

Nov. 5/90 Pres. Lammie announced the following Standing Committee

Miscellaneous Ex	Reading
Mrs. Burlingame	Dr. C. A. Dean
" ad. Dyckman	Mrs. H. M. Avery
Mr. Geo. Deaver	" L. S. Monroe

Building Committee Debates

Ad. Dyckman	A. Voghues
H. M. Avery	A. S. Dyckman
A. Voorhes	W. H. Payne

Placed Meeting

Mrs. Dyckman
Dean

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South Haven. 1890. 5th First meeting of the season.
 The Library & Library association met for its first annual meeting for election of Officers &c. in the parlors of Mrs. W. S. Dyckman on Wednesday Evening Nov. 5th 1890 with a fair number in attendance.

President Dyckman on taking the chair gave a brief retrospect of the society and its many hard struggles for existence, but through them all it had come with glowing and flattering prospects for the future. And while thanking the members for honest conduct in the past, he would propose not to be considered a candidate for re-election.

Nov. 1890

The following members paid their annual dues and presented at once to the electing Officers for the coming year with the following results viz

50 Mr. A. S. Dyckman	once to the electing Officers for the coming year with the following results viz
50 Mrs. "	
50 " Geo. L. Deaver	
50 Mr. "	Joseph Lammie President
50 Mrs. Burlingame	A. S. Dyckman Vice
50 Mrs. J. Lammie	Geo. L. Deaver Sec.
1.00 Miss Voorhes	H. M. Avery Treasurer
50 " H. M. Avery	W. H. Payne Librarian
50 Mrs. "	
50 " C. A. Dean	
50 Mr. "	
50 " A. S. Dyckman	
1.00 Mrs. Burlingame	
1.00 Mrs. H. M. Avery	
1.00 Mrs. Lammie	
6.50 17 Members	

J. Lammie	A. S. Dyckman	} 2 votes
W. H. Payne	Mrs. Voorhes	
Mrs. Burlingame	Mrs. L. J. Monroe	
Mrs. H. M. Avery		

The Pres. Appointed the following Committee on Misc. Program for next meeting viz

Mrs. Payne	Mr. Voorhes	Mr. Lammie	Mr. Dyckman
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Program for Nov. 12th

Mrs. Payne	election
" Dyckman	"
" Avery	"
" Voorhes	"

Nov. 12th 1890

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Receipts
\$2.50

Critics
Wm. Payne
" " Almy
" " Stephenson

Dr. & Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Mary & P. R. Gady, parents
common place of meeting. Reported that
next meeting would be held in the parlors of
Mrs. H. M. Avery.

And Each member
select such portions, scenes or acts as best
sented them and review them briefly, to
be followed by discussion.
After which the regular Program was entered
upon.

Mrs Payne Spring with a paper entitled "The Story of
 followed by Mr. Dyckman with an Original
 paper on "Esthetics" also reading two little
 year poems. One by Col. Baker of world
 wide fame ^{while} enroute to California more than
 thirty years ago.

The other from the pen of Mrs.
"Ella Wheeler Wilcox" Entitled "Baby Land"

The closing paper by Prof. Lammie
being a Criticism on the Efforts of a few small
minds to suppress the Circulation of "Dostoev's Quixote
Smatta".

Mr. Payne as critic said he that the
fact first read on the down border condition
of Woman was far fetched and over drawn
considered man to be the defender of Woman and
not her oppressor, and that Woman has today
a equal chance with the sterner sex which
she is improving greatly to her credit.

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Nov. 12/92 The paper by Mr. Dyckman on Colchetics was rather beyond his reach and would offer no criticism.

Admired the Poems read, that gentleman
 Was not very favorably impressed with the
 Celebrated "Polster's Cornetta". Its popularity came
 more from the opposition it had received than from its
 own merit.

Mr. Stephenson considered the article of Mrs. Payson as a faithful delineation of the condition of Norman two hundred years ago in the old country but in this country nothing reasonable is withheld from Norman.

Esthetics. He considered to be a subject or science of growing importance and although sometimes carried to extremes was nevertheless destined to become an absorbing question in the near future.

He considered the action of the Post Master General in excluding the "Oregon Enquirer" from the mails quite justifiable as an execution of Law and not a censor of the public reading.

As for himself he had never read the work and had no desire to do so.

I believe that more should be tried by the same standards of purity as Romans in which case there would be fewer down-trodden women and more dispoised more.

This closed the Evening's Exercises
Whereupon the President declared the meeting
adjourned.

Geo. F. Seaver Dec.

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The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. W. McLooney on Monday Evening Nov. 26th it being an adjourned meeting from two weeks previous. Pres. Lammie in the Chair.

