G D Seaver –	1,00
J Lawson	-50
Mr A Overton	1,00
Mrs A S Dyckman	1,00
Mr Pagen	1,00
Mr Richards	-50
Mrs Price	-50
Mrs Burlingame	5,50
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Brought over

Mr Dewitt I feel that I am well paid for coming here this evening. The papers are deserving of high praise and I agree with all of them excepting Mr Lannin's theory respecting the Fools Place in the Tragedy

To me the Fool appears necessary to point out more fully the folly and stupidity of Lear in disposing of his possessions and trusting to the filial disposition of his daughters

Mr Lannin is correct when he says "the fool is not a fool" - he is rather a cynic and by his cynicism he shows the foolishness of poor old Lear and the cruelty of his unfeeling daughters

After a good deal of general discussion the meeting closed

Joseph Lannin Sec

Annual Meeting

South Haven Nov. 7th 1888

The South Haven Literary Association convened in the parlors of Mrs A.S. Dyckman

Prest A Voorhees in the Chair

The Minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved

The Sec read his report which was on motion accepted and ordered placed on file

Mr Payn presented the names of Rev E.M. Stephenson and Dr O.A. Dean and wife for membership

Dues were paid as follows

			Mrs & Mr Geo L Scarr	$1.00
Mr & Mrs. Avery	1.00	"	A Voorhees	1.00
" " Dykman	1.00	"	A.S. Dyckman	1.00
Dr Ransom	50	"	Wm Payn	1.00
Mr Kendall	50	"	Prince	50
Dr & Mrs Dean	1.00	"	Burlingame	50
Mr & J Monroe	50	"	Jos Lannin	50
L.S. Mrs. "	1.00	"	J.H Richards	50
Rev Stephenson	50		Total	$6.00
	$6.00			

The Prest appointed Mrs Payn and Mr Scarr tellers

The election of Officers was as follows

Prest. Jos Lannin 120 RO

Vice Prest Mrs A.S. Dyckman

Rec Sec Geo L Scarr

Cor Sec Thos C Green

Librarian Dr Cook

Treas H.M. Avery

Asst Sec Mrs Payn

7 Directors Joseph Lannin T.C. Green A.S. Dyckman Wm Burlingame Mrs C.J. Monroe Mrs H.M. Avery A. Voorhees

The next meeting will be held in the parlors of Mrs Scarr - Programme

Address by the Prest. - Selection Mrs H.M. Avery

Reading Mrs Scarr. - Reading Mrs Monroe

Selection Mrs Payn L.S. Monroe over

Brought over

The Prest. elect appointed the following Committees to act during the ensuing year

On Miscellaneous Exercises

Mr. Payen

Mrs. DeCamere

Mrs. L.S. Monroe

On Dramatic Readings and Authors

Mrs. A.M. Avery

Mrs. Burlingame

Mrs. Dewey

On Debates

Mr. A.S. Dyckman

Rev. J.D. Richards

Mr. A. Bowhuis

On places for holding Meetings

Mrs. A.S. Dyckman

Mr. Payen

There being no further business the Prest. declared the Meeting closed

Joseph Lannin Sec.

South Haven Nov. 22d 1888

The South Haven Literary Society Convened in the Parlors of Mrs. Geo. L. Eaver with a large number in attendance President Lannin in the Chair

Minutes Approved — The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

Place of Meeting — By invitation the next meeting of the Society will be held in the Parlors of Mrs. A.S. Dyckman

Miscellaneous Program. — With the following Program.

Music by Mrs. A.S. Dyckman

Mrs. E.S. Burlingame

Rev. E.M. Stephenson

Each to determine the character of the Exercises.

Original articles prefered followed by discussion.

Music by Mr. & Mrs. D Eaver

Recd for Membership

Dr. Cook	50
Mr. & Mrs. O.A. Dan	1.00
Mrs. L.J. Monroe	50
Rev. E.M. Stephenson	.50
L.S. & Mrs. Monroe	1.00
	3.50

On motion of A.S.D. Sec. was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Mrs. Dan & Rev. Stephenson presented at last meeting

Annual Financial Statement — For the benefit of those not present at last Meeting The President read the Annual Financial Statement presented at last meeting.

Names presented — The Sec. presented the name of Dr. H.C. Ranson Jr. for membership

Mr. A.S. Dyckman moved that during the Comming winter from date the Meetings of this Society shall open at 7-30 o'clock & close at 9-30 o'clock P.M. and that Carried article shall occupy more than fifteen (15) Minutes.

— Carried unanimously —

President Lannin opened the regular program Exercises with a short address which contained some most Excellent

and appropriate advice to the members of the Society in regard to the character & manner of delivering their articles & selections. giving as a topic for discussion the quotation That a little learning is a dangerous thing. which called out quite a wide range of ideas & sentiments.

The Pres[t] appointed as Critics — W. Paine
Mrs. C. J. Monroe

Program proper

1st Mrs. Avery absent
2d Mrs. D Eaker Selection "The Loom of Life"
3d Mrs. Paine — Excused —
4th Mr. L. D. Monroe read an article from S.S. Times on the subject of "Conscientiousness" which called out quite an animated discussion by most of the Gentlemen present & some of the Ladies.

The Pres[t] announced that we were honored with the presence of Gentlemen from abroad. viz

Mr. Holmes of Detroit & Mr. Martin Sec. of our own County Board of Education. and on invitation to take part in our Exercises Mr. Holmes recited Miss Alice Carys Poem Entitled "An order for a Picture" which he delivered in a touching & highly interesting manner proving himself to be an Elocutionist of high order.

Critics

Mr. Dyckman said that being called upon as one of the oldest members would suggest that he was expected to sustain the high character of this Society. which he considered no easy task. but would do his best in that direction. That a good deal of learning might be more dangerous than a little

when not properly used. and in a clear and convincing manner cited the life and writing of "Lord Byron" as a striking Example of the abuse of learning. was much pleased with the little Poem read by Mrs. D Eaker. and also the Poem so admirably rendered by Mr. Holmes.

He considered the article read by Mr. Monroe on "Conscientiousness" opened up a most important subject the human Conscience — and in a most respectful manner refered to the great type of true conscientiousness as set forth in the life and character of our Savior in his irreproachable example while on Earth.

Mr. Paine was much pleased with the whole program, and most highly so with the Poem by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Monroe would Endorse all that been said by the other Critics. was especially well pleased with the recital by Mr. Holmes both the poem and the manner of its delivery.

