

From left to right:- Miss Georgianna Dickenson, Miss Agnes Sheffer, Mrs. H.Loomis, Mrs.R.E.Gibson, Mrs.G.O.Chapman, Mrs.A.C.Runyan, Mrs. G.C.Monroe, Mrs.John Merson, Sr.



From left to right on porch:- Mrs.M.T.French (facing this way), Mrs.C.Fletcher, Miss Fannie Mills, Mrs.M.R.Freshwater, Mrs.John Stanton, Mr.S.H.Wilson on the ground under the tree. (mustache)



From left to right:- Mrs.Louise Hall, Mrs.Geo.Chapman, Mrs.M. Springer, Mrs. John Merson, Sr.

My Club Garden.

I was sitting alone in the quietness of home,
Looking o'er the list of Scott Club names,
And I found in my review
Many friends both tried and true,
Others whom I scarcely knew
But whose friendship I am sure would be my gain.

Like a garden filled with flowers
Is this dear Scott Club of ours,
And in it every lovely flower has a place,
Here's the rose, the lily fair,
Lovely flowers rich and rare.
I am thankful, in my heart
Of my garden they're apart
For they give to it a rich perfume and grace.

I look on down the line.
I am glad these friends are mine.
And I gaze with loving kindness on each face.
It would be with deep regret
I would miss the mignonette,
But I see it sweetly blooming in its place.

We have not the poppy here or the garish hollyhock.
But the violet and panzy you will see.
Just push aside those leaves,
Shyly hiding if you please.
Is the lily of the valley, pure and free.
But this is not enough, I must find the candytuft
Its little star like blossoms are so sweet.
I take a look beyond and I see the fern and palm
And I whisper ah! my garden is complete.

But I miss in my review many faces I once knew.
Fair blossoms that were very dear to me.
I will look my garden o'er
I must see them as before,
Or the Scott Club will not seem the same to me.
And I found a tiny spot just beyond the forget-me-nots
Where the beautiful and rare Immortelles grew.

The blossoms here were few but so dear to me and you
I would not place the rue upon this ground.
This little plot will grow both in sunshine and in snow
And we'll often come and water it with tears,
For as years go flitting past,
Other ones will come to rest,
In my garden, where the pure Immortelles grow.

Written by Mrs.Geo.Beake. First read by her at an afternoon meeting of the club in 1909. Later, by request, read again at a social gathering of the club.



Mrs. M. T. French.....1916-1918

1916 - 1917

LITERATURE AND SOUTH AMERICA

1917 - 1918

HISTORY of UNITED STATES and Possessions as seen through Modern Developments

Never in the history of our club's life had the call to service come with such a clear and emphatic voice as through the years of 1916-1917 and 1917-1918 and it is greatly to the credit of the Scott Club ladies that they most nobly responded to all demands upon their time, money and strength. During the summer of 1916 when we were all stirred to the depths over German atrocities the ladies organized for War Relief Work, with Mrs. Beak as chairman, and using the Scott Club building as a base for work, packing and clearing station, and with money contributed by the ladies for material, a large amount of Belgian Relief work was accomplished. Our city merchants became interested and, with donations of shoes, caps, rubbers, and clothing helped to fill the large number of big boxes which were sent out from our Scott Club basement. Reports on work were made at our regular meetings and at one of our November meetings a fine exhibit of completed work was made.

It was also commendible that the Scott Club building could be of service to other organizations. It was used through the summer months for the Childrens' Story Hour. Also for the meetings of the City Suffrage Club, The Bird Club. And the early meetings of the Red Cross were held in the Scott Club building. During the summer of 1916, the Club ladies carried on a campaign of work that assured the fourth season of the Chautauqua for our city and community.

While the regular programs of the year were unusually interesting and instructive, mention will only be made of a number of special meetings and programs. The first being a reception to the teachers of our public schools and school board. About 115 were in attendance at this bright, entertaining evening. The principle number on the program given was a play "The Sapphira Club" in charge of Mrs. T.E.Hook. This was a take-off on Women's Clubs and was highly amusing. Dec. 19th, the Daughters of the Club were entertained at a delightful Christmas party. Mrs. Bixby, who was in charge, provided a most enjoyable musical program telling of Handel's life and the writing of the Messiah, descriptions being interspersed with several selections from the great oratorio. A fine program by the Kammer Music and another by the Bird Club were both greatly appreciated by the large

Attendance at Kammer Music evening Dec. 2nd-1916 was 165-Friends

number in attendance. At the request of the School Board that the Scott Club put on something of a Historical nature for one of the numbers for their community meetings then being held in the High School Auditorium, the Club gave the Michigan Historical Pageant on the evening of Jan. 24th. It was only through the tireless energy and hearty co-operation of all the ladies who were called upon for help that this Pageant proved to be a great success, delighting the large audience and causing the School Board to express themselves as more than pleased. Another number was given by the Scott Club for the school community programs. This was in charge of Miss Belle Brown, our department chairman on Art. It consisted of a stereoptician lecture of sixty slides showing the development of Art and was highly instructive. In May, a baby welfare campaign was carried out under the direction of Mrs.C.J.Monroe, our civics chairman, and by visiting homes, by window display of articles necessary for babies given by our merchants and by fine talks and demonstrations by physician and nurses for our program at our Club building where were displayed food charts and exhibits of proper clothing for babies, much interest was aroused and much literature distributed.