The weather was unpleasant and but few were present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Committee in place of Meeting Report that next meeting would be held in the parlors of Mrs. Dr. Dear, with the following Program:

Byrons "Cain" with assignment as follows viz Adam, Mr. H. Payne, Eve Mrs. Deaver, Payns Cain, A. S. Dyckman, Abel Dr. Runyon.

Angel Adam H. McLooney, Lucifer Dr. Runyon, Ephraim Adah Mrs. Deaver, Zillah Mrs. Voorhes.

Review by Pres. Lammie
Sketch of Author Mrs. Avery (I am)

On Motion Dr. Mrs. Runyon were admitted to membership \$1.00 receipts paying the regular dues \$1.00.
"Shakespeare As You Like It" The regular program was then taken up, Mrs. Dr. Dear reading a paper or review of the play which gave evidence of thorough familiarity with the play and was listened to with close attention and marked interest by all present.

Mrs. Avery read Scene 2nd act 2nd in a clear well modulated voice with good articulation.

Mrs. Avery also read a selection and as she is an exceptionally good reader it was highly interesting.

The balance of the evening was spent in informal social intercourse and was altogether an enjoyable occasion.

Adjourned Geo. L. Deaver Sec.

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Wednesday Evening Dec. 10th

The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. Dr. Dear on the above Evening. President Lammie in the Chair, and a fairly good number in attendance.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The next meeting will be held in the parlors of Mrs. Voorhes as per report of committee, on Friday Evening Dec. 19th to accommodate parties wishing to be excessively absent on Wednesday Evening. It discusses the following Question viz: Selected by Com. in Debate

Resolved

That the correct system of Government and Business should be founded upon the idea of Individualism and Competition.

Disputants to hear (By A. S. Dyckman Reg. J. Lammie)

The regular program was then entered upon viz Reading of Byrons Drama Cain

President Lammie gave an interesting and thoughtful paper on the Genious of the play.

After which the regular reading was then taken up, and proved to be highly entertaining as the reading throughout was of a high order bringing out the real genious of the Drama.

The 3rd or last act was not read for want of time.

Adjourned Geo. L. Deaver Sec.

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Wednesday Evening Jan. 7th 1891

The South Maine Literary Society met with Mrs. Peckers it being the first regular meeting since Dec. 1890 it having been thought best to adjourn over the holidays.

President Lammie in the chair together with a full good number of members and several visitors present.

The Committee in place of meeting Reported in favor of accepting the invitation of Mr. Hurlburt to meet with them on Jan. 11th.

To debate the following Question as presented by the Com^t on Debate viz

Resolved

That Congress should pass a Bill Providing for the Free Coinage of Silver.

W. H. Hurlburt leading the Aff^t
A. Voorhes Reg.

The regular programme was then taken up Discussion

Resolved

That the correct system of Government and Business should be founded upon the Idea of Individualism and Competition.

Mr. Dykeman in opening the aff side of the question spoiled the various forms of Gov^t and Business in past ages and especially the late schemes of Socialists and Communists and last but not least the wild visionary theory of Edward Bellamy but they all fell short of satisfying the natural and commendable aspirations of men of large capacity and active temperament and affirming that men should have the privilege of acquiring as much property as they can handle successfully and with injury to their peers.

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Mr. Lammie followed Mr. Dykeman with much of the same character in the main yet strongly opposing the acquiring of unlimited fortunes to the injury of the general community and endangering the very foundations of the Government.

Mr. Hurlburt said he could hardly define the position of the last speaker but as the powers of the Government had been mentioned in connection with money matters he was free to say that he believed that any kind of money either metallic or paper which was issued by the Government and properly guaranteed by it with the power of taxation for its redemption with ^{within the jurisdiction of the Gov^t} and every where ^{at its full value} ^{less} perhaps the usual commercial exchange.

Mr. Payne said he was in much the same condition of the last gentleman somewhat befogged as there had been a good deal of rambling in the discussion and very little said about either individualism or competition.

He believed in combination but a very small portion of our business or the business of the country is carried on by individual effort. Combination was absolutely necessary in developing and carrying on the great and important business enterprises of the present day but of course he would have those enterprises properly guarded so as to increase and protect the rights and interests of the general community and prevent unjust discrimination.

Mr. Ewing of Bow Bow being present was invited to speak. Said he did not feel competent to discuss so broad and important a question but would vary the exercise by telling a story or two which he did in a highly entertaining manner.

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Mr Voorhes said the discussion had been taken a wide range. He would say a few words in the line of business which in the past had in nearly all departments been conducted by individual effort, while at the present time everything is tending toward combination with the very desirable result of lower prices and improved production. And conspicuous among the great combinations was the Standard Oil Co. upon which was heaped more abuse in every conceivable form, than upon any other single enterprise and yet that same despised monopoly was and had been for years furnishing the whole country with lighting material at vastly lower prices than could possibly be done if the business were in the hands of a large number of small manufacturers, and nearly the same may be said of the gigantic R.R. combinations.