Rev. W. Rigby considered a little learning was dangerous than a good deal for the reason that a little learning did not furnish a ~~Safe~~ correct guide or foundation for correct thot and actim.

Dr. Parsons did not think a little learning was dangerous and that we aught to be thankful for what we do know.

Considered Conscience & intetigence about the same.

Rev. Mr. Stephenson considered a little learning or knowledge was a most dangerous thing as it gave a great latitude for Evil practices & opinions. — believed Conscience to be a correct guide for action. Moral Judgments resulting from Education may

take the place of conscience that sanctified Education would not interfere with Conscience

Mr. Dean was much pleased with the program. Especially the poem by Mr Holmes and the article on "Conscientiousness" Considered Conscience a pretty safe guide for human Action.

After some further general discussion of a social character The President declared the Society adjourned. Expressing much satisfaction not only with the program Exercises but with the full attendence and good feeling Exhibited as an omen of pleasant meetings during the winter

Yours &c. S. Earl Sec.

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South Haven Nov. 28th 1888

The South Haven Literary Society held its third meeting for the season in the Parlors of Mrs. A.S. Dyckman but owing to unfavorable weather the attendence was not large.

President Fannie called to order promptly at 7-30 oclock.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On Motion

The Sec. was instructed to cast the ballot for Dr H. C. Ransom for membership - this society having been passed at last meeting.

1st While the Com. on program were out Mrs. Remedy favored us with music on the Piano.

music

2d The Committe on Dramatic Reading not being present it was decided to continue Miscellaneous Exercises for another week.

The next meeting to be held in the Parlors of Mrs. Payne with the following Programe viz.

Dr Dean Mrs Voorhees
Mr. Payne " VanOstran
— Music —

Each to select the article to be read or recited Original Articles prefered

There being no further miscellaneous business, The regular programme was taken up

Programe

1st H. M. Avery — absent —
2d Mrs. A.S. Dyckman read an article on the "Hebrew Race"
3d Mrs. Purlingame An Original Com- a Poem Entitled "Grand Mothers Series"

Criticies

Mr. Payne Mr. Dyckman Mrs Voorhees.

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Mr. Payne said the Jewish people were conceded to be the most ancient race known, and while subjected to all manner of persecution had been most wonderfully preserved and had proved themselves to really be a remarkable people taking high rank in literary as well as comercial pursuits.

The Poem by Mrs. Burlingame was a fine contribution to Infant or Childrens Literature for which any family might well be proud.

Mrs. Voorhees was pleased to say that she held the Jewish Race in high Esteem both for their Religious & Commercial or business Enterprise. and the striking manner in which they had been preserved from the Earliest period of Civilization to the present time seemed to be unmistakable Evidence that they were a "Chosen People and yet bound to take high rank in the world.

The Poem by Mrs. Burlingame was highly interesting and she regretted that she was not favored with a Grand Mother with literary tendencies to have portrized her infancy.

Mr. Dyckman was much pleased with Mrs. Burlingames Poem and as he had recently entered the Realm of Grand Father hood he was quite Enthusiastic on the subject of Grand Children.

He thot the Hebrew people had greater cause for pride than any other in the fact that Jesus of Nazarath was sprung from their Race.

That the Jewish writings in the Bible notably the writings

of Job were among the most sublime literary productions in existance.

And that the Race were not only celebrated in literature but in music as well.

The President paid a high compliment to the Poem by Mrs. Burlingame and thot it highly proper and desirable for us to have something on record to show to those who may come after us something of our own character and literary ability.

Said The Jews claimed to be a divine people descended from the Gods and gave several quotations in proof of this point. and they have really shown themselves to be a peculiar people.

Their persecution has had the Effect to hold them together and maintain their religious tenets.

Spoke quite at length of the celebrities of the Jewish Race. calling especial attention to the writings and peculiar tenets of "Spinoza" One of the greatest Philosophers of Modern times. and who was a Portuguese Jew.

The Pres.t remarks were highly interesting and instructive throughout as they usually are.

Mr. Seaver - with Mrs. Seavers accompaniment - sang the Old familiar Song Entitled "Mrs. Doty"

Mrs. Kennedy favored the Society with another selection of instrumental Music. After which the President declared the Society Adjourned

G.E. L. Seaver Sec.

Miscellaneous

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South Haven Dec 5th 1888

The fourth Meeting of the South Haven Literary Society was held in the Parlors of Mrs. W.H. Payne on Wednesday Evening Dec. 5th and notwithstanding the Evening was a Stormy one there were a good number present.

Pres't Samuels called the Society to order promptly at 7½ o'clock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Com. on places of Meeting Reported that the next meeting would be held in the Parlors of Mrs. A.S. Dyckman by invitation.

Then Hymn Dramatic Poem — Manfred — will be read with the following cast of Characters.

Dramatic Reading

Genius of Hymn	Pres't Samuels
Manfred	A.S. Dyckman
Chamois Hunter	H.M. Avery
Albert & St. Maurice	E.M. Stephenson
Manuel	S.S. Monroe
Herman	W.H. Payne
Witch of the Alps	Mrs S.S. Monroe
Arimanes	A Voorhees
Nemesis	Mrs A Voorhees
1st Spirit	" H.M. Avery
2nd "	" W.H. Payne
3rd "	" Van Ostran
4th "	" Payne
5th "	" S Eaver
6th "	" Moore
7th "	" Burlingame
Voice in incantation	W.H. Payne

Read to close Hymn 2d Part 2d

There being no further miscellaneous business the regular Program was taken up

1888 Dec 5th

1st Dr. Dean Read an article by Mrs Cobb on the "Education of the Emotions"

2d Mrs. Voorhees not present.

3d Mr Payne an Original Poem Entitled "Polyglottes"

4th Mrs Van Ostran absent.

Critics A.S. Dyckman Mrs J. Monroe Mrs S.S Monroe

Mr. Dyckman said his attention was called more especially to the Poem by Mr. Payne in that he had mad a happy Choice of Measure in the Style of "Hiawatha" but should have to read it more carefully before offering Extended criticism.

Was not familiar with the writings of Mrs. Cobb author of the article read by Dr. Dean on the "Education of the Emotions" neither was he very familiar with the "Emotions" personely.

Tho' the Emotions were often allowed to run to unwarranted lengths and cited as an Example the intense feeling or Emotion of revenge developed against the Murderer of President Garfield which run through the entire populace until almost every one cried out hang him — hang him without regard to Evidence of his guilt.

