

SOUTH HAVEN LITERARY AND LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Nov. 2, 1887 - March 1, 1899

South Haven Michigan
Nov. 2nd 1887

The Literary & Library Association met in the parlors of Mrs A. S. Dyckman in Annual convocation - President A. S. Dyckman called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. Sharp. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his financial report stating that the Society had no liabilities, but had \$113.04 in the treasury - On Motion the report was accepted.

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Receipts of the evening

Mr. & Mrs. Seader	\$1.00
" " Voorhes	1.00
" " Arony	1.00
" " Delamer	1.00
" " A. S. Dyckman	1.00
" " C. J. Monroe	1.00
" " L. S. Monroe	1.00
Mrs. Price	.50
" Moore	.50
Mr. J. Lammie	.50
Total on Dues	8.50
Receipts of Fruit from Lot	.75
Total cash receipts of the ev.	9.25

The President appointed Mrs Arony and the Sec. as tellers and proceeded to call the election of Officers by ballot with the following result -

For President A. Voorhes
Vice Pres. Mr. A. S. Dyckman
Sec. J. Lammie
Treas. H. M. Arony
Cor. Sec. T. C. Green
Librarian W. D. Cook
Asst. Sec. Mrs. L. S. Monroe

Board of Directors - J. Lammie - T. C. Green - A. S. Dyckman - Mrs. Burlingame - Mrs. C. J. Monroe - Mrs. H. M. Arony

Brought over

Excesses of the evening 9800
paid for this month 13000

Prof. Dyckman by request of West elect
Committee appointed two Members to assist
Mrs L. S. Monroe in preparing a programme
for the next Meeting. Mr. Dyckman then
appointed Mr. Seaver & Mrs. Burlingame
The ^{program} is as follows

- Mr. Payne Selection
- Mrs. H. M. Army Reading
- Mr. Delamater Reading & Mrs. L. S. Monroe Music
- * " A. S. Dyckman Poem
- Mrs. Noble Selection
- " L. S. Monroe Reading

The next Meeting to be held in the
Parlors of Mrs. H. M. Army
Mr. Seaver played on the Piano, while
all the Members stood and sang
"Child Lang Syne" After which
the Meeting was declared adjourned

Joseph Lammie Sec

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The S. H. Library Literary Socy.
met on Wednesday Eve.
Nov. 9th at the residence of
H. M. Army.
(A. Voorhies in Chair)
President read his appointments:-
Miscellaneous Com.
 " Mr. W. H. Payne
 " H. M. Army
 " J. L. Seaver
Dramatic Com.
 " Mr. A. S. Dyckman
 " H. M. Army
 " Mrs. E. S. Burlingame
On Debates
 " Mr. J. Lammie
 " J. H. Richards
 " L. S. Monroe
On Place of Holding Meeting
 " Mrs. Payne & Mrs. C. Delamater

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Com. on Program reported
the following program for
Wednesday evening Nov. 16/87
The following members to each to
Prof.

determine the character of the
Exercises. original articles preferred

Prof. J. C. Green

Mrs C. Delamater

Joseph Lammie

Mrs Jas. J. Arny

Mr. Geo. L. Seaver

Mrs. H. B. Dewey

Music - by the company

Com. on place of meeting reported
Mrs Paynes residence

Critics { Richards
Mrs Dyckman
Mr. Arny }

Mrs H. M. Army opened the
 program of the evening by
 a reading from
 "Hannibal at the Altar"
 by E. Kellogg

Mr. Dyckman, poem entitled
 "Rebecca".

J. H. Richard critic said the
 article by Mrs Army was
 it seemed to him as effective
 as ~~the~~ language can afford.
 He had often admired
 Hannibal. Reminded on
 the Roman Character as
 expressed in the article
 had my striking - viz that
 show a Roman as
 distant strip of sand &
 he wants it. Thought he
 saw much of the same
 spirit in this country

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The same spirit of Revenge
displayed by Hannibal still
is apparent if not dominant
in this day.

It is a mark of highest
patriotism to give up kindred
for our country - Couldn't
criticise the artist ^{justly} - thought
it ^{just} grand.