Mr Dyckman in closing said he was sorry to see that nearly all the speakers had misconstrued his idea or construction of the question.

He was not opposed to combinations by individuals where each should retain his own individual interest, as against a community of interest where the individual was lost site of, as contemplated in Socialism and Communism and Ultramysicism.

Agreed Genl. Seaver Sec.

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Wednesday Evening, Jan'y 21st
The South Haven Literary Society met with Mr. H. H. Hurlbut with a fairly good number in attendance.

President Garrison being confined at home by illness, Vice Pres. Dyckman took the Chair, and called to order. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on place of meeting Reported that the next meeting would be held in the parlors of Mr. Dyckman.

The Exercises to consist of the following:
Original or selected papers by
Mr. Voorhes Mr. Dyckman
Genl. Seaver Payne & Runyan.

The regular program was then taken up it being a discussion of the following popular topic:
Resolved

That Congress ^{should} ought to pass a Bill providing for the unlimited coinage of silver.

Mr. Hurlbut said the question was a broad one and important. But he desired to say on the start, — that all might know where to find him — that he was in favor of the unlimited coinage of silver, and 1st that our silver currency may be stable and reliable, and 2nd for the reason that the coinage of silver raises its value as an American product.

Mr. H. made a strong argument fortifying his position by various records and documents going to show that of all the forms of currency or circulating medium we had ever had the Green Back without the limit or exception was the best, most convenient and reliable.

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Mr. Voorhes said he was not clear in his own convictions as to the advisability of unlimited coinage of silver, and was anxious to get all the information and light obtainable on the subject. But as at present adressed he was not in favor of unlimited coinage of silver, the first for the reason that the United States has a larger amt. of circulating medium in cash than any other nation except France, and hence there was no good reason in that direction to increase our currency by unlimited coinage of silver.

Mr. Payne remarked that it was truly a question with two sides upon either one of which a great deal could be said, and it was also a subject upon which no two persons agreed even when arguing on the same side.

Mr. Payne made quite a bright spirited talk but it was rather hard to locate him.

Dr. Runyan nearly wished to say that he believed in Gold or Fiat Money, and of course silver remained was an article of commerce and subject to commercial fluctuations but if coined it became of uniform value.

Mr. Dyckman said he also believed in Gold or Fiat Money, and the best form of money we had ever had. The most convenient and reliable was were Greenbacks when they were nearly legal tender, and in his opinion had it not been for the interference of the money kings or "Gold Bugs" of Wall St. we should today be enjoying the most convenient reliable and therefore popular kind of money, "Circulating Medium" the gold ever said or enjoyed, viz. Fiat Greenbacks a full legal tender. And he regarded the discrediting of Greenbacks the greatest outrage ever practiced upon a confiding and oppressed people.

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The South Haven Literary Society met in the parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman on Wednesday evening Jan'y 28th

President Lammie in the Chair

The Sec. being absent on account of sickness, reading of the minutes dispensed with.

Comm. on place of meeting Reported that the next meeting would be held with most all. Every on Thursday evening next. Elys. with Miscellaneous Program.

W. H. Payne appointed Sec. Protem

All Ladies present were appointed Critics.

Mr. A. S. Dyckman read a beautiful little poem entitled "The Old Home" which was highly appreciated by all present.

Dr. Runyan An excellent paper on "Republicans in a Republic."

W. H. Payne An article on "Lord Origen" Critics were all highly pleased with the articles read.

Pres. Lammie That Mr. Dyckman's poem was very home like and sympathetic and touched many a tender responsive chord in our hearts.

Dr. Runyan's paper he also thought was a good one, wish we could all follow its suggestions.

Mr. Dyckman was much pleased with the articles read by Dr. Runyan and Mr. Payne, making quite extended remarks in this favor, as did also Pres. Lammie, and several others.

A. Journal

Edw. Deaver Sec.

Mr. Dyckman's paper was much appreciated by all present, and he was highly commended for his paper.

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The South Haven Literary Society met in the
Parlor of Mrs. M. H. May on Thursday Evening
Feb. 5/91.

Pres. Lammie in the Chair with W. H. Payne
Sec. Port.

Next meeting to be held with Mrs. Burlingame
in Dyckman Hall and the same was carried. That the
time of meeting be changed to Monday Evening and that
the next meeting be held in one week from next Monday
Evening Feb. 18/91 carried.

Critic for evening Mr. Payne Mrs. Port Mrs. Dyckman.

Regular Program was then taken up.

Mrs. Voorhes read a paper on Spencer the poet giving
some account of the life story of Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs. Avery read a little paper on Smiling time to
showing up the prevalent failure of the age in using
the time at our disposal systematically.

