From the Social Club at Mancelona came a pleasant greeting in the form of a pretty handkerchief.

One hundred numbers at 5 cents each were sold on a handsome point lace handkerchief, which was won by Miss Emilie C. Hall.

The sale table was in charge of Mrs. C. Williams and Miss Nellie B. Stewart.

During the afternoon refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Besides the chairman the others in charge of the day were Mrs. John Stanton, Mrs. John Mackey, Mrs. L. L. Northup, and Mrs. N. Morper, Mrs. M. Springer being an able assistant.

Aug. 18th, 1898, the meeting of the Van Buren County Federation of Women's Clubs met in South Haven with the Scott Club as hostess. The guests were met at the trains and escorted to the Enterprise Club rooms which had been beautifully decorated with flags, ferns, and flowers and where they were heartily greeted. A good social time was enjoyed until dinner was announced. The afternoon program opened when Mrs.A.H. Monroe gave the cheering work of welcome that was heartily responded to by Mrs. Chamberlain, President of the Federation. A five minute talk was given by representatives from each club. At the election of officers which followed, Mrs.A.H.Monroe was elected President of the Federation.



Mrs. A. C. Runyan.. .1903-1905



Mrs. A.C.Runyan, President 1903-1905

Mrs. W. G. Packard

The programs of the year presented different phases of our government:- sketches of our presidents, history of our great political parties, studies of our laws, a peep into Uncle Sam's pocketbook, history and our relation with Alaska. Attendance was good; averaging 57 members present.

The afternoons devoted to Debates were of special interest as was attested by the attendance at these programs. Ninety-one ladies were present when, with Mrs. S.H.Wilson leading the affirmative and Mrs. G.J.Wicksall the negative, the following question was discussed:- Resolved that the past century has made more material than moral progress. Decided in favor of the affirmative.

January, the debate of the question "Resolved That success in life is attained rather by will than good fortune", the affirmative sustained by Mrs.A.D.Prentice, assisted by Mrs. Bixby; the negative Mrs. W.G. Packard assisted by Mrs. L.L.Linderman,called out an attendance of ninety-five. And on the question "Resolved That equal sufferage is desirable"; affirmative taken by Mrs. M.W.Thompson and Mrs. M.H.Bixby; the negative by Mrs. C.F.Hunt and Mrs. Wm. Andrus, the secretary, Annie H. Crabtree, reported that four of the most able papers that had ever been read before the club were given.

Mrs. Mattie Hemenway's reading at many programs of the year were thoroughly enjoyed as were Mrs. Beal's readings from Samantha Allen. Other days of special interest were a Domestic Science Day, St.Louis Fair Day at Club, Fagot Day, and an afternoon given to Character Sketches, the ladies to guess the name of each character sketched. Besides the entertainments given to raise money, among the many gifts to the Club these are noted:- Mrs.Caroline E.Brown $10.00; Mr.W.G. Packard one-half ton coal; Mr.E.A.Hartman $25.00; Mrs. Wiley,Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Atwood each $5.00. The building was rented to the Episcopal Church. To the Pomological Society, the New Comers, the New England Society and to the Pioneers' for their annual meetings. Under the heads "Donations and Improvement Fund", large contributions were made, enabling the ladies to make many needed improvements. The cloak room was repaired and the toilet put in, plumbing and new gas stove. In the basement a new brick wall supporting the foundation was put in. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Foster for his kindness in putting in cement walks and steps for the Scott Club Building. The year 1905 was closed with a delightful picnic meeting at the country home of Mrs. H.D.Hatch.

DELIGHTFUL TIME AT SCOTT CLUB PICNIC

We feel sure every one of the fifty-four ladies who attended the Scott Club picnic at Mrs. H. D. Hatch's home Tuesday, was glad to be living in South Haven, pleased to be a member or friend of the Scott Club and delighted to have had the privilege of spending such a happy day with Mrs. Hatch at her beautiful country home east of town.

The day was beautiful; the country seemed perfect in her dainty dress of green, and the nineteen course dinner served at 12 o'clock was perfect in every detail as were the appetites of the participants.

At 2:30 the meeting was called to order by the president and a very interesting program was rendered.

It was a day with the poets. The roll call was answered by giving humorous quotations. Mrs. W. O. Cook gave Eugene Field reciting some of his short poems.