Also refered to a scene in the life of Daniel Webster illustrating the power of Emotion. Mr. D. also refered in a most respectful & touching manner to that illustrious Statesmans fatal mistake in trying & advising Compromise on the then important and all absorbing question of Slavery.

Mrs. Monroe was particularly well pleased with the article read by Dr. Dean. And pattened that portion that portion refering to the Character of our School Teachers. was also highly interested

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in the Poem by Mr Payne and expressed the hope that the society might be favored with further contributions from that Gentleman

Mr Stephenson paid a high Compliment to the Poem by Mr. Payne.

Consid the article read by Dr. Dean opened up a great subject and one of vital importance. did not think we gave much attention to the Education of the Emotions, and to the character & Emotional tendencies of our Children and also of our school teachers. and refered to a touching incident in their own family directly in point. in the striking degree of Emotion developed in one of their own Children in hearing of the condition & wants of the poor heathen & in viewing pictures illustrating the same.

The President being called for. said he would add a few words to the interesting criticisms already given.

He thought the Author of the poem "Polyglottus." inclined to look rather too much upon the dark side of the picture of life. but on the whole was well pleased with it. and would hope to have further contributions from the same source.

Considered the article by Mrs Cobb read by Dr Dean a most valuable one and spoke quite at length on the various Emotions all which was highly interesting but cannot readily be noted here.

Also alluded to the manner in which some of the Churches conduct their revival services as an illustration of the power of Emotion.

Also alluded to Calvin & John Wesley as marked types of the two Extremes Calvin was absolutely Emotionless while Wesley was highly Emotional both in his writing & preaching.

Dr. Dean thought the practical point in the article on "Education of the Emotions" was that we should take especial care in the Education of our Children and Pupils that our Emotional Control should be equal with our Intellectual development. was much pleased with the Poem read by Mr Payne and also with the Evening Exercises.

A Journal Geo. L. Seaver & Sec.

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South Natick Dec. 12th /

The South Natick Literary Society met with Mrs. A. S. Dyckman

The Program being the reading of Byrons Dramatic Poem Manfred.

Pres't Lamson called to order promptly on time — after waiting five minutes for several tardy members.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No names presented for membership

In Opening the regular Exercises of the Evening Pres't Lamson gave a short review of Lord Byrons Character and writings endeavoring a history or Explination of the Circumstances that inspired the writing of this most remarkable Poem.

Mr. Dyckman followed with a fine tribute to Byrons Genius and ability

After which the regular reading was taken up.

Mrs. Burlingame acting as Stage manager — calling the Characters reading to the close of Scene 2d Act 2d

To be resumed Dec. 19th at Mrs. H. H. Paynes.

Adjourned Geo. L. Seaver Sec.

South Haven Dec. 19th 1888

Dramatic Reading

1888 The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. W.H. Payne on Wednesday Evening Dec 19th Pres't Lamunion being out of town and the Evening being a Stormy one but few members were present.

Calling to Order

Mrs Vice Pres't Dyckman Called the Society to order at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Reading of Minutes

The Clerk read the Minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

Com't on Debate Reported as follows

Question

Resolved

That it would be to the advantage of the United States to Embrace all of North America within its limits.

Aff Augustus Voorhees

Neg W.H. Payne

Volunteers to arrange themselves as they my choose.

The regular program was then taken up it being the reading of the last half of Byron's "Manfred" by

Reading Manfred

Mrs. Burlingame

Mr. Dyckman

Dr. Dean

Mrs. Dyckman which was accomplished in a most thoroughly interesting and satisfactory manner.

Recd. 50¢ Dr Raymon

much more so we think than when each character is assigned to a separate reader.

The reading not occupying all the usual time it was filled out with pleasant informal social intercourse to its close.

Y.S.L. Deaver Sec'y

Dr W.G. Raymon was voted in as a member of this society and paid dues

Debate

South Haven Dec 26th Jany. 2d 1889

1888 The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. Deaver on above date as per previous agreement for Debate.

Members were somewhat tardy in coming in. and it was nearly Eight o'clock when President Lamin Called to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on place of meeting Reported that the Society would accept the invitation from Mrs. Burlingame and meet with her Parlors on Wednesday Evening next.

Com't on Debate presented the following.

Resolved That Ireland should become an Independent Nation or Government.

Aff Pres't Lamun Neg A.S. Dyckman

President Lamin in a kindly and sympathetic manner called the attention of the Society to the sad fact that our highly Esteemed & deeply lamented friend and fellow member J.K. Richards had been removed from our midst by death since our last meeting and by unanimous consent appointed Mrs A.S. Dyckman A. Voorhees & Secretary Deaver as a committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Kinsey's name was proposed for membership accompanied with the regular fee.

Receipts .50 Mrs Kinsey

There being no further Miscellaneous business.

The regular program was taken up. viz

Resolved That it would be to the advantage of the United States to Embrace the whole of North America within its limits.

A. Voorhees Aff. Payne Neg.

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In opening the debate Mr. Voorhees called attention to the many forms of Govt. throughout the world. nearly every one of which had utterly failed, having usually been dominated by a few ambitious & unprincipled persons.

But our own though Republican in form is not at all to be compared with Republican Rome as ours is for & by the people and the higher the standard of intelligence the more stable the Government.

Had Canada been a part of this Union. the Rebellion would have been impossible. a Rebellion which came so near destroying our glorious Union.

The larger our Area the less liability of sectional interests becoming strong Enough to dominate the Govt.

Spoke quite at length of the degraded condition of Mexico as a Striking arguments in favor of but one Govt for N. A.

Neg. Mr. Payne in opening the negative side of the question spoke of the U.S. as a great Nation. and yet is already in danger of becoming so large as to break down by its own weight.

The Rebellion was really caused by the great diversity of interests.

Rome & Greece so long as they were small Governments prospered. but as soon as they began to enlarge their borders by annexing various tribes & small powers they began to crumble & finally fell to utter ruin. — The Chinese & Japanese were a homogenious people. lived within

1888 themselves & therefore held together and were perhaps in their way to be called fairly prosperous.

Our people are so anxious to get rich that we give little attention to the permanant welfare of our government. and our foreign population do not as a rule readily Americanize but retain their native prejudices. and being clannish are prone to Anarchistic tendencies and are a powerful and dangerous disintegrating influence among us.

Neg. President Lamine Complimented Congressman Butterworth's recent Speach or resolution on the subject of Political Union with Canada.

