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Yet the same.”

# PROGRAMME.

OCTOBER 6.

Literary and Social Conditions of the Century.

Swift.

ELIZA HANNA HAYDEN.

FANNY HOFFMAN WILLIAMS.

OCTOBER 20.

Pope and the Classical Age.

Romantic Poetry.

MARY ROWAN HARPER.

ELIZABETH MORGAN BURROWES.

NOVEMBER 3.

Periodical Essays.

Addison.

Steele.

ANNA A. LOWRY.

MARTHA J. MODERWELL.

NOVEMBER 17.

Origin and Development of the Novel.

M. BELLE CLARK.

HELEN TRACY GUILD.

DECEMBER 1.

Topic Selected.

FANNIB M. THAYER.

DECEMBER 15.

Scepticism.

Voltaire.

Montesquien.

KATHARINE HAMILTON.

AGNES J. COCHRANE.



JANUARY 5.

German Literature.

Bodmer.      Gottsched.

Lessing.     Klopstock.

SUSAN F. MORGAN.

MARY DRAKE MODERWELL.

JANUARY 19.

Wieland.

Herder.

Sturm und Drang Period.

MERICA HOAGLAND.

SUSAN C. HOFFMAN.

JANUARY 26.

CLUB ANNIVERSARY.

“ Reason, and Folly, and Beauty,  
they say,  
Went on a party of pleasure  
one day.”

FEBRUARY 2.

Johnson.

Goldsmith.

S. ELIZABETH JACOBS.

J. ANNA BOND BROWN.

FEBRUARY 16.

Historians.

M. KATHARINE MACDOUGAL.

ELIZA HOUISON SEABREASE.

MARCH 2.

Topic Selected.

ELLEN R. BURSLEY.

MARCH 16.

Sceptical Philosophy of Hume.

Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations."

MARY E. HOFFMAN.

ESSIE PREBLE MYERS.

MARCH 30.

War of the Encyclopædists, and Reformation.

Diderot, Rousseau, and Buffon.

MARY G. SMITH.

EMMA HOAGLAND FLEMING.



APRIL 13.

Sheridan and English Comedy.

HELEN F. GUILD.

MARIAN A. BARRETT.

APRIL 27.

Edmund Burke.

Miscellaneous Writers.

SARAH B. CRAW.

HELEN MOFFAT.

MAY 11.

Italian Dramatic Literature.

JESSIE M. BOND.

MARGARET M. COLERICK.

MAY 25.

Spanish Literature.

American Colonial Literature.

GEORGIANA W. BOND.

CAROLYN RANDALL FAIRBANK.

“Days have their limits, however  
we  
Begin them too early or stretch  
them to late.”

## BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

“In the best books great men talk to us.”

- Bagehot, Walter*.....Literary Studies  
*Brougham, Lord*....Lives of Men of Letters and Science  
of the Time of George Third.  
*Buckle, H. T.*..... History of Civilization in England.  
*Courthope, W. J.*.....History of English Poetry  
*Craik, G. H.*..History of English Literature and Thought  
*Dennis, John*..... Studies in Literature  
*Dobson, Austin*..... Eighteenth Century Vignettes  
*Gosse, Edmund*.....History of 18th Century Literature  
*Hallam, Henry*.....Literary History of Europe  
*Hazlitt, William*....Lectures on the English Poets and the  
English Comic Writers.  
*Howitt, William*... Homes and Haunts of the British Poets  
*Longfellow, H. W.*.....Poets and Poetry of Europe  
*Mason, David*..... Essays on the English Poets  
*Mitchell, D. G.*..... English Lands, Letters and Kings  
*Nicholls, J.*.....Literary Anecdotes of the 18th Century