Mrs. Voorhes

Read a letter from Henry Ward
Becher to Pres. Cleveland &c.

After the Critics had spoken Pres. Lammie
gave some interesting items from English History.

Adjourned Geo. L. Seaver Sec.

1891

The South Haven Literary Society met in the Parlor
of Mrs. Burlingame on Monday Evening Feb. 16/91.

President Lammie in the Chair.

The idea being still on the desk last meeting of minutes dispensed
with.

Consent on placing meeting accordingly invitation to hold
next meeting with Mrs. A. L. Dyckman 23rd inst. With
Scotts Moss makes for Program.

Critique of Scotts Moss by W. H. Payne

Ballads from Seaboard by Mrs. Voorhes

Two Crusades " " " Dyckman

Severnside " " " Seaver

A lady on Peabody " " " Burlingame

Each paper to be discussed immediately
after reading.

Program

Mrs. Avery read a very fine paper on the
life of Sir Walter Scott.

W. H. Payne Critique of Scotts poetry.

Death of Blanche of Devon by Mrs. Monroe.

Selection from Lady of the Lake & North by Mrs. Avery.

Analytical description of the Lay of the
Last Minstrel by J. Lammie.

After a season spent in general social converse
Society

Adjourned.

Geo. L. Seaver Sec.

1891

The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. A. B. Dyckman on Monday Evening Feb. 23.

Prest. Lamm in the chair call to order at eight o'clock

Sec. being absent. Prest. appointed A. B. Dyckman Sec. Pro.

Cont. on table presented several questions from which the following was selected viz.

Resolved

That Fiction has benefitted the human race
Opp. W. H. Payne
Aff. Dr. A. B. Burman

Cont. on Place of meeting Selected Mrs. Paynes for the next meeting

Mr. W. H. Payne read an original critique of Sir Walter Scott's prose works.

Mrs. A. B. Dyckman read a paper on the subject of the Crusades for the recovery of the Holy Sepulchre.

Mrs. Burlingame called on Prest. Lamm as her knight to tell about Feudalism, and as related theme told a story of a quarrel among the Scotch Clans, followed with a brief sketch of the Feudal system.

Mrs. Voorhies & Dyckman revised the papers in an able and interesting manner.

After which Society

Adjourned over next

A. B. Dyckman Sec. Pro.

March 12th

1891

The South Haven Literary Society met with Mrs. Payne on Monday Evening March 23rd.

Prest. Lamm being absent

Mrs. A. B. Dyckman presided

Cont. on Place As agreed next meeting to Mrs. Dyckman with a paper from Prest. Lamm on Dante and his times

Critics

Voorhies

Mrs. Vanhook
Mrs. Dyckman

Papers or selections were read by Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Voorhies

And the recital of Mr. Dyckman of the Vagabonds of Cambridge. All which were delivered in an interesting and instructive manner.

Adjourned

March 23

The S. H. Literary Society met with Mrs. A. B. Dyckman on Monday Evening March 23rd.

Prest. Lamm in the chair. attendance quite small. Capt. Mrs. Donohue Mrs. Mrs. Crowley were present as visitors.

Minutes read and approved.

The Prest. announced that the season was far advanced at it was nearly time to discontinue the meetings. and it was finally decided to hold the next & last meeting with Mrs. Voorhies on Monday Evening Apr. 13th with a short program.

Consisting of selection by Dr. Burman & Sec. SEARER with invitations to Col. Mrs. Rodt & sing some of their fine songs.

After which the Cont. of Literary & Antiquarian Society & Ladies Scott Club would meet for a few minutes to discuss the practicability of erecting a building for joint occupancy of the three Societies. A room on lot now owned by Literary & Antiquarian Society.

Regular program was then taken up viz a Review by Prest. Lamm of Part Dante which was most ably and

Prest. Lamm's paper was most ably
criticized by each of the critics & several of the ladies
which cannot well be repeated here.

Adjourned over next
Geo. S. Searer Sec.

Critics
A. Vanhook & Dyckman

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The South Haven Literary Society met with Mr Voorhes on Monday Evening April 13/91
In concert with the Antiquarian Society & Ladies Scott Club. In the matter of Building on

Prest Lammie in the chair and a fair representation of the several Societies ably present.

Minutes read and approved
Prest Lammie remarked that although this was to be the last meeting of the season it might not be the least interesting and important, as he considered the question to come before the meeting viz The Erection of a building on the lot that had been purchased and held for a series of years for that purpose and for the joint occupancy of the Societies joining in such erection to be the most important one that had ever come before these Societies.

The program was then taken up
Dr. Renshaw reading a somewhat peculiar but interesting paper by "Leroy Beaulieu" on the Religious Theories of Tokstois.