Thought a Country could be made too large to be held together.

Already our school question is becoming a most important and troublesom one and is fast coming under the influence and power of the "Pope"

The recent great excitement in the City of Boston on that question was a powerful argument against enlarging our borders.

The diversity of interest in our own Union has once nearly destroyed our Government. and is always tending in that direction.

Nature itself has set limits to our nation. by imposing the great Chain of Lakes as a National boundary to our domain. on the north and the great Oceans on the East West and South.

Mr. Dykeman said

Af. history threw some light on this question. & broad literary thought the broad grand

7888 foundation of Greek Literature at Rome was the natural foundation for a universal English Speaking people or Government. in which he seemed to recognise the "Divine Hand" Even the weak benighted Gov't of Mexico had been able to resist the power of the Pope when the object was to Establish Christianity

We have bonds of Union in this Age not known in former times - The English Language with its civilizing influences the R.R. binding all parts of our broad land in One. and as it were anihilating distance and through the Telegraph & Telephone time as well, so that what might have been wholly impracticable a hundred years ago is Entirely practicable now. which he considered a most powerful argument for the Affirmative of this Question

Neg Rev. Mr. Bugby said diversity of interests while undoubtable was dangerous. and notwithstanding there were strong arguments in favor of Comercial Union with Canada and other powers. He hardly thought the time had arrived for confederating the whole of North America in one Government.

Aff Dr Dean said there had been a good deal of theorizing on this subject. Sited the annexation of Alaska about which there was ~~There was~~ so much objection at first. but no one had a word of Complaint now

The Aff. of the question would do away with the various troublesom questions such as the

Fisheries. Farrel Ed. He was not fearful that there would be any danger of the Popes Ever getting control of our Government.

Great Britain Cited ~~the English Gov't~~ as a most Striking instance of the permanancy of Large Governments. a power upon whose domain the Sun never sets.

A Government with a broad Christian foundation could not in his judgement well be to large.

Neg Rev. Stephenson Considered our great bond of union was our two Oceans which limited our teritory, and that Governments were in danger in proportion as they reach out North & South.

The only redeeming thing about Alaska was its Seal Fisheries

That the only way we could Ever annex Canada or Mexico would be by Conquest. as they were mostly very ignorant and strongly prejudiced against Our Gov't a majority being Catholic

We are not keeping pace with our foreign Emigration. which is being vigorously pushed forward by the Pope, with the avowed object of gaining Control of our Government. did not think the time had come for Enlarging our teritory by annexing other foreign powers.

Mr. Lamin called attention to the perfect organization of the Roman Catholic Religion in this Country, which has for its main object the Political & Religous Control of this Government. and which in his opinion they were in a fair way to accomplish, within the next generation.

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neg.
1888 Mr. Payne did not think we had made much out of Alaska. which is even now dominated by Russian Education & Religion to our injury.

Would favor strong Governments North & South of us instead of Enlarging our own borders in those directions.

aff. Mr. Voorhies in closing called attention to the glaring statements by the negative of the danger from the Catholic influence. but he did not fear its influence. It was already loosing ground here in spite of the immense Emigration. and alledged Efforts of the Pope.

The down fall of Greece was due to the constant disturbance along her narrow borders and is another strong argument in favor of larger borders.

Englands permanancy was entirely due to her immense territory and the same was true of Russia. Austria China & Japan.

Considered that the acquisition of Louisianna. Florida. Texas. New Mexico. Lower California. & Alaska were added bonds of Union. instead weakness to the United States. One could travel around the world knowing only the English language, and using only the American Dollar.

This closed the regular Exercises / whereupon the President declared the meeting Adjourned

Ge. L. Deaver Sec.

1889 The South Haven Literary Society were to have met with Mrs. E. S. Burlingame on Wednesday Evening Jany 9th/89 but it being a stormy night no quorum in present

And the same was true of Wednesday Evening Jany 16th

When the Pres and a few members were present but not a sufficient number to warrant the opening of Exercises.

The next meeting was appointed at the Parlors of Mr. Wilson Jany 23d/89

To discuss the following Resolution viz

Resolved

That Ireland should become an independent nation with Mr. A. S. Dyckman on Aff. and Pres Lamiel Eq.

Debate

1889

The South Haven Literary Society met in the Parlors of Mrs J. P. Wilson as per previous appointment on Wednesday Evening Jany 23rd

Members were again somewhat tardy in coming in and order was not called by Pres't Lamin until nearly Eight Oclock

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Com'te on place Reported that the next meeting would be held in the Parlors of Mrs A Voorhees,

— Com'te on Miscellaneous Exercises — presented the following Program viz

Mr. DElamere
Mrs. Wilson.
Music
Mr. DEaver
Mrs. L. S. Monroe

Read their own selections original articles preferred

There being no further routine business

Mr. Dyckman being absent Pres't Lamin requested Mr. DElamere to take his place in the Aff't of the Debate

The regular Exercises were then taken up being the discussion of the following Question viz

Resolved That Ireland should become an Independent Nation

Aff DElamere Neg. Pres't Lamin

The discussion from the start was animated interesting and exciting Mess. DElamere & Paine for the Aff & Pres't Lamin & Voorhees for the Neg. warming to the occasion to such an extent that the Sec. was unable to make any satisfactory report of the discussion. Suffice to say it was highly entertaining throughout

Recess for Dues & DElamere Wife $1.00

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Com'te on Place Next Meeting at Mrs. Voorhees
Com'te on Program Select as follows
Mrs. L. S. Monroe — Mr. Wm. Paine — Music —
Mrs. McKay — Mr. Wm. Paine — Mr. Wing their own selections original articles preferred

The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. Voorhees on Wednesday Evening Feby Jany. 31st with a fairly good number present.

President Lamin called to order a little past the regular time and in the absence of the Sec. minutes were not read

There being no routine business we took up the regular program Exercises by Mrs. Wilson reading an excellent Poem Entitled "Courage" addressed to a Sad Poet By Julia E McKay which seemed to be highly appreciated by those present.

Mr. DEaver a Paper on "The Means of Acquiring distinction"

These were all the paper and the other number on program not being present.