- Phetps, W. H.*.....Beginnings of the English Romantic Movement.
- Phillips, M. G.*.....Popular Manual of English Literature
- Reed, Henry*.....Lectures on the English Poets
- Saintsbury, George*.....History of English Literature
- Schlegel, A. W.*.....Dramatic Art and Literature
- Schlegel, F.*.....Lectures on the History of Literature, Ancient and Modern.
- Scott, Sir Walter*.....Lives of Eminent Novelists and Dramatists.
- Stephen, Leslie*.....History of English Thought in the 18th Century.
- Stephen, Leslie*.....Hours in a Library
- Sydney, W. C.*.....England and the English in the 18th Century.
- Taine, H. A.*.....History of English Literature
- Thackeray, W. M.*...English Humorists of the 18th Century
- Craik, H.*.....Life of Swift
- Forster, John*.....Life of Swift
- Scott, Sir Walter*.....Life of Swift
- Stephen, Leslie*.....Life of Swift
- Dennis, John*.....Age of Pope
- Lowell, J. R.*.....Pope (In his Essays)
- Stephen, Leslie*.....Life of Pope
- Arnold, Matthew*.....Gray (In his Essays)
- Gosse, Edmund*.....Life of Gray
- Lowell, J. R.*.....Gray (In his Essays)
- Aikin, Lucy*.....Life of Addison
- Courthope, W. J.*.....Life of Addison
- Macantay, T. B.*.....Addison (In his Essays)
- Aitkens, G. A.*.....Life of Steele
- Crawford, F. M.*.....The Novel, What It Is
- Forsyth, W.*.....Novels and Novelists of the 18th Century

- Lanier, Sydney*..... History of the English Novel and the Principle of Its Development.
- Masson, David*..... British Novelists and Their Styles
- Raleigh, Walter* ..... The English Novel
- Saintsbury, George*..... Essays on French Novelists
- Senior, W. N.*..... Essays in Fiction
- Chadwick, W.*..... Life and Times of Defoe
- Minto, William*..... Life of Defoe
- Morley, Henry*..... Earlier life of Defoe
- Scott, Sir Walter*..... Life of Defoe
- Dobson, Austin*..... Life of Fielding
- Lawrence, F.*..... Life of Fielding
- Lowell, J. R.*..... Fielding (In his Essays)
- Whipple, E. P.*..... Fielding (In his Essays and Reviews)
- Hannay, D.*..... Life of Smollett
- Disraelie, Isaac*.... Sterne (In his Literary Reminiscences)
- Fitzgerald, Percy*..... Life of Sterne
- Fraill, H. D.*..... Life of Sterne
- Keene, H G.*..... Literature of France
- Saintsbury, George*.... Short History of French Literature
- Vanhaun, H.*..... History of French Literature
- Vinet, A. R.*..... History of French Literature in the 18th Century.
- Sorel, Albert*..... Life of Montesquien
- Carlyle, Thomas*..... Voltaire (In his Essays)
- Collin, J. C.*..... Voltaire in England
- Morley, John*..... Life of Voltaire
- Parton, James*..... Life of Voltaire
- Conant, Helen S.*..... Primer of German Literature
- Hosmer, J. K.*..... Short History of German Literature
- Scherer, W.*..... History of German Literature
- Taylor, Bayard*..... Studies in German Literature
- Nevinson, H* ..... Life of Herder

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| <i>Lowell, J. R.</i> .....            | Lessing (In his Essays)               |
| <i>Sime, James</i> .....              | Life of Lessing                       |
| <i>Zimmern, Helen</i> .....           | Life of Lessing                       |
| <i>Black, William</i> .....           | Life of Goldsmith                     |
| <i>Forster, John</i> .....            | Life of Goldsmith                     |
| <i>Irving, Washington</i> .....       | Life of Goldsmith                     |
| <i>Macaulay, T. B.</i> .....          | Goldsmith (In his Essays)             |
| <i>Scott, Sir Walter</i> .....        | Life of Goldsmith                     |
| <i>Boswell, James</i> .....           | Life of Johnson                       |
| <i>Macaulay, T. B.</i> .....          | Johnson (In his Essays)               |
| <i>Stephen, Leslie</i> .....          | Life of Johnson                       |
| <i>Howells, W. D., ed.</i> .....      | Autobiography of Gibbon               |
| <i>Morison, J. O.</i> .....           | Life of Gibbon                        |
| <i>Sainte-Beuve, C. A.</i> .....      | Gibbon (In his English Portraits)     |
| <i>Lewes, G. H.</i> .....             | Biographical History of Philosophy    |
| <i>Hurley, T. H.</i> .....            | Life of Hume                          |
| <i>Farrer, J. A.</i> .....            | Life of Adam Smith                    |
| <i>Haldane, R. D.</i> .....           | Life of Adam Smith                    |
| <i>Morley, John</i> .....             | Diderot and the Encyclopaedists       |
| <i>Greyham, H. G.</i> .....           | Life of Rousseau                      |
| <i>Lowell, J. R.</i> .....            | Rousseau (In his Essays)              |
| <i>Oliphant, Mrs.</i> .....           | Life of Sheridan                      |
| <i>Ras, W. Fraser</i> .....           | Life of Sheridan                      |
| <i>Whipple, E. P.</i> .....           | Sheridan (In his Essays and Reviews)  |
| <i>Morley, John</i> .....             | Life of Burke                         |
| <i>Prior, J.</i> ..                   | Life of Burke                         |
| <i>Rogers, S.</i> .....               | Recollections of Burke                |
| <i>Paget, Violet</i> .....            | Studies of the 18th Century in Italy  |
| <i>Sismondi, J. C. L. S. de</i> ..... | Literature of the<br>South of Europe. |
| <i>Snell, F. J.</i> .....             | Primer of Italian Literature          |
| <i>Howells, W. D., ed.</i> .....      | Autobiography of Alfieri              |
| <i>Howells, W. D., ed.</i> .....      | Autobiography of Goldoni              |