Was not surprised at
Mr. Dyckman's choice of
a subject - some Bible
theme (as usual). The person
of Rebecca was well represented
it showed how observing Mr.
Dyckman is in that he
liens the damsel to that
expressive animal the gazelle.

Thought that the wedding
of wealth & beauty as illustrated
by this scriptural theme was
very credible from what we know

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of life nowadays).

Dues collected as follows

J. H. Richards	50 ^c
D. C. Green	50 ^c

Adjourned to meet at
(Mrs. M. H. Paines ~~month~~ week)

South Haven Nov. 16th 1887

The Literary Society met in the parlors of Mr. Payson
President Oakes in the Chair

The Minutes of two weeks ago were read by
the Sec. and approved

The Minutes of last meeting were read by
Prof. Green, who acted as Sec. one week ago,
and they also, were approved

Dues Paid Mrs. H. E. Drury 50^c

" " Mr. Rogers 50

" " Mr. & Mrs. Payson 1.00

" " Mr. Burlingame 50

Total \$2.50

Program for next week Pic. week by
C. Dickman

Next place for holding meeting - In the
Parlor of Mr. A. S. Dyckman

On motion by Mr. Dyckman it was decided
to begin meeting in the future at 7:30

The president appointed as critics for the eve
Messrs. Dyckman & Ballack and Mr. Burlingame

Prof. Green - Pharesic Views respecting the Sabbath in
the time of Christ - by Dr. Pick

Mr. Delamer - The Roman Soldier by Atherton

J. Lammie - A talk on the "Jews and Samaritans" from
Sacred and Profane History

G. L. Seaver - "Foundations of Social Harmony" by
Mr. Holmes of Chicago

Mrs. H. E. Drury - "Grandmother Gray" by Mary Bartlett
Critics Report

Mr. Dyckman - History shows that religion in its
primitive form was pure in its character - In
time false ideas crept in and added additional

followed addition until it became overloaded
and warped and became in a measure valueless

The new dispensation eliminated all or nearly all
the crudeness from the old - When Man kind recog-
nizes the beauty, purity and goodness of the new,
the antagonisms of Society will cease

I have faith in the progress of our Christian
Church

I think the Style of the Poem read by Mr. Delamer
and the description of the earthquake a model in
their way - When the earthquake occurred at
San Francisco, people seemed to forget all human
feeling

In regard to Mr. Lammie's remarks - When families
gathered the feeling seems to be more bitter than
among strangers

~~was pleased with the paper~~ In reference to the
paper read by Mr. Seaver - Can only say, a
peaceful solution of social questions is always
the best for forth the laboring man

In the poem read by Mr. Drury - Love is the
only sentiment calculated to humanize the world

Mr. Ballack - The Jews made the word of God of no effect
by their traditions - was pleased with the reading
of the Poem by Mr. Delamer - I rather liked Mr. Lammie's
Lay Sermon - Sorry he did not tell us who ever accept
ed it. The whole people of Israel were not carried
away captive by the Assyrian Monarch, only
the rich and the noble were carried captive
The poor were left as tillers of the soil

The paper by Mr. Seaver is timely - The action of
the Societists is a stupendous piece of folly - What
kind of a country would we have if we had no
order or law - If the doctrines of the Anarchists
should prevail all social order would end in
confusion

Mr. Burlingame - I am glad we have under the Christian dispen-
sation - was pleased with Mr. Lammie's Lay Sermon - He
brought many old things which I had forgotten, to my remembrance
the meeting closed

South Haven Nov. 23rd 1887
 South Haven Literary & Library Society
 met in the parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman

Prest. Crook in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

The Committee on Dramatic Readings declared the order for ~~the~~ meeting to be extracts from "Pickwick" - each member not to exceed more than 10 minutes

The next meeting to be held in the parlors of Mrs. H. M. Army

The Committee on debates presented the following Resolution for Debate in two weeks - Resolved -
 "That the fish in all bodies of salt water, should be open to the fishermen of the world"

Off A. Voorhes
 " W. H. Payson
 " J. H. Richards
 " Geo. L. Scaver

Reg. A. S. Dyckman
 " J. A. Lannin
 " E. Delamer
 " W. H. Harburt

The order for the next meeting was to be extracts from Dickens - each member to choose her or his subject matter