Prest Lammie called upon Mr. Dyckman as Chairman of Comt. of the Literary Society - which was the oldest Society - to present the subject or question Building to the Meeting which he done in a very acceptable manner being himself decidedly in favor of building upon the lot & long held for that purpose. Followed by Mr. Voorhes who expressed similar views.

Dr. Dean for the Antiquarian Society favored placing the building on the site which he understood had been offered by Mr. G. J. Moore, adjoining the Office. Dr. Ransom strongly favored the Monroe site.

Mr. Aurlbut as a member of the Comt. for the Antiquarian Society made a strong argument in favor of building on the lot owned by the Lit. Soc. parties and presented serious objections to the site

Offered by Mr. Monroe.

Mr. Monroe being present made some remarks explaining his reasons for making the offer which he did only after being urged to do so, saying that he had no selfish or personal motives in the matter beyond the general interest of the town.

On motion Mrs Dyckman & Lammie & a number to be appointed from the Scott Club to solicit subscriptions.

Dr. Dean & Mr. Dyckman were appointed a Comt. to draft plans & get estimates of cost of such building.

A Journal to meet at call of Chairman

April 20 Literary Society met with Mrs. Dyckman ^{present to call of Prest} to act upon the reports of the joint Committee of Literary & Antiquarian Scott Club Societies said Comt. having recently met in the Office of Dr. Ransom.

Prest Lammie presented a Report of the action of the first Comt. taken at Dr. Ransom's Office on Monday Evening last which was on motion accepted.

Mr. Dyckman moved That as soon as Five Hundred Dollars shall be raised by subscription That we commence forth with the Erection of a Building on the Lot Corner Phoenix and Pearl Streets

Carried
Mr. H. M. Avery offered his resignation as a member of the Building Comt. which was on motion accepted. He also offered his resignation as Treasurer of the Literary Society which was also accepted.

Prest Lammie appointing Sec. Geo. B. Avery as a member of the building Committee Vice H. M. Avery resigned

A. J. G. Avery Sec.

May 8th

1891

The South Haven Literary Society met pursuant to call through the Calendar of the Messengers in the Parlor of Mrs. Beaver.

Pres. Lammie in the Chair who stated that through a misapprehension there was nothing for the Society to do, and

On Motion

The Literary Society adjourned without day. And a meeting of the joint Committee was called and Mr. Lammie was made Chairman and Mr. Beaver Sec.

Mr. Hurlburt for joint Comt. moved that the Building Committee commence the erection of a Building on the Lot owned by the Literary & Antiquarian Societies, so soon as five hundred dollars shall be raised by Subscription. — Carried.

On Motion of A Voorhes

Viz

The Chair appointed the following Committee to superintend the Erection of the Literary Building
A. S. Dyckman for Literary Society
W. H. Hurlburt " Antiquarian "
Mrs C. J. Mounce Scott Club.

At a meeting of the Directors J. Lammie was appointed Secs. until next Annual meeting vice W. M. Avery resigned.

Geo. L. Beaver Sec.

Hurlburt Hall Oct. 24

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Persuant to the call of the Chairman Lammie The joint Building Committee met at above date.

To Examine the plans drawn by Architect C. J. Randall with Specifications Estimates Etc. for the Building known as the Literary Building to be Erected on Corner of Plum & Pearl Street.

Pres. Lammie Mr. Dyckman Mr. Hurlburt for joint Comt. together with Mr. Voorhes }
Mrs. Pierce Mr. Johnson Sec. Beaver unpresent.
After looking over the plans for some little time.

Mr. Randall stated that he had yet perfected the estimates in detail, but had massed them so that he was able to state with reasonable assurance of its correctness that the building could cost by the plan drawn not less than \$2500. on the basis of a brick wall 14 in thick but by reducing the thickness of wall to say eight in. nearly or quite \$1500 could be saved.

Dr. Dean moved that the joint Comt. recommend to the Literary and Antiquarian Societies

That so soon as the Ladies Scott Club become legally incorporated.

The two above named Societies convey by deed an undivided one third interest in the Literary Building proposed to be Erected in accordance with the plans as drawn by Architect Randall. — Carried.

Adjourned Geo. L. Beaver Sec.

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Hurlburt Hall Oct. 12th

Pursuant to adjournment at last meeting.

The South Haven Literary Library Association met for the purpose of taking action in the matter of making the "Ladies Book Club" joint and equal owners with the "Literary" and "Antiquarian Societies" in the lot on the N.E. Cor. of Huron and Pearl streets upon which arrangements are in progress for the erection of a commodious building for the joint occupancy and ownership of the three Societies.

There being a constitutional number present the meeting was called to order by President Lammie who stated the object of the meeting as above.

Mr. A. S. Dyckman moved resolution supporting that the South Haven "Literary Library Association" join with the "Antiquarian Society" in executing a deed to the "Ladies Book Club" of an undivided one third interest in the lot above described for and in consideration of one dollar.