Critic Mr. Dyckman said Speaking of the discouragements of a Poet brings to mind an Gilders Poems of passim. He represents the poet as writing and being discouraged by an overwhelming weight of criticism

Yet he says to the Poet Go on & Learn a deeper lesson. delve deeper until You acquire the power that shall command the attention of the world. Any one who undertakes to write poetry must Expect to meet discouragements there are so few that can gain distinction. so we should Expect to meet disappointments & I believe that the wide Spread desire to Express Something beautiful shows that there is a striving to reach out to these high & beautiful ideals & if the Effort is not judged worthy of a preservation. Yet the Effort is not lost.

for the very fact of writing that pain will help to reach a higher State of civilation.

Editors scoff at many Efforts & throw them into the waste basket without even reading no one should be discouraged in the attempt to reach these high ideals. He shall soon be forgotten and fame is not lasting. But the attempt to bring out these high ideals is for the improvement of the literary world.

Now for a desire & regard for distinction is laudable and

Voohees I do not feel that I can add to the Entertainment by offering valuable criteceisms.

A laudible desire for distinction is both proper & honorable, some perform action merely for notariety while others put forth Efforts for the good & happiness of others.

I think such Characters as Napoleon were prompted in their great Efforts by a love of Command & Notoriety

The sentiment of Mrs. Beavers Essay is good.

The notoriety attained by Gould & Vanderbilt although selfish in its Sprit has doubtless resulted in great good in its vast employment of labor and rapid & thorough development of the wealth & resources of our Country.

Prof's Min The Articles read were excellent in character & sentiment but were far too short

Sidney Smith had he lived a little earlier what have called the uprising in this Country (The Revolution) which made the Country an Anarchistic uprising.

The great French Revolution was one of the greatest anarchist uprising of the world but was for the greatest good of France.

There has never been an uprising of the People that has not been for the Eventual good of that People & Country.

John Howard the great champion of Prison reform sadly neglected his own family & the same is true of John Wesley.

This is an age of versifying but there is a vast amt of namby pamby rhyming there are also many beautiful pieces of poetry which are never read no doubt many have been rejected better than many that are printed. Many of those floating in our papers are superior to Byron & Shelly & Shakspear.

There was an old Saxon called Cadman who was asked to write a poem. He went home & in his sleep had a vision. An Angel told him to write of the Creation the poem has been lost. "Paradise Lost" is said to have been founded on it.

After some further general social Entertainment & ideas of an informal nature Smith & Osmond

1889 The South Haven Literary Society met in the Parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman on Wednesday Evening Feby 6/89 With but very few members in attendence.

President Lamin being detained by illness Mrs. Vice Prest Dyckman took the Chair and Called to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Com^te on place of Meeting Reported that the next meeting would be held in the Parlors of Mrs. Seaver on Pearl St. for Dramatic Reading.

Com^te on Dramatic Reading Reporting as follows, viz Feby 13th Shakespears Dramatic Poem

—Julius Cæsar—

The Cast to be made up on the Evening of reading.

Dr Dean Opened the regular program Exercises by reading a rare & unique paper Entitled the Epics of the World By John S Van Cleve. It being a Review of a work by Dr. John Martin Crawford of Cincinnati Entitled —The Kalavala—

The article was rather lengthy but highly interesting throughout and is worthy of being repeated to a fuller house.

Mrs Kenedy Read a humorous article Discriptive of a Country Woman Experience during a shopping tour in New York City.

The singing were all the articles that were read. and after a little time spent in general Social intercourse.

The Vice Prest declared the Society Adjourned

Geo L Seaver Sec.

1889 The South Haven Literary society convened in the Parlors of Mrs Seaver on Pearl St on Wednesday Evening Feby. 13/89

The Evening was a Stormy one and the attendence somewhat limited.

Prest Lamin delayed somwhat in calling to order.

The Minutes of last meting were read and approved.

Com^te on place of meting Reported that the Society would accept invitation from Mrs. Payne and meet in her Parlors next week On which occasion the reading of Shakespears Dramatic Poem - Julius Cæsar will be continued to its close.

The regular program was then taken up with the following Cast viz:

A paper by Prest Lamin on the Diff^t character of Julius Cæsar & Marcus Brutus - highly interesting

Julius Cæsar	H. H. Payne
Mark Antony	Dr. Dean
Marcus Brutus	J. Lamin
Decius Brutus	Geo. L. Seaver
Cascis	Dr. Dean
Emilie Lepidus	Mrs. Payne
Artemedorus a Sophist	Dr. Barney
Maletius Cimber	Mrs Barney
Cinna a Poet	Mrs Kenedy
Flavius	Mrs Seaver
Portia	" Sherwood
Calphurnia	Miss Sherburn
Cicero	Dr. Dean
Citizens	Geo. L. Seaver
" 2d	Mrs. Seaver

Close attention was paid throughout and the reading was well sustained & highly Enjoyed.

1889

The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. H. H. Payne on Wednesday Evening Feby. 20th

Tho the evening being somewhat unfavorable but a small number were present.

The Pres. called to order somewhat after the regular hours

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Committe on place of meeting Reported

That the next meeting would be held in the parlors of Mrs. Kenedy.

To Debate the following Question.

Resolved "That it would not be to the interest of the U.S. to have any Government of the old world get control of the Panama Canal."

Aff A Voorhees Neg. A. S. Dyckman

The regular Exercises were then taken up. consisting of the reading of the last half of Shakespears Greatest Dramatic Poem "Julius Cæsar" which was accomplished in a very satisfactory manner under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman

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Wednesday Evening Feby. 27th

In view of the sad intelligence that Mr. Danl. G. Wright a former most highly respected member of this Society is now lying at this home in the embrace of Death no meeting of this Society was held

Daniel G. Wright Departed this life on Tuesday Evening Feby. 26th 1889

1889

The South Haven Literary Society met in the Parlors of Mrs. Kenedy on the Literary Evening March 6th 89 with a fairly good number in attendence

Order being called by the Pres. the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Com. on place of meeting Reported That the next meeting would be held in the Parlors of Mrs. A.S. Dyckman for discussion of the the following Question viz

Resolved "That it would have been better for the cause of Civilization if the Dark Continent had not been Explored by nor occupied by European powers."

Aff Payne - Neg. Damon

The regular Exercises were then taken up being the discussion of the following question viz

"That the United States should not allow any Govt. of the "old World" to get control of the Panama Canal."

Aff. Mr. Voorhees in opening for the affirmation said he took the question to mean the application of the Monroe doctrine to the Panama Canal.

That from the very inception of our Nationality our institutions our forms and theory of Govt were wholly at variance with or in opposition to all European forms of Govt and hence to allow any of the "Old World Powers" to gain a permanent foot hold on our soil would be in the highest degree dangerous to our best interests and menacing to our very independence

and national Existance.