The Society then spent a pleasant hour in reading and discussing the humorous and serious in "Pickwick"
 After which the meeting closed

Joseph Lannin
 Sec

South Haven Nov. 30th 1887
 The Literary & Library Association met in the parlors of Mrs. H. M. Army

Prest. Voorhes in the chair

The meeting was called to order, when the Sec. apologized for not having written up the minutes of the last meeting

The Society decided to hold the next meeting in the parlors of Mrs. A. Voorhes

Dues paid by W. Edgell for 1887-88
 Total \$400.50

The Society then read extracts from the works of Chas. Dickens

The meeting then closed to meet in one week in the parlors of Mrs. Voorhes

Joseph Lannin Sec

South Haven Dec 14th 1887

The Literary Society met in the parlors
of Mrs A Voorhees

Prot. Voorhees in the chair
The minutes of the two previous meetings
were read and approved

The Society agreed to hold the next
meeting in the parlors of Mrs Price

The Committee on debates presented the
following question for debate

"Resolved - That the laws of the U. States
should be made and administered in
harmony with the doctrines set forth in
the late Message of the President"

Off J Laminin - Secy Chas Delmeur

Off Mrs A. S. Dyckman Vice Prot. in the chair
Mr Voorhees - I believe in the spirit of the
Resolution - Fish as an article of food is of
immense value to mankind, and the strong
should not in justice prevent the weak from
obtaining food - The ocean is an ^{highway} for the world and its creatures should be ^{to all} alike - International law is framed for the
benefit of the strong and the weak must sub-
mit - England and France claimed the
Newfound-land fish, but in course of time
England conquered the French interest in
the new world and held the fishing grounds
until our revolution when England granted
the revolted colonies the same rights they
had in fish before the war

The war of 1812 interfered somewhat with
those rights, and in 1813 a new treaty was
made of an indefinite character - giving
our people liberty to fish within 3 miles of
our ^{coastal} shores, or from headland to headland
In 1854 a ~~new~~ reciprocity treaty was
made and under it our people could fish any

where in Canadian waters - After the expiration
of the reciprocity and during 12 years until 25
years ago we paid the Canadian people \$5,000,000
for fishing in their so called waters - This kind
of business should stop, and our government
should stand up and fight for our rights

Secy. Mr Dyckman - We regard this question not in the
line of justice but in the line of our own in-
terests - There are questions of right as well as
questions of selfishness

England and France took possession of those
rich fishing grounds when they had no moral
right to them - Monopoly can and always does
take all from the poor

England prevented settlement opposite the
fishing grounds in order to preserve the fish
for the fishermen of her own country

The small fish feed near the land consequently
belong to the country which feeds, and when
they grow larger they swim in deeper water

The propagation of fish is a modern invention
and surely they are still our fish even when
they stray into deeper water

We have important fisheries on our west
coast over which we claim exclusive
control, and surely we cannot honorably
claim all the fish in the west and all we
can catch in the east

Off Mr Payson - The legal aspect of the question has
been discussed - And I confess the question
has a moral force - I believe however that Eng-
land and her Colonies have not a sole
right to the fish in North eastern American
waters - The easiest way to settle the dispute
now pending is to say to Canadians, you
cannot sell fish in our markets

The ocean is not a highway in itself, as

it has no Landmarks - The Creator made all things and gave Man dominion over the things of the earth, but no dominion over the water. One of old tried to stop the waves but signally failed.

Why should not the fish in the Ocean be as free to all, as the wild Animals in the woods and on the plains - Governments lay no claim to wild Animals - Why should they do so in the case of fish - No one owns the Ocean - No one has a title and so it. When one nation prevents the people of another from catching fish in the Ocean, that nation should share its title of the water.

Mr. Luce sets his nets in Lake Mich. but the fishermen of Illinois and Wisconsin can set their nets beside his without danger of provocation. Then why should their Danish fishermen be prevented from catching fish near a Canadian fisherman in American waters - If a man digs a well and oil, the oil belongs to the farmer and so it is in regard to a gold mine. Why I ask, should not the fish in Ocean Salt Water belong to any one who may see fit to catch them.