After considerable discussion the motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of Geo. S. Deaver supported by Mrs. Rice.

The Building Committee were instructed to make a loan of Twelve Hundred (\$1200) Dollars on five (5) years time at not to exceed seven percent interest per annum.

Adjourned Geo. S. Deaver Sec.

1891

The South Haven Literary Library Association met in the parlors of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman agreeable to call through the messenger for its first meeting of the season on Wednesday Evening Nov. 14/91.

President Lammie in the Chair and a rather limited membership present.

The minutes of the last several meetings were read and approved.

The following members

for dues \$5

for dues \$5

for dues \$5

for dues \$5

for dues \$5

\$3.00

The President made a few appropriate remarks on returning from the position he has occupied for another year. And begs to express the hope that the Building Committee would at least do as much as to build the wall ready for the sill this fall. So as to avoid the unpleasant remarks of poverty. The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers with the following results viz:

Joseph Lammie	President
Mrs. A. S. Dyckman	Vice Pres.
Dr. A. C. Runyan	Sec.
Augustus Voorhes	Treas.
A. S. Dyckman	Librarian

J. Lammie	A. S. Dyckman	} Directors
A. C. Runyan	Mrs. A. S. Dyckman	
Mrs. A. S. Dyckman	Mrs. Voorhes	
Mrs. Voorhes		

The Pres. announced the following Committees viz:

Miscellaneous

Deaver, Voorhes
Mrs. J. P. Avery

Dramatic Reading

A. S. Dyckman
Dr. Runyan
Mrs. Rice

Place of Meeting
Mrs. Dyckman
J. P. Avery

Debate

Dr. Deaver
A. Voorhes

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Mr Dyckman moved that the meetings of this Society be held once in two weeks and on Monday Evenings instead of once a week and on Wednesday Evenings as in the past. The next meeting to be held in the Parlor of Mrs. Voorhees on Monday Evening Nov. 16/91 - Carried

Program for next meeting at Mrs. Voorhees

Dr. Dean	Selection	}
Mrs. Lucy Munson	"	
Mrs. Voorhees	"	
Dr. Dean	"	
Dr. Kuryan	"	

The President appointed Mr. Ad. Dyckman, Mr. Seaver & Mrs. Voorhees a committee to draft Resolutions of Sympathy with Mrs. Burlingame in her severe sickness. Com. Reported as follows:

Resolved, that we regret exceedingly the serious illness of Mrs. C. S. Burlingame, for so many years associated with us in literary work;

That we express our high estimation of the value of that work to our society, and extend to her our most sincere kind wishes in whatever fortune may await her, and pray the Dear Lord may be with her to sustain, to comfort and reward.

Adjourned Geo. L. Seaver Sec
by A. S. D.

All written by Mr. Seaver except copy of resolution by A. S. Dyckman

Monday Evening Nov. 16th 1891

Literary and Library Society

met at the Parlors of Mrs. A. Voorhees
Called to order by the president, Joseph Lammie
at eight O. Clk p.m.

In the absence of the secretary, A. S. Dyckman was appointed secretary pro tem
The committee on place of meeting appointed Mrs. A. S. Dyckman's parlors as the next meeting place.

Miscellaneous Committee arranged that that the following members should furnish papers or readings for next meeting:

A. Voorhees

Mrs. Dr. Dean

A. S. Dyckman to make remarks on any topic he may choose.

The regular literary exercises followed.
Mrs. A. Voorhees read extracts from French history and literature relating to Madame Sevigne (Extracts from her letters)

Dr. Dean read Social Problems by Edward Everett Hale in the Cosmopolitan Magazine.

The Critics followed remarks as follows:

A. Voorhees: The French Lady letter writer, wrote with a natural and easy style which is the highest and most effective in all writing.

As to Hale's Essay, the world moves and with an accelerated motion for the last century. Jealousy of the powers maintained the Swiss Republic, but the United States stood in the strength

of its own possessions and sent
its influence abroad to revolutionize
the world.

England has grown liberal, though
Russia is still despotic she must
yield to the progress of civilization.

A. S. Dyckman

Was pleased with
the letters of Madame Sevigne.

Perhaps in those times it was not
considered in the highest degree res-
pectable for Ladies to become Authors.
If it had been otherwise perhaps she
might have been distinguished
as a writer.

I was struck with her relation
of what some one had said: "That a
certain man abused the privilege of
being ugly (homely)".

As to Hale's Article, he
seems to rest his hopes for the
future on a better diplomacy
that will bring about disarmament
of the nations, but overlooks
the great evils of monopoly & cor-
ruption that are converting the
substance of the poor into the
hands of the rich -

Joseph Lammie

Madame Sevigne wrote
gossipy letters but was not a philosopher
and I doubt if she could have been dis-
tinguished as a writer - Lady Montague
was a philosopher and a critic of liter-
ature as Madame Sevigne was not.