- Symonds, J. A.* . . . . . **Alfieri and Goldoni (In his sketches and Studies in Southern Europe).**
- Bouterwek, F.* . . . . . **History of Spanish and Portugese Literature.**
- Conant, Helen S.* . . . . . **Primer of Spanish Literature**
- Kennedy, J. A.* . . . . . **Modern Poets and Poetry of Spain**
- Richardson, C. F.* . . . . . **American Literature**
- Stedman, E. C. and Hutchinson, C. M., ed.* . . . . .  
 . . . . . **Library of American Literature**
- Tyler, M. C.* . . . . . **History of American Literature**
- Franklin, Benjamin.* . . . . . **Autobiography**
- McMasters, J. B.* . . . . . **Life of Franklin**

“God uses us to help each other  
so, lending our minds out.”

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

ELIZA HANNA HAYDEN.

FANNY HOFFMAN WILLIAMS.

HELEN TRACY GUILD.

“Thoughts shut up want air,  
And spoil, like bales unopened  
to the sun.”

## CONVERSATIONS.

|                                |                          |
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| MRS. JAMES M. BARRETT.....     | Oct. 20, March 20.       |
| MRS. CHARLES E. BOND.....      | April 13, May 23.        |
| MRS. STEPHEN B. BOND.....      | March 16, Oct. 6.        |
| MRS. FRANCIS I. BROWN.....     | Nov. 17, Feb. 16.        |
| MRS. STEPHAN A. BURROWES.....  | Jan. 3, May 11.          |
| MRS. GILBERT E. BURSLEY.....   | Nov. 3, April 27.        |
| MISS M. BELLE CLARK.....       | Jan. 19, March 30.       |
| MISS AGNES J. COCHRANE.....    | Jan. 19, Feb. 2.         |
| MISS MARGARET M. COLERICK..... | Feb. 16, April 27.       |
| MISS SARAH B. CRAW.....        | March 16, May 11.        |
| MRS. CLARK FAIRBANK.....       | Oct. 6, Jan. 3.          |
| MRS. WILLIAM H. FLEMING.....   | Oct. 20, Feb. 2.         |
| MRS. ALBERT D. GUILD.....      | Nov. 17, Dec. 15.        |
| MRS. HELEN TRACY GUILD.....    | Nov. 3, Dec. 15.         |
| MISS KATHARINE HAMILTON.....   | April 13, May 25.        |
| MRS. JAMES B. HARPER.....      | Oct. 26, April 27.       |
| MRS. FREDERICK J. HAYDEN.....  | Feb. 2, March 16.        |
| MISS MERICA HOAGLAND.....      | Feb. 16, May 25.         |
| MRS. SUSAN C. HOFFMAN.....     | April 13, May 11.        |
| MRS. WILLIAM H. HOFFMAN.....   | October 20, March 30.    |
| MRS. JOHN JACOBS.....          | December 15, January 19. |
| MISS ANNA A. LOWRY.....        | November 17, April 27.   |

MISS M. KATHARINE MACDOUGAL.... January 5, March 30  
MRS. HIRAM C. MODERWELL ..... November 3, January 3  
MRS. JAY M. MODERWELL ..... November 17, February 2  
MISS HELEN MOFFAT..... January 19, February 16  
MRS. OLIVER P. MORGAN..... October 6, April 13  
MRS. WILLIAM H. MYERS..... November 3, May 11  
MRS. ALEXANDER W. SEABREASE.... November 17, May 25  
MRS. JAMES SMITH ..... October 20, March 16  
MRS. LEONARD E. THAYER..... December 15, April 27  
MRS. EFFINGHAM T. WILLIAMS. November 3, November 17

## HONORARY MEMBER.

MISS MARY IRWIN.