Acq

Mr. DeLamun - We place fish in our waters which often go to Canadian waters they then belong to Canada, and if fish come to us from Canadian waters they belong to our people. All Streams and Bays belong of right to the country contiguous to them, consequently the fish in such Streams and Bays are the property of the people to whom the Streams & Bays belong.

All thing floating on Shore becomes the property of the owner of the Shore, provided the owner of the floating property cannot move property. All oyster beds in Bays and the mouths of rivers belong to the country owning the Bays and Rivers.

consequently the fish in Canadian Bays belong to the Canadians, and all other people who encroach upon those waters and catch fish commits theft.

Reg

Mr. Dyckman in closing - It appears that governments do own and control to a certain extent distance in the ocean.

The fish are hatched in the rivers and fresh water and as a consequence belong to the country. The small fish feed from the land, and the large fish prey upon the small ones - the fish undoubtedly belong to the country.

Off

Mr. Voorhees in closing - When all things are open to the world, there can then be no monopoly. In my opinion when England and France held the fishing Stations of the New World, they became Monopolists. Those governments hold those Monopolies only by might - And surely they have held them long enough - Yes too long for the good of Mankind.

The great Ocean belongs to the world at large, but harbors belong to the country. The fish of those large Bays belongs in justice to any who can catch them.

I hold that our government should protect our fishermen in their endeavor to catch fish in all Ocean Salt Water.

The meeting then closed.

Joseph Lammie Sec

South Haven January 4th 1888
The Literary Society convened in the parlors
of Mrs. Pierce

First Voo-hes in the chair
The minutes of the preceding meeting were
read and approved.

Mr. Hancock paid dues - 50¢
The committee on places for holding meetings
reported that the next will be held in
the parlors of Mrs. Delamer

The Committee on Miscellaneous Services
reported the following programme for
next meeting

Mrs. L. S. Moore Selection
" C. Delamer "
" E. S. Burlingame Poem
Mr. H. M. Arny Selection
Mr. J. H. Richards "
" W. H. Pagen "
Music

The discussion of the Resolution on the President's
"Message" was then taken up

J. Lamin Off - But no notes were taken on the
Grattman's remarks, and as he evidently
knew little or nothing about the question.

You see cannot recall from memory what
he said on introducing the Resolution

C. Delamer Neg. read a finely written ^{and lengthy} paper in
opposition to the resolution, but as the paper
was ^{intended to be a warning, consequently failed to hold}
^{any} ^{of} ^{the} ^{points} ^{of} ^{interest} ^{to} ^{the} ^{audience}
it was ^{not} ^{well} ^{received} ^{and} ^{was} ^{not} ^{well} ^{received}
to a ^{large} ^{extent} ^{of} ^{disapproval}. You see thought it
better to say nothing further in reference
to it

Mr. Harriet Off - This question is much talked of today.
In fact it is the all absorbing topic of our
nation. The President is falsely accused
of recommending free trade. Our Manufactures
should be protected to a certain extent, but
while this is admitted the majority, and by

the majority I mean the consumers, should also be
protected. The Republican party in their platform
of 1884 said distinctly the war taxes should be
reduced. And now the Pres't says the same

Our industries should be protected but it is
wrong to take from the many for the benefit of the
few. Under this protection system monopolists
are able to push their interests and levy higher
prices for goods. Under this system there
are more out of employment than before there
was in the past. Our native laborers are not
protected. Lumbermen go to Canada for work
men. Is this protecting American labor?

In the South west of our country stock can
be raised for nothing, the nation and increase
paying for the labor and outlay, but here in
Mich. the sheep man wants protection.

The poor man has to pay more in proportion
for his wroolen goods than the rich, because
of our peculiar mode of protection

I believe all raw material should be
admitted free

Mr. Richards Neg. All our people are combined in
common interests. When a nation produces
all its people needs, it then becomes inde-
pendent. We as a nation have all the natural
products we need, along with these natural
advantages we need protection, and when
protected we can stand against the
world. There is a difference between Tariff
and Revenue

Mr. Pagen Off I think it bad for a nation's prosperity
to have so much riches concentrated in the hands
of a few. Under our system the poor are robbed to
make the rich richer. The Republican party
admitted that the tax system of this nation
should be reduced, and now President Cleve-
land says so too for the public good
Any country having a surplus of funds on hand