In the early spring of 1917, the interest and sympathy aroused over the conditions and needs of the French wounded were freely discussed and the President appointed Mrs. Carnes and Mrs. Penoyar to act with Mrs. Beak in obtaining information which led to the organization of the Red Cross, and it must be a matter of considerable pride to the ladies to recall that before the Governor got around to arrange for the organization of the County Red Cross, the Scott Club ladies had been doing Red Cross work for some time. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Beake, this work was carried on vigorously all through the summer vacation. Canned fruit, comfort bags and pillows were also sent to our boys in training at Camp Custer.

In the beginning of the Club year 1917-1918, it was thought best to continue with the study programs as usual and so be organized and ready to respond quickly to any call which came for service. Ladies brought knitting or sewing. And Red Cross work was of the greatest importance throughout the year. We also endeavored to keep the home fires burning and during these years, as in previous years, many gifts for charitable purposes were made. The hospital canned fruit; contribution to the Chicago Womens' Shelterhouse of $5.00; books sent to the Jackson prison library; contribution to the Federation Endowment fund and the sale of Christmas Seals, each department chairman taking charge of the meeting or work appropriate to her department. "Others" was the slogan. The only thing that perhaps might be called selfish was a benefit for the Club. The very enjoyable evening of Living Pictures of Songs which was given in the Congregational Church to a packed house and netted $65.00 which went toward much needed repairs in the basement of the building. The floor was again patched and brought to normal level, wood-work painted and ceiling and walls decorated. It was in this year that our first flag was purchased and raised. The name of Captain Bishop will always be held in kindly rememberance in this connection as he gave the first $5.00 toward the flag.

As war conditions deepened, the seriousness was reflected in our club meetings which were opened with a salute to our flag, prayer and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

After the organization of the County Red Cross and the South Haven Unit, Scott Club ladies took a prominent and active part in all Red Cross activities. Mrs. C.J.Monroe was made County Chairman on Food Conservation; Mrs. S.H.Wilson, County Chairman of the Woman's Division for the Liberty Loan drives; and Mrs.F.C.Penoyar, County Chairman of the Department of Surgical dressings and hospital supplies and was also Chairman of this work for our local Unit. Mrs. Geo. Beak was made Chairman of the South Haven Unit of the Red Cross. And under the energetic and efficient direction of these capable leaders, it is with much satisfaction that we recall that in the membership drives, in the distribution of food cards, registration for service,

Liberty Loan, and all other patriotic drives open to women, the ladies of the Scott Club did their full share. They were a majority in the membership of the South Haven Unit of the Red Cross and nearly all the officers were members of the Scott Club. Many ladies attending every meeting at the Rest Room working on hospital garments or supplies, taking home garments to finish and knitting socks, sweaters and helmets at home or wherever they might be; and at other times working at the Surgical dressing rooms. At one of the Club's all day work meetings for the Red Cross, a food conservation luncheon was served at noon; this was followed by the giving of recipies, readings and talks on food conservation. Another patriotic program was given under the auspicies of the Scott Club in the High School Auditorium as our share in the community programs. When Edwin F. Treftz, one of the six representative men who were sent by our government to investigate conditions on the firing line, and party - Dean Sarah Louise Arnold and Dr. Alexander Cairnes - gave most excellent and convincing talks. The evenings' program closed with a beautiful tableau "The Defenders of Liberty". Mrs. Wilson was chairman of the committee in charge. As this program was given before our last Liberty Loan drive, we were assured of its lasting influence for patriotism. In looking over the records, we find noted that the Scott Club donated to the Red Cross 100 finished garments; raised $107.27 which was given directly to our local Red Cross Branch; and further contributed $131.00 for other was activities including Armenian Relief, Y.W.C.A. Drive, and $69.75 for our soldiers Furlough Home in France, making a total of $238.27.

May 15th, the Scott Club had the pleasure of entertaining the twenty-second annual meeting of the Van Buren County Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs.S.H.Wilson, County-President.

A Pageant of Michigan History

Introduction - Mrs. M. T. French, President Scott Club

Part I—Discovery and Early Visitors

Scene 1. First Inhabitants—1610.

Scene 2. First Discoverers and Early Visitors—1675.

Part II.—Settlement

Scene 1. First Settlement of Detroit—1701.

Scene 2. Surrender of Detroit to the English—1760.

Scene 3. Pontiac's Conspiracy—1763.

Part III.—Michigan Becomes a State

Pioneer Times. Civil War Period.

Scene 1. Celebration of Statehood—1837.

Scene 2. Pioneer Occupation Continued Through Civil War Period—1837-1865.

Part IV.—Present Times

1865 - 1917

The Progress and achievements of the State of Michigan as represented by the characteristics of the period.

Scene 1. The Spirit of Progress enthroned addressed by the visualized Spirits of Education, Industry, Temperance and Patriotism.