As to Hale's Essay I do not

believe that the German Empire is sustained
by the army, but by the affections & loyalty of
the German People toward the Royal House.
And Queen Victoria will not be the
last Sovereign of England.

The printing press is the force that is ad-
vancing the world.

Dr Dean, in response, said,
the leading idea of Mr Hale's Essay, is
disarmament by diplomacy which
he thought was ably presented.

Adjourned - A. S. Dyckman Secretary

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The South Haven Literary & Library Society met at the Parlor of Mrs. A. S. Dyckman on Monday Evening Nov. 30th with President Larrin in the Chair and a rather limited number in attendance.

The minutes of the first meeting of the season Nov. 1st were read by Ex. Sec. Deaver and approved. And of the meeting of Nov. 16th by acting sec. Dyckman and approved.

Dues } Mr. & Mrs. Voorhees paid dues \$1.00

On motion of Mr. Voorhees

Dr. Rungan who had been Elected Sec. at annual meeting having positively declined to act in that capacity

Mr. A. S. Dyckman was Elected Secretary by a unanimous vote of the Society.

The regular Program was then entered upon.

Mr. Voorhees reading an anonymous paper Entitled "Education True and False"

Flowing from his pen in the "under progress of the World" and which though difficult to write out were listened to with the deepest attention and apparent satisfaction.

Mrs. Voorhees reviewed the short program in her usual intelligent and highly interesting manner. ^{giving an opinion upon the hand of God in the progress of things.}

President Larrin said that unless a man could make practical use of his information it would be of no value to himself or those around him, no matter how thoroughly he may have stored his mind by reading and literary research.

Laughing upon Mr. Dyckman's remarks

1891

President Larrin launched out into quite an eloquent line of remarks giving another illustration (which he has often done before to the great Edification of the Society) of the inestimable amount of valuable information which he always has at command.

On the whole notwithstanding the number present was small. The exercises were in the highest sense interesting and instructive.

The next meeting of the Society will convene in the Parlor of Mrs. Geo. L. Deaver on Monday Evening Dec. 1st with the following Program: Dramatic Reading or Discussion of the Poet "James Russell Lowell."

Sketch of the Author This work Mr. Deaver

Extracts by J. Larrin

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Mrs. Dyckman

"

Mr. Voorhees

To be followed by General Discussion

Adjourned

Geo. L. Deaver act. Sec.

On account of absence of members attending West Michigan Fruit Growers Society the meeting was postponed from December 14th 1891, for four weeks, to Jan 11th 1892.

Literary & Library Society met at Mrs Geo L. Seaver's parlors Monday Evening Jan 11th 1892, president Lannin in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Committee on Librarianship reported as subject for next meeting, Sir Edwin Arnold and his works.

Review by Joseph Lannin

Extracts and Remarks by

Mrs Geo L. Seaver

A. S. Dyckman

Mr Geo L. Seaver.

To be followed by General Discussion.

Place of Meeting, parlors of Mrs A. Voorhees.

Geo L. Seaver = The literary exercises commenced by a paper by Geo L. Seaver reviewing the works of James Russell Lowell and giving an estimate of the man as a Scholar, Critic, Teacher, Editor and Diplomatist.

Mr Seaver was member of the Club in Boston, many years ago, to whose sirenade Mr Lowell responded very handsomely.

He classed Lowell with the great poets and literary men of his time.

Mr A. Voorhees = read from the Critics:

From C. T. Winchester:

"Compared with Longfellow, Emerson, Hawthorne, Whittier Holmes & other Americans Lowell was the broadest literary man - judging him by his highest, he was as a poet unequalled in America."

From Richard Jones:

"He is even more intellectual than Longfellow."

From W. L. Stead:

"Lowell had no competitor since Emerson died - was many-sided - was the prophet of the 19th century - His poem of 'Extreme Unction' changed my life."

for Lannin = Read extracts from Lowell's poems: "The Pine Tree", "Capture of a Slave", also from "Biglow Papers", and at last "First Snow Fall."

He has some finest outbursts of poetry, unlike Holmes and Whittier much that is crude, nothing to equal in originality Longfellow's Hiawatha.

As an essayist he was magnificent.

Critics

Mrs Geo L. Seaver = I have been interested & pleased with the discussion. I am an admirer of Lowell.

A. S. Dyckman = I think some of the writers of criticism over-estimate Lowell as a poet when they place him far above Whittier and Holmes.

As a humorist I like Holmes the best and as a lyricist Whittier is far superior, having much of the inspiration and pathos of Robt Burns.

Whittier's Snow Bound alone would place him above Lowell as a poet.

