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1908

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PROGRAM

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Called to order at 10:30 a. m.

Invocation ..... MRS. W. H. WALKER, South Haven

Address of Welcome .....
..... MRS. HENRY CRABTREE, South Haven

Response ..... MRS. OLIVIA WOODMAN, Paw Paw

BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LUNCHEON

—

AFTERNOON SESSION

Informal Talks on "Hobbies"
TIME LIMIT THREE MINUTES

Music ..... SOUTH HAVEN LADIES' DOUBLE QUARTET
MRS F. A. BENSBURG, Soloist.

Twelfth Annual Meeting of Van Buren County Federation of Women's Clubs Held at South Haven, Michigan, June 24, 1908.

This was one of the most enthusiastic and best attended meetings in the history of the Federation. During the foremoon guests from the fifteen different clubs of the county were met and escorted to the Congregational Church where a social time was held greeting old friends and new. The guests were then taken to the Newcomes' for dinner. The spacious dining hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. A hobby horse of daises was suspended over the County President's table, in compliment to the subject of the afternoon's program. The program was most inspiring and,as itvwas in the form of toasts,was given at the tables. Mrs. Henry Crabtree, President of our Club, graciously voiced the hearty greetings for the Scott Club members. Mrs. R.F.Pierce, County Federation President, acting as toastmistress, filled her position with grace and in her most bright and charming manner presented the toasts. Responses to the toasts were a revelation of the wit and wisdomeof Van Buren County's Club women.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CHAIRMEN

Art	Mrs. William Wetz
Civic and Town Improvement	Mrs. M. H. Bixby
Civil Service Reform	Mrs. W. G. Packard
Corrections and Charities	Mrs. Geo. Beak
Educational	Mrs. A. C. Runyan
Forestry	Mrs. C. J. Monroe
Household Economics	Mrs. M. O. Brockway
Historical	Mrs. H. M. Avery
Industrial and Child Labor	Mrs. G. D. Carnes
Legislative	Mrs. L. G. Rhodes
Library Extension	Mrs. M. T. French
Reciprocity	Mrs. W. C. Sheffer

1909 - 1910

This is the first time that a list of subjects for departmental work has appeared in our Scott Club Calendar.



Mrs. H. Crabtree.....1907-1909

1907-08

TOPIC FOR STUDY

ITALY

TOPIC FOR STUDY:

AMERICA

Nineteen Hundred Eight - Nine

The first year of Mrs. Crabtree's administration was devoted to a comprehensive study of Italy. The second year was given to an expansive and enlightening study of America including problems of our own country. Among the excellent papers given was noted an afternoon of especial interest which included a paper on great Italian painters and paintings; Mrs. Linden; Itelian Architecture; Mrs.A.D.Prentice;and a paper "Italian Sculpture" Mrs. Woodman Sheffer. Another delightful and instructive afternoon was spect with the great Italian musicians.

Talks, lectures on different phases of Italian life were given by Mrs. Snyder and Mr. W.H.Walker, every moment of which was of the greatest interest as they could speak from personal experiences and observation. Miscellaneous programs of much value and interest were also given throughout the year. A delightful reception to our school teachers was given when in the four corners of our beautifully decorated parlor were booths representing the four countries lately studied in club; each booth representing one of these countries and in charge of ladies,dressed in costume of the country they represented,who dispensed hospitality to our guests. The program also being in keeping with these countries; Japan, Holland, Italy, and in Indian booth representing America. Other special days: Patriotic Days when many tributes were paid to the memory of Washington and Lincoln. One afternoon we were delightfully entertained by the Daughters of Club Members. Pioneer Day was observed with many reminiscences and exhibits of early life of the community. Civic Day when Mrs.M.H.Bixby, President of the Civic Society, gave a brief outline of work it was desired should be accomplished. She was followed by Pastors Walker and Lester, Judge Teal and Mayor Johnson, who spoke along the line of improvements giving many helpful suggestions.

The roof of building was repaired and painted and rooms redecorated. By motion of the club, husbands and friends were thanked for ~~many~~ money and service rendered through these repairs to our building. Again the Club ladies were delighted with the kind invitation of Mrs. C.J.Monroe to hold the annual meeting at her beautiful country home, as this assured us of a most enjoyable time.