## BY-LAWS.

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#### ARTICLE V.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. The number of members shall be limited to thirty-two active members. When vacancies occur, all names of candidates for membership shall be presented to the Program Committee in writing. A list of these candidates for membership shall be announced one week before they are to be voted upon. From the list thus presented each member shall be entitled to a vote for a candidate, and a majority of the votes of the members of the club shall be necessary for her election. If there is no election on the first ballot, the succeeding ballots shall be confined to the three candidates having the highest number of votes, until there is an election.

SEC. 2. A member who is absent from three consecutive meetings, without sending an excuse in writing to the Program Committee before the date of the fourth

meeting, will be considered as desiring to withdraw from the club, and her name will be dropped from the list, the Secretary notifying such member to that effect.

SEC. 3. Any member may bring a friend, not a resident of the city, to any regular meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI.

All necessary expenses shall be divided equally among the members of the club. There shall be an annual fee of one dollar for each member, payable at the first regular business meeting of the club.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Seventeen members must be present for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the club, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that a written notice of the intended change has been given at a previous meeting.

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# PROGRAMME.

OCTOBER 5.

The Closing Years of English Literature of the Eighteenth  
Century and the Opening of the Nineteenth.

Wordsworth.

ELIZA H. SEABREASE.

OCTOBER 19.

Southey.        Moore.

Coleridge.      Byron.

Hood.

ANNA BOND BROWN.

AGNES J. COCHRAN.

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NOVEMBER 2.

Shelly. Revival of the Novel.

Keats. . . Walter Scott.

Landor.

MERICA HOAGLAND.

HELEN MOFFAT SINDE.

NOVEMBER 16.

Jane Austen

Frances Burney.

Maria Edgeworth.

Hannah More.

E. B. Lytton.

KATHARINE HAMILTON.

NOVEMBER 31.

Topic Selected.

S. ELIZABETH JACOB.

DECEMBER 14.

The Great Quarterly Reviews and their Writers.

Sydney Smith.

Charles Lamb.

Sir James McIntosh.

Thomas Carlyle.

Francis Jeffrey.

Thomas DeQuincy.

ELLEN R. BURSLEY.

SUSAN F. MORGAN.



JANUARY 4.

Philosophy.

Metaphysical.

Natural.

Thomas Reid.

Sir Humphrey Davy.

Dugald Stewart.

Wm. and John Herschel.

Sir Wm. Hamilton.

Michael Faraday.

HELEN T. GUILD,

ELIZA J. JOHNSON.

JANUARY 18.

Historians.

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| Lingard. | Mitford.  |
| Hallam.  | Macaulay. |
| Turner.  | Alison.   |

FANNY M. THAYER.

HELEN TRACY GUILD.

JANUARY 25.

CLUB ANNIVERSARY.

F E B R U A R Y 1 .

Beginnings of American National Literature.

Benjamin Franklin.

Washington Irving.

Audobon.

James Fennimore Cooper.

Count Rumford.

ELIZA HANNA HAYDEN.

ANNIE L. TAYLOR.

FEBRUARY 15.

Oratory.

Fitz Green Halleck.

Webster.

William Cullen Bryant.

Clay.

Edgar A. Poe.

Calhoun.

M. KATHARINE MACDOUGAL.

ELLA N. HANNA.

MARCH 1.

Topic Selected.

CAROLYN RANDALL FAIRBANKS.

MARCH 15.

French Literature.

Chateaubriand.      Victor Hugo.

Madame de Stael.    Lamartine.

Beranger

MARY ROWAN HARPER.

GEORGIANA W. BOND.

MARCH 29.

Philosophical Revolution in Germany.