Mr. Voorhees amplified the so called Monroe Doctrine at considerable lingth and marked force but which cannot well be reproduced here.

Mr. Dyckman Jr. N.Y. said that at the time of its promulgation the "Monroe Doctrine" was a wise and vital declaration. but the world moves, and the conditions and circumstances have changed immeasurably; during all which time. France has been our friend and defender, against its potent Enemies. and but for which aid it is to day a matter of grave doubt whether our Nation or Government could have sustained itself.

And for our Govt now say to France that she shall not render Govt aid to her own people who have undertaken a most Commendable Enterprise of such gigantic proportions as to be beyond their private ability to complete would in his opinion be selfish. ungrateful and impolitic.

Aft. Mr. Payne said he was an American of Americans. and did not take any stock in the "Claptrap" about France or any other Foreign Power Coming onto our Soil and absorbing the weak power now in nominal control of the tertiory Covering the "Panama Canal" which would soon blossom into a strong French Republic. the danger of which to our institutions, and possibly to our very National Existance. could not well be over estimated, and any sinister attempt.

on the part of any of the important European Governments to gain a foot hold on this Continent through the delusive profession of desiring to assist their own people in an Enterprise in which the whole world is interested. should be resisted to the last Extremity. and a long Report from

Aft. Mr. Lamin said the high sounding report which the Govt on the otherside had read which was discussed in Congress recently was all "Buncom" containing no point of danger nor specifying any injury that was likly to accrue to the Events of the French Govt getting Control of the much talked of "Panama Canal"

A scheme in which the Commerce of entire world were deeply interested.

And in case England should get Control of the Canal there might be danger of War but no danger. but not so with France with no territory bordering on us.

Both sides occupied considerable more time giving the subject a pretty thorough ventilation. and it is sincerely hoped that the discussion will not prevent the speedy completion of the Enterprise

Society Adjourned

E. L. Seaver Sec.

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The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. W.H. Payne on Wednesday Evening March 20/89

With a good number in attendence.

President Lamiss Called order promptly on time.

And minutes were read and approved.

It was announced that by established custom the next meeting would be the last one of the Season.

And On Motion The Com.te on Miscellaneous Exercises were instructed to confer with the Ladies Reading Club with a view of joining us in the last meeting of the season. At the Parlors of the Cong.l Church on Wednesday Evening March 27th/89

The Pres.t appointed Miss D'Lamure Dyckman & Dr Dean as Critics for the Evening.

The Exercises being Miscellaneous reading were then Opened by Mrs. Dyckman reading an article on "Chance" which from its peculiar character held the attention of all present.

Mrs Sherwood read a humorous article Entitled "So Late for the Train" which provoked quite a little merriment.

Dr Dean (for Mrs Dean) had a semi humorous article by "Byard Taylor" Entitled "The Old Farmers Soliloquy".

President Lamiss closed the regular Exercises by reading an original artic.l "On The Fool" in Shakespears "King Lear"

The Critics occupied their allotted time in a highly interesting and interesting manner. A Feature

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The South Haven Literary Society closed the season with a union meeting at the Parlors of the Congregational Church on Wednesday Evening March 27th The Ladies of the Scott Club sharing the honors of the occasion they furnishing the Literary Entertainment.

An unusually large number were present and the entire company at once entered into the Spirit of the Evening occassion all summing desirous of making this the most pleasant and enjoyable occasion in the history of the Societies, and their efforts were crowned with Eminent success.

And the President was reluctant to check the sparkling flow of intelectual sociality that order might be called and a proper direction given to the generous flow of good ~~things~~ feeling.

The Litterary Exercises were opened by Mrs. D. S. Monroe in a highly interesting and instructive paper on the "Founding and Early History of Rome" which was listened to with the closest attention by the entire audience.

A Song by Mrs. J. L. Curry was rendered in her most happy and highly entertaining manner. Followed by Mrs. J. Monroe with a paper on the History of America, With Especial reference to the progress and development of the Nineteenth (19th) Century. containing much valuable information. and was listened to with respectful attention.

Mr. E. S. Dyckman favored the Company with a Song which called forth hearty applause.

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Mrs. E. A. Hartman Read that unique and much admired Poem by Tennason "The Holy Grail" and although quite lengthy and the company somewhat wearied. Her reading was more than Satisfactory voice clear. Articulation Perfect.

Another Song by Mrs. Avery of a somewhat humorous character closed the regular program.

The several papers were ably Reviewed by Mr. DElamere, Prof Green. Dr DEarl and President Lannin.

Closing one of the most thoroughly Enjoyable Evening Entertainments in the history of these Societies.

Geo. L. DEaver Sec.

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"Cassius" giving much valuable information as the result of his extensive familiarity with Shakespearian and other ancient history.

Mr. A. S. Dykeman Reviewed in brief the several papers offered in his well known and highly acceptable manner thus closing the Evenings pleasant Entertainment.

Geo. L. DEaver Sec.

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1889

The midsummer meeting of the Society was held as per notice through the columns of the Village Papers in the Parlors of Mrs. Geo. L. DEaver on Wednesday Evening July 24th

The Evening was a fine one and quite a large number were present although a little tardy in getting in.

President Lannin called to order at Eight o'clock using the usual opening details and entered at once upon the regular program which was a Song by Sec. DEaver (Accompanied by Mrs. D.) Entitled "The Ivy that grows on the old Abby Wall"

Followed by a most highly interesting paper on "Julius Caesar" by Mrs. Voorhees couched in fine language and read in a clear voice and faultless articulation.

The article by Mr. Payne on "Marcus Junius Brutus" was also an interesting and well written paper.

Prof Greens Review of the life and character of "Mark Antony" was an ably written article touching upon nearly all the leading actors in that popular and world renowned Tragedy and was delivered in his really clear & impressive style and was listened to with marked attention.

Mrs. Tenney gave a bright spirited paper on that splendid character "Portia"

On "Casca" and was followed by Dr. Dean with a paper which although written at short notice was a most Excellent portrayal of the peculiar characteristics & individualities of that strange man.

President Lannin closed the regular program Exercises with an able and interesting and instructive article on

Nov. 6th First Meeting of the season

1889

The South Haven Literary & Library Association met as pr notice through the Village Papers in the Parlors of Mrs. A.S. Dyckman on above date.