Mrs. H. Loomis.....1909-1910

COURSE OF STUDY:

North and South America

The first meeting of Mrs. Loomis' administration was held in August, 1909 in celebration of the twenty-fifty anniversary of the organization of the Scott Club. This joyous occasion was spent socially in the club parlors when an appropriate program of addresses and music was given and a delicious supper was served. The most excellent papers and talks on the study of the year gave us a new conception of the grandeur and greatness of the Americas with their vast possibilities for future development.

An afternoon given over to poetry inspired by the civil war was noted as one of the most interesting of the year. A colonial social evening with ladies in colonial costume and with husbands as guests was a bright, pretty evening. An afternoon to linger long in one's memory was Fashion Day under the direction of Mrs. Crabtree as chairman, the ladies on program being in costume when we were given a review of fashionable attire since the Revolution in papers, talks and exhibits. The question of equal suffrage was debated; sentiment as expressed by the ladies being about equally divided for and against this privilege. This is the first year whenhmention is made of the sale of tubercolosis stamps; $5.00 worth was sold to aid the State Anti-Tubercolosis Association. Under Mrs. Wetz as chairman, one work accomplished this year was the mounting and cataloging of 3300 pictures which were presented to our public schools for use in illustrating different subjects of study.

The Scott club Tuesday enjoyed one of the most interesting days of the year, Mrs. W. G. Packard having the program in charge.

The topics on "Eastern Scenery" were given by ladies who had visited many of the points of interest. An interesting paper was read by Mrs. George Beak on "The Thousand Islands."

In a fifty mile excursion boat trip among the islands she learned of the naming of many and their points of interest and beauty and the beautiful summer homes, one of the most beautiful of which is owned by Mr. Emery of New York City, has been given as a convalescent home for teh poor children of New York.

She closed with a beautiful poem, "A Word Picture of the St. Lawrence."

Mrs. L. G. Rhodes then gave a talk on "Niagara Falls." In a week's visit she made many notes on the grandeur and natural beauties seen, showing many beautiful scenes taken by the camera. When abroad, she remarked of almost the first question put to her by foreigners, "Have you seen Niagara Falls?"

The grandest views of the falls are from the Canadian side. The beautiful Victoria park, which contains 154 acres, is two and one-half miles long. The scenes from the gorge route are wonderful. The river falls about 100 feet in its course of seven miles. She closed in reading a poem which paid tribute to the grandeur and sublimity of Nature's great prize.

"Mountain Scenery of the East," by Mrs. G. D. Carnes, was interesting. Mrs. Carnes having lived the early part of her life in the "U" of the Green mountains, gave fine descriptions of the different peaks, foliage of the hillsides, green nelds and winding rivers of that locality. Mount Monadock, near Boston, is the highest point of the mountains seen by an approaching ship. She closed with this quotation, "Vermont in summer is the Almighty's noblest gallery of Divine art."

A piano solo by Mrs. Packard afforded much pleasure. A paper, "A Trip Down the Hudson," by Mrs. A. C. Runyan, was then read. She took a steamer, the Albany, down the river and enjoyed the graceful and picturesque scenery, noted the main historical points of interest, the home of the Cosmopolitan magazine, Washington Irving's ideal spot, Sleepy Hollow, with its beautiful surroundings, Sing Sing prison, West Point military college, and the renowned palisades of the Hudson.

Miss Minnabel Reid read a paper on "Beautiful Washington." From a visit to the national capital she described the location of the capitol building as being the most conspicuous point in the city, and selected by George Washington as a suitable site for the "great white dome on the hill." She also spoke of the welcome felt by visitors and the oddity of the broad streets, the beautiful park of 230 acres on the river, the White House and gave a fine description of the capitol building with its paintings, sculptures, frescoes and huge dome, the government buildings, congressional library, the Washington monument, state, war and navy building, being the largest office building in the world, which contains records and relics which are priceless. She spoke of the original Declaration of Independence to be seen at this building and many other points of interest at Washington and in the neighborhood.