Responses

Mr Seaver = As a poet I would not think Lowell superior to the author's name, but, in a broad sense, as a man of letters and as a statesman, he takes a very high position.

Mr Voorhees = Mr Lowell must always be held in high estimation for the fine intellectual quality of his work. Others, as Whittier, may be more emotional, and touch the heart more closely, but Lowell is ~~by~~ elevated and classical.

Mr Lannin = The poets who have written Epics successfully as Longfellow in Hiawatha will live when a writer of fugitive pieces, like Lowell, will pass into oblivion.

Adjourned for two weeks.

A.S. Dyckman
Secretary.

The Literary and Library Society met
at the parlors of Mrs. A. Voorhes,
Monday Evening Feb 8th 1892.

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved.

Committee appointed Mrs. A.S.
Dyckman's parlors as the next place
of meeting.

A. Voorhes of Committee on
Debates appointed for the next meeting
as chief disputants,

Joseph Lammie

A.S. Dyckman

with the following
question:

Resolved, that the leading issues of
the next Presidential campaign should
be economical not moral.

Mr Lammie then proceeded with a
review of Sir Edwin Arnold's writings:

He took up the *Light of Asia* and
characterized it as beautiful and orig-
inal in its manner of poetical presen-
tation.

He spoke of right incarnations
in history, Buddha one of them.

Incarnation has been attributed to
superior men by their admiring fellows.

He spoke of coincidences between
Oriental religions and Christianity and

compared the story of Buddha with that of Christ
showing remarkable resemblance.

But there was a great distinction in that Buddha
was influenced by passions like other men, was
married &c — believed in transmigration &c

Buddhism was unlike Christianity and had
nothing of the evolution theories that have prevailed
more or less among western scientists.

Buddha was a humanitarian and was led
to despair.

A. Voorhes.

I think the story of the poem must be
very fine. Not being familiar with it of course
I can not judge the poem as a poem.

Mrs. A. Voorhes.

Several expressions, as read by Mr Lammie,
were very beautiful.

Only a genius and scholarly man could
write such a poem.

W. A. Payne.

Buddha was most like Christ of any of the
ancients. He abdicated power and went out to
learn the miseries of the people & to relieve them.
His moral teachings are like Christ's, but
in certain other respects he was widely
different. Christ was a culmination
— the fulfillment of a line of progress.

A.S. Dyckman.

Buddhism tends to inanition & despair.
Christianity tends to fullness of life
and hope.

Joseph Lammie.

I think much of the charm of the
poem is due to its novelty.

Of all religions of human origin none
is equal to Buddhism.

Meeting adjourned
A.S. Dyckman
Sec.

Literary Meeting at Mrs Dyckman's
parlors Feb 22-1892 - Joseph Lammie
president, in the Chair -

Appointed Mrs A. Voorhes parlors as
next place of meeting and A. Voorhes
and W.H. Payne as disputants.

"Then proceeded with discussions of
the question: Resolved that the issues of
the next General Election should be econom-
ical not moral."

Joseph Lammie - Aff -

Spoke of the importance of legislation
in reference to tariff charges and also
patents royalties - also Rail Road rates -
also as to tenure of lands.

The Government has power over the
lands as history tells of nations that
have exercised such power - as the
Agrarian Laws of the Romans &c

"We shall need legislation in refer-
ence to harbors -

A.S. Dyckman - Neg -

Spoke of imminent need of
legislation in reference to Temperance
& Citizens Rights, Polygamy &c and argued
Moral questions to be more important
to the true happiness of mankind than
the economical ones."

A. Voorhes - Aff -

Legislation already deals with moral
questions as far as many think advisable
- Moral suasion should correct moral

evils. When public opinion is corrected
legislation by any party will carry out
the public will. Spoke at length in favor
of protective tariff.

What promotes economical interests
promotes in their ends also moral interests.

A.S. Dyckman - Neg -

The McKinley Bill substantially
settles the tariff question -

Neither of the old parties will do anything
for financial reform or land reform -

If the Republican Party would take up

A special meeting for the purpose being duly called, the
Literary and Library Society met
in Hurlbut Hall Sept 12th 1892 -

Quorum present -

President Lammie in the Chair,
on motion of A. Voorhes sup-
ported by Geo L. Seaver the following reso-
lution was adopted: to wit: By the
South Haven Literary and Library Society
in session September 12th 1892 at Hurl-
but Hall, it is hereby voted that the Di-
rectors of said society be instructed
to mortgage lot one block one of
Dyckman Hale & company's addition
to the Village of South Haven to Mrs
Harriet G. Mason or such parties as
may secure her for a loan of Five
Hundred Dollars to go into the con-
struction of the new Hall on said
lot -

on motion adjourned

A.S. Dyckman
Sec -