Payment of dues being the first business in order the following persons renewed their membership.

viz	Mr & Mrs Deaver	1 00
	" Joseph Lannin	50
	" " A Voorhees	1 00
	" " A.S. Dyckman	1 00
	" " C. J. Monroe	1 00
	" " H.M. Avery	1 00
		$5 50

Before taking up the next business in order Prest. Lannin gave a brief but pleasing resume of the past years work of the Society and of his own long connection therewith, and all present joined in thanks for the very faithful and courteous manner in which he had always discharged the duties of the various positions he had occupied.

The Treasurer read his annual report showing cash on hand to the amt of $143.83.

Report accepted, and the Treasurer instructed to loan the funds (when they reach $150.00) on best terms as to interest & security he can safely make.

The Society then proceded to the Election of Officers with the following result.

President A.S. Dyckman Vice do. Mrs H.M. Avery
Treasurer H.M. Avery
Secretary Geo. L. Deaver Assist Sec. Mrs. Voorhees
Librarian Dr Cook / Mrs H Payne
Directors J. Lannin A.S. Dyckman F.C. Green Mrs. Voorhes
Mrs. Burlingame Mrs C.J. Monroe Mrs. H.M. Avery

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By request of Prest. Elect Dyckman the retiring Prest Lannin continued to occupy the chair during the Evening.

And appointed Mr. Payne Mrs C.J. Monroe Mrs. Voorhees a Committee for the Evening to arrange a Miscellaneous Program for next meeting to be held in the Parlors of Mrs. H.M. Avery and Reported as follows

J. Lannin Review of past history of Society & future prospects
Mrs. Burlingame
F.C. Green
Mrs Deaver
H.M. Avery
Mrs A.S. Dyckman
} Selections or original articles

Prest. Elect Dyckman said he would announce the Standing Committees at next meeting.

Adjourned Geo. L. Deaver - Sec.

List of Members for 1889-1890

Nov. 6th Mr. Mrs. Deaver. J. Lannin. Mr & Mrs. Voorhees 5
" " A.S. Dyckman Mr & Mrs. C.J. Monroe Mr & Mrs. Avery 6
" 20 " " Payne 2
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Wednesday Evening Nov. 13th 1889

The South Haven L. T. L. association met in the Parlors of Mrs. A. M. Avery on the above date for its first regular Program meeting for the season.

The Evening was somewhat Stormy and the attendence rather small.

Retiring Prest. Sannin Called to order and introduced Prest Elect Dyckman who on taking the Chair very neatly thanked the Society for the unsought honor of an Election ~~of said Election~~ to its Presidency. and when he said honor he ment it in its highest sense, for many of the pleasentest Associations of his life were connected with this Society. And while he felt that he had done his share of the active work of the society in view of the unanimous vote tendered him. he would accept the honor thus kindly bestowed and Enter at once upon its actiae duties by presenting the following list of Standing Committees viz.

Miscellaneous { A. M. Avery, Mrs Payne, " Deaver }

Readings { Joseph Sannin, Mrs A.S. Dyckman, " A.M. Avery }

Debates { A Voorhees, W.H. Payne, C. Delamere }

Place of Meeting Mrs. A.S. Dyckman Mrs. Payne.

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The next meeting will be held in the Parlors of Mrs. B.H. Dyckman with the following Programe.

W.H. Payne	original Essay.
Dr. Carnes	" & selected
B.H. Dyckman	" " "
Mrs. Avery	Reading
" Voorhees	"
" Delamere	selection

Mr. Sannin opened with a familiar talk on the past present & future of the Society paying a high Compliment to the very creditable work of the Society in its earliest years as well as later on and up to the present time. but as many of its present members are getting well along in years. it would seem the part of wisdom to work in Young members to fill the places of those who must soon stand aside.

Mr. Avery read an interesting article on the life and Character of Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs. Dyckman read a serious and ~~thrilling~~ article by Whittier entitled "The Ministers Daughter"

By unanimous request Prof. Green reread a paper of rare merit and full of deep thought. written and read before the society in the summer of 85

Mrs. Deaver closed the Evening Program with a short article by "Sidney Smith" Entitled "The Means of Acquiring Distinction"

Critics Capt. Dyckman, Mrs. Avery. Dea. Deaver

Criticisms quite brief followed by Prest Dyckman who review the papers much to the interest of all

Mrs. Sannin

1889

Wednesday Evening Nov. 20/89

The South Haven L. & L. Society Met in the Parlors of Mr. D. A. Dyckman on the Evening above mentioned With but a limited number present it being a Stormy Evening.

Prest. Dyckman Called Border promptly on time.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Receipts Mrs. Payne Two

The next Meeting to be held in the Parlors of Mrs. Payne as Reported by Com. on place of Meeting

Committee on Reading presented the following

Program

Oliver Wendal Holmes as an Author

Holmes as a Poet	Pres. Dyckman
~~Essayist~~	~~Mrs. Voorhees~~
" Autocrat of Breakfast Table	Mrs. Voorhees
" Elsie Venner	Capt. Dyckman
" Pros Writing	Mrs. Payne

Critics Mr. Lamin Mrs. Voorhees Mr. D. Eaver

The regular program was then taken up & was opened by Mrs. Payne with an article of rather curious character, but both interesting and instructive — Describing to the minutest degree the organic mechanism of the Honey Bee. By Mr. Jones of Toronto

Capt. Dyckman read an interesting paper by a Russian Author Entitled "Progress in Art" Followed by Mrs. Voorhees with a rather lengthy but highly entertaining article by Miss Clifford Entitled "The Story of Art" Mrs. Voorhees always makes her part of the program interesting by her fine reading.

The several papers were reviewed at considerable length by Mess. Lamin Voorhees & briefly by Prest. Dyckman. Adjourned

Critics Mrs. Payne Mrs. Dyckman

1889

Wednesday Evening Nov. 27th 1889

The South Haven L. & L. Society Met in the Parlors of Mrs. ~~Beaver~~ Payne on the above date Last the Evening however was a very Stormy one and but very few were present. were fully repaid for their trouble as the Exercises were unusually interesting.

In the absence of the Sec. Mrs Beaver read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

Reporter

The Com. on place of meeting That the next meeting would be held in the Parlors of Mrs. Beaver With the following Program

Subject Writings of Alice & Phebe Cary

Critical Review J. Lamin

Selections by Mrs. Kenedy

" Beaver

" A. D. Dyckman

Dr. Dean

Mr. Voorhees

In opening the regular program Mr. Dyckman remarked that not being familiar with Holmes writing he could hardly be expected to give a very highly interesting Review of his works in the short time at his command. but nevertheless he read several selections of rare merit which were listened to with marked interest

Mrs. Voorhees read Selections from the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" in that Charming and refreshing Style peculiarly her own and which all enjoyed.