Mrs. Geo. Beak.....1910-1912

1910 - 1911	COURSE OF STUDY: Spain	COURSE OF STUDY: France	1911 - 1912

The topics of Spain for one year's study and that of France for the following year presented programs of unusual educational value and of great interest. As the different features pertaining to these countries: The geographical and physical aspects; The government and the successive rulers; with studies of the causes and the effect of the long years of war; The wonderful Art and Architecture; Noted men and women; The great cities of marvelous beauty; The industries; the social, economis and home life; and the Characteristic of the people, were brought in review to club members by the most excellent papers and talks a deeper knowledge and greater interest in these countries was gained; an interest which did not lessen as a study of this history took the ladies across the ocean to the Americas.

The critics' report still continued to be an important feature of each program.

The midsummer meeting of the Scott Club was held at the beautiful home of our first Vice-President, Mrs.R.T.Pierce, the officers of the club receiving the members and invited guests.

A delightful social hour was followed by a short but excellent program arranged by Mrs.C.O.Monroe, when we had the pleasure of listening to many of our summer guests. Tables had been placed on the lawn and the ladies enjoyed refreshments of ice cream and cake and parted feeling that the Scott Club h ad added one more day to its book of delightful entertainments.

Adding much to the interest of an afternoon on French women in Industry was a fine exhibiting of laces; rare examples of Honiton, Cluny, Fillet, Irish Crochet, Brussels, Armenian were among the laces in contrast to samples of machine made lace. Among the exhibits of fine fabrics was a fine Japanese Shawl; a Spanish hand woven scarf; a beautiful Chantilla shawl: A German worked shawl and lace parasol belonging to Mrs. Pfirshing were much admired. Mrs. Kenyon's Lama wool lace shawl was an exquisite pattern of fine work. Miss Florence Gregory exhibited several pieces of real old lace and Miss Harriet Walker gave a demonstration of pillow lace making.

Under the supervision of Chairman on Forestry, Mrs. Elnora Chamberlain gave a most interesting talk upon conservation of our forests. All day meetings to sew for the city hospital were held each year. Reports from standing committes were given for the first time; $100.00 was paid on the buildings debt each, leaving an indebtedness of $400.00.



Starting for The Scott Club,
Sept. 1913

1912-13

AN AMERICAN YEAR

1913-14

AN AMERICAN YEAR

Mrs. L. G. Rhodes.....1912-1914

In the minutes for the first meeting Oct. 1st, 1912, it was recorded that through the untiring efforts of the President, Mrs. Rhodes, the debt of four hundred dollars which has shadowed our beautiful club house, has been raised. The members of the club, feeling deeply grateful to her, gave her a rising vote of thanks. Then followed a short but beautiful program of songs and instrumental music. Ice cream and cake were served and the ladies enjoyed a bright social hour.

At the meeting of Oct. 15th, after discussion on a fitting way to celebrate the removal of the mortgage from the club building, the question was decided by Mrs. Beak moving that we have an old fashioned banquet.

The first of the Kammer Musik programs was given Jan. 7th, 1913 which was one of the most enjoyable of the year.

Hospital Day was observed when contributions were given for our City hospital. Rummage sales were held to aid the Club's finances. A new piano was secured for the Club; A rising vote of thanks was given the Cable Nelson Company for their generous gift to the Club of a piano at so low a cost to the club.

The following committees aided in the success of the banquet and reception and the program was carried out in the order noted below:

Committee on banquet hall and decorations—Mesdames G. D. Carnes, Harry Parker, M. O. Brockway and E. W. Cartwright.

Decorations, reception and main room—Mesdames Lora Wiley, C. W. Williams, L. E. Parsons. Miss Emily Hall.

Entertainment—Mesdames George Beak, A. C. Runyan and Henry Crabtree.

"Our Club"—Mrs. G. D. Carnes.

"Our Husbands"—Mrs. S. H. Wilson.

"Our Members, Past and Present"—Mrs. Cordelia Merritt.

"What the Scott Club Means to South Haven"—Prof. A. D. Prentice.

Music—Mrs. C. O. Monroe and Miss Irene Shoemaker.

Piano Duet—Mrs. Ed. Merson and Mrs Lillian Eaton.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. W. G. Packard.

Burning of the Mortgage—President Mrs. L. G. Rhodes.

The musical program was much enjoyed and each number given hearty applause. The solo of Mrs. W. G. Packard elicited so much continued hand clapping that she gracefully responded in a repetition of her number, much to the satisfaction of many admirers with whom she is a special favorite.