Mrs. Thompson sang one of Field's poems "God's Acres" accompanied by Mrs. Fred Eaton. A paper upon John K. Bangs by Mrs. Noble was very good, telling of her work as editor and writer. Mrs. R. R. Gleason's paper was of Sarah Orne Jewett and gave an interesting account of that gentle, refined, New England writer. Mrs. Copps gave a short biography of Mary N. Murfree, whose identity as a writer for some time was unknown, her nom de plume being Charles E. Craddock. She gave a number of her witty sayings, one being "Nothing is so becoming to fools as a shut mouth." A paper upon Mary E. Wilkens another New England writer was written by Mrs. W. H. Payne who was unable to be present. It was read by Mrs. Crabtree. Mrs. W. H. Snyder gave a talk upon the poems and novels that have had the effect of correcting social evils. The hour was so late that her talk was necessarily brief but interesting and instructive. Miss Mary Hatch one of the charming daughters of our hostess, rendered several fine selections on the piano. Miss Copps sang a song, and Mrs. Edgel also favored the company with a solo.

A vocal duet by Mesdames W. G. Packard and A. C. Runyan was excellent and well received. Thus another day has been added to the many delightful times which have been enjoyed by the Scott Club of

EX-PRESIDENTS' DAY OCCASION OF PICNIC

Yesterday was ex-presidents' day at the Scott Club, and the ladies celebrated the event by another picnic in the country, this time going to the home of Mrs. A. H Monroe.

They met at the Scott Club building about 10:30 in the morning, where carriages were awaiting them, and arrived at their destination at eleven o'clock. The remainder of the forenoon was spent in conversation and preparations for the picnic dinner which was served at twelve o'clock. Mr. A. H. Monroe, in anticipation of the event, had beautifully decorated the house in evergreens and crimson clover blooms, and the tables were made attractive with bouquets of carnations, supplied by Mrs. Hartman. Seventy-four ladies sat down to the bountifully filled tables, and it is unnecessary to add, did ample justice to the delicious viands provided.

After the tables had been cleared, the president, Mrs. Runyan, called the club to order, and after a few appropriate words, turned the meeting over to Mrs. H. M. Avery, who was chairman of the day. Mrs. Avery then called upon Mrs. Pierce who read a letter from Mrs. Delamere, the first president of the club, who was unable to be present on account of ill health. The letter was a simple greeting and a brief recapitulation of her work as the club's first president, though she said she had no idea that the small beginning which was then made would ever result in the organization which exists today.

Mrs. E. A. Hartman then read a paper on "Womans' Clubs," giving many interesting facts concerning the present clubs, which by the way, number over 700,000, their origin and growth. The first club, she found, had its origin in Illinois, in 1833, and was known as "The Ladies Association for Educating Females." It is still in existence, and is federated in Illinois under the name of the "Jacksonville Ladies' Education Association."

Mrs. A. H. Monroe followed this paper with a history of the Scott Club, which is 21 years old She spoke of much that was of interest to all the ladies, and recalled many of the "good times" which its members had enjoyed in its long period of existence. She said that one notable thing about its work was the fact that more time had been spent in the history and study of America than of any other country.

Mrs. Carnes then gave, in her characteristically humorous manner, an account of the various entertainments which had been given by the club throughout its career. Many almost forgotten incidents were recalled, and it was with pleasure that the ladies turned their thoughts backward to the days that are no more. Mrs. Carnes said the pleasantest times were the ones in which the club had given entertainments to make money and also remarked that as far back as she could remember the club had always been cooking and eating.

A short time was devoted to a "Memorial" service for the members whom death had claimed, and Mrs. Carnes read a poem by Mrs. Histed, one of the deceased members. Mrs. Pierce paid special tribute to the work of Mrs. Emma Johnson, who had been an especially active member during her life time, and several other of the departed members were given tender mention.

The club then listened to a reading from Artemus Ward, by Mrs. Merritt, and Mrs. L. S. Monroe sang a Lullaby Song, followed by a few remarks by the president which closed the day's program.

The homeward drive at the close of the day was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Scott Club has again to record another of its many pleasant times.

Nov 2 THE SCOTT CLUB. 1904

It was St Louis day at the Scott Club Tuesday afternoon, and at roll-call many items of interest pertaining to St. Louis were given. A very good idea of the historical significance of the Louisiana Purchase was given by Mrs. G. D. Carnes.

Mrs. Crabtree read from notes written by Mrs. A. Coith, which gave one quite a comprehensive idea of the great Exposition. Current events were given by Mrs. M. Porter, and were very excellent. A solo by Mrs. Rhodes was well received.

Little Miss Florence Woolsey's recitation, "Learning how to sew," was very cunning. Miss Laola Rockwell and Doris Howe played a piano duet. The little ladies play very well. We hope to hear them again. A recitation by Mrs. Gilbert was well rendered and much enjoyed. A guitar solo by Miss Titus gave great pleasure to all.