The other members of the program did not respond to the call of their names.

Critics Mrs. Payne Mrs. Dyckman

Mr. Payne as Critic review the Exercises in his pleasant complimentary manner The Prest. closing the Session with some interesting remarks on the Authors

Mr. D. Beaver Sec.

1889

Wednesday Evening Dec. 4th 1889

The Literary & Library Association met in the Parlors of Mrs. Deaver on above date Evening unpleasant and but few present. Mrs. C. J. & Fergo Morrow being the first to put in an appearance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Next meeting to be held in the Parlors of Mr. Voorhees for Debate of the the following Question viz

Resolved That the Rail Roads, Telegraph & Telephone Lines should be owned and controlled by the Government.

Aff. Mr. Dean Neg. Pres. Dykeman.

The regular program for the Evening was to have been opened by a recitation by Mrs. Lamoin but in his absence she &c. read a selection from a "memorial" of Alice & Phebe Cary" by Mr. Mary Elmer Mrs. Lemly not being present Mrs. Deaver a poem by Allice Entitled the "Choppers Daughter"

Mr. Voorhees read several selections from their writings which were greatly Enjoyed by all present.

after which the bal of the Evening was spent in general social Enterchange.

Adjourned

Geo. L. Deaver Sec.

1889

Wednesday Evening Dec. 11th 1889

The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. Voorhees on above dated with but very few in attendence owing to unpleasant weather.

In the absence of Pres't Dykeman Mr. Lamoin was called to the Chair.

Com. on place reported next meeting to be held in the Parlors of Mrs. Payne. on Jany 8th

No meetings held during Holidays

To discuss the following Resolution viz

Resolved That the tendency of the times is such that Bellamy's Theory as set forth in his book Entitled "Looking Backwards" can be made practical and beneficial to the people.

The regular program was then taken up by the only few present and was opened by Mr. Dean on Aff. and Mr. Payne on Neg.

Mr. Voorhees also speaking on aff. & acting Pres't Lamoin on Neg.

The debate was highly interesting to those present and regrets were Expressed that there were so few present to enjoy it.

Adjourned

Geo. L. Deaver Sec.

Question Resolved that the Rail Roads & Telegraph & Telephone Lines should be owned & controlled by the Government Aff. Mr. Dean. Neg. Pres. Dykeman

1890

Wednesday Evening Jany. 8th 1890

The South Haven Literary Society met in the Parlors of Mrs Payne on the Evening above written. Health still unfavorable and but few present.

In the absence of the Pres't Mrs Dyckman was called to the Chair Calling to order a little past the regular hour, and Excused Mr Cres't D. by saying that he was as usual for the past few years, away on the new R. R. enterprise in which all were or should be interested.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Com't Report

Committee on place Reported That the next Meeting would be held in the Parlors of Mr Dyckman with the following Miscellaneous Program viz

Mrs Kendig Mr Avery
" Payne " S. S Monroe
" Monroe G. " Sec'r

The question of the Evening Debate was was then taken up and discussed Mr. Payne for Aff't opened the Debate with a quite interesting review of the Salient points of the theory and sustaining it by an argument quite pleading if not convincing.

Mr. Voorhees for negative was clearly able to repeat the arguments of the aff't

Mr. G. J. Monroe read a paper of her own highly interesting touching briefly upon the leading theories showing in many points the weak and impractical nature of the theories.

The debate was altogether quite interesting, and it was to be regretted that a larger number could not have been present.

Question - Resolved That the tendency of the Railway Theory as set forth in Looking Backwards" can be made both practical and beneficial to the people.

Affirmed

Geo S Beaver Sec

Critics G. J. Monroe Mrs Kirkpatrick Sec'y Sec'r

1890

Wednesday Evening Jany 15th 1890

The South Haven Literary Society convened in the Parlors of Mr. Dyckman on above date with a fair attendence, notwithstanding the Evening was an unpleasant one.

Pres't Dyckman in the Chair. Order called at 8 o'clock

The Minutes read & Approved.

Com't Rep't

Committee on place Reported next meeting would be held with Mrs Payne. With a Miscellaneous Program as follows

The regular program was then taken up and was opened by Mr Voorhees (in Mrs. Kendig) with a per intitled the "Village Club" Scene laid in Haverhill Mass and giving an interesting description of organization and working of the club or (Society) and of its elevating influence in the community and advised the establishing of such (Literary) Societies in every village & hamlet.

Mr Payne read a unique and quite interesting article from "Christian Union" Entitled "Seeb Conciseness in Dress) by Rev. Ch's James Hood

George Monroe for his Mother favored the society with an original paper of rare merit on the "United States Secret Service" delivered in clear well modulated voice and was highly complimentary to the writer.

Mr. G. Monroe being present said he was sorry he was not able by reason of a press of business to attend meetings and spoke reviewed briefly the past three meetings and of the society, and ventured the assertion that no organization in our midst had done as much for [illegible] & the community as this

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(Literary) Society and sincerely hoped that the Young People as they came into the stage of action would enroll themselves among its members.

Capt. Mc Glaughlin & Sturgis Civil Engineer favorably known here in R.R. circles said he had been highly entertained. Especially so as they had no such society in Sturgis. but that he should go home and at once make an Effort to organize one.

All together the Evening was a highly enjoyable one

Adjourned Geo. L. Beaver Sec.

1890

Wednesday Evening Jany 22 1890

The South Haven Literary Society was held in the Parlors of Mrs. Dyckman instead of Mrs. Payne as previously arranged.

President Dyckman in the Chair

As the attendence was small the Evening was passed in pleasant social chat. During which and by unanimous request Pres.t Dyckman read his beautiful Poem Entitled "First Impressions" which was composed for and read at the Annual Reunion of the South Haven & Casco Pomological Society.

The next meeting to be held with Mrs. Voorhees on Wednesday Evening 29th inst. with Program arranged for this Evening viz

Pres.t Dyckman	Mrs L. S. Monroe
Mrs Payne	Mrs H.M. Avery
" Beaver	" Tenedy

Original & Selected articles the former preferred

Adjourned

W.H. Payne Sec. Pro.