Not all of the sixty-nine ladies had been to the Fair, but all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon; and we hope that next Tuesday the ladies will not forget their "Fagots." Speak a piece, sing a song, or tell a story, while your fagots burn. There will be a bright litte cantata by several of the ladies, and light refreshments will be served by the social committee.

President . Mrs. W. G. Packard .1905-1907 TOPIC FOR STUDY: JAPAN HOLLAND.

These years were devoted to the studies, first of Japan, and the following year of Holland. The programs proved to be very instructive and interesting; many most excellent papers and talks being given. There were several traveler's days, a paper deserving special mention on Dutch traits, customs, and costumes was given by Mrs. J.V.D.Linden who had spent several months in Holland and gave her own personal observance, making it of especial interest. Another traveler's afternoon, with a fine paper on The Hague by Mrs. Hardt was followed by talks given by ladies whose privilege it had been to visit this city; Mrs.W.H.Walker, Mrs.C.J.Monroe and Mrs.J.V.D.Linden. One afternoon greatly enjoyed was an intensely interesting talk given by Mr. Walker on Architecture and Art of Amsterdam. A program opening with Dutch Legends followed by a splendid paper "Dead Cities of Holland" given by Mrs. A.C.Runyan and another paper "Picturesque Holland & Dutch Cleanliness" given by Mrs. Hardt giving a beautiful word picture of these features of Holland was pronounced one of the pleasantest and most profitable of the years. Both years miscellaneous programs interspersed the studies of these countries. Afternoons devoted to debates continued of much interest, as also did the afternoons given to the study of Shakespear and the reading of the plays. Book reviews and current events took an important place on the programs. Among the pleasant special meetings is noted gentlemen's evening, when the ladies were right royally entertained in beautifully decorated rooms with a delicious supper and a much appreciated program; a delightful valentine party, when novel entertainmnet in artistically decorated rooms, proved most enjoyable. The rummage sale held by the ladies gave $135.00 into the treasury. A bazaar and chicken pie dinner and advance dues added to the fund. The ladies were able to pay $200.00 on the club debt and also to donate small amounts to some worthy objects; $15.00 to Japan's famine fund; $24.00 for magazines for reading room. The club again expressed its sentiment with regard to the local option law; after some discussion Mrs. M.H. Bixby presented the following written motion "That it is the expression of this Club that we deplore the conditions that made it possible for the question of Local Option to again be agitated in our city and that we women of the Scott Club in the interest of sobriety, good government, and our homes, pray that the saloon may be kept from our door". This motion was unanimously carried. The closing meeting with picnic dinner, a delightful occasion, was held at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C.J.Monroe.

"DUTCH PARTY" VARIES STUDY OF HOLLAND

Members of Scott Club Delightfully Entertained Yesterday Afternoon

"Travelers' Day" Next Week

The Scott Club varied its study of Holland yesterday afternoon by enjoying a "Dutch Party" in the parlors of their building. Mesdames R. T. Pierce, Viola McGregor, J. V. D. Linden, A. C. Runyan, and F. C. Cogshall were the hostesses, and they were attractively dressed in typical Dutch costumes. Many of the articles of apparel and ornament had come from Holland from the dainty caps which distinguished the residents of the various localities, to the substantial wooden shoes which were worn by all of the hostesses;. Among the costumes worn were this of Friesland, Vollendam, and the fishing villages.

The ladies assembled at the usual time, and about an hour was spent in visiting and enjoying the entertainment provided by those in charge. A short program was then given. Mrs. McGregor read a Dutch story entitled, "Reforming of a Bridegroom," and Mrs. Linden read "The Diary of a Dutch Girl for One Day in the Year 1461" which gave an insight into the conditions and customs of that remote day. Miss Nicol sang a solo, accompaned by Mrs. Eager, and responded to an encore, and a trio of Mrs. F. C. Cogshall, Mrs. M. H. Mackey, and Miss Mayme Shattuck sang "Dutch Dolls"

At the conclusion of the program, dainty refreshments were served, Dutch cakes being among the "goodies," Another period of visiting was indulged in, and the ladies then bid adieu to the hostesses after congratulating the latter on the success of their "party."

At the short business sesson, Mrs. W. G. Packard, the president of the Club, announced the names of the ten ladies who form the committee for soliciting funds to be given in lieu of holding a bazaar. Every member of the club will be given an opportunity to contribute, the money to be paid before the first of the year.

Next Tuesday will be Travellers' Day at the Club, when the members who have taken trips within the past year or two will relate their experiences and observations in the distant cities and countries.