Fichte.           A. & T. Von Schelegel.

Schelling.       Trick.

Hegel.           Muller.

Arndt,

MARY E. HOFFMAN.

MARY G. SMITH.



APRIL 12.

1837.

Glimpses of the Victorian Era.

Alfred Tennyson.            Art Criticism.

E. B. Browning.            John Ruskin.

Robert Browning.         Mrs. Jamieson

MARY F. CRIGHTON.

SARAH B. CRAW.

APRIL 26.

Literary Criticism.

Transcendentalism.

Mathew Arnold.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

James Russell Lowell.

H. D. Thorean.

MARY DRAKE MODERWELL.

FANNY HOFFMAN WILLIAMS.

MAY 10.

Milman.           Bancroft.

Froude.           Motly.

Guizot.           Prescott.

SUSAN C. HOFFMAN.

MARTHA J. MODERWELL.

M A Y 2 4 .

Dickens.

Thackeray.

“George Eliot,”

Balzac.

Charlotte Bronte.

Hawthorne.

ELSIE PREBLE MYERS.

CORA ALLEN FREEMAN.

## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

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ELIZA H. SEABREASE.

J. ANNA BOND BROWN.

M. KATHARINE MACDOUGAL.

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| Carlyle.....  | <i>Froude</i>           |
| Carlyle.....  | <i>Nichol</i>           |
| Biographia Literaria .....                            | <i>Coleridge</i>        |
| Coleridge.....  | <i>Traill</i>           |
| DeQuincey .....                                       | <i>Masson</i>           |
| About England with Dickens .....                      | <i>Rimmer</i>           |
| Dickens.....  | <i>Ward</i>             |
| Life and Letters of Maria Edgeworth.....              | <i>Hore</i>             |
| George Eliot. ...                                     | <i>Blind</i>            |
| Life of George Eliot.....                             | <i>Cooke</i>            |
| George Eliot's Life in her Letters and Journals... .. | <i>Cross</i>            |
| Hamilton .....  | <i>Veitch</i>           |
| Sir William Herschel.....                             | <i>Holden</i>           |
| Keats .....   | <i>Colvin</i>           |
| Lamb....  | <i>Ainger</i>           |
| In the Footprints of Charles Lamb....                 | <i>Martin</i>           |
| Sir James Mackintosh .....                            | <i>R. J. Mackintosh</i> |
| Landor. ....  | <i>Colvin</i>           |
| Macaulay.....   | <i>Morison</i>          |
| Hannah More.....                                      | <i>Yonge</i>            |
| Sir Walter Scott. ....                                | <i>Hutton</i>           |
| Memoir of Scott.....                                  | <i>Lockhart</i>         |
| Life of Shelley.....                                  | <i>Dowden</i>           |
| Shelley... ..   | <i>Symonds</i>          |
| Records of Shelley and Byron ...                      | <i>Trelawny</i>         |
| Tennyson, His Art and Relation to Modern Life..       | <i>Brooke</i>           |
| Tennyson's In Memoriam.....                           | <i>Genung</i>           |
| Poetry of Tennyson... ..                              | <i>Van Dyke</i>         |
| Records of Tennyson, Ruskin and Browning .....        | <i>Ritchie</i>          |
| Thackeray .....                                       | <i>Trollope</i>         |
| Wordsworth....  | <i>Myers</i>            |
| Studies in American Letters.....                      | <i>Beers</i>            |
| Introduction to American Literature.....              | <i>Matthews</i>         |

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|---|----------------------|
| American Lands and Letters.....               | <i>Mitchell</i>      |
| Famous Americans of Recent Times.....         | <i>Parton</i>        |
| American Literature .. . . . .                | <i>Richardson</i>    |
| Poets of America... ..                        | <i>Stedman</i>       |
| History of American Literature.....           | <i>Tyler</i>         |
| Builders of American Literature.....          | <i>Underwood</i>     |
| Life of Audobon .. . . . .                    | <i>Mrs. Audubon</i>  |
| William Cullen Bryant.....                    | <i>Bigelow</i>       |
| John C. Calhoun .. . . . .                    | <i>Von Holst</i>     |
| Henry Clay... ..                              | <i>Schurz</i>        |
| James Fennimore Cooper.....                   | <i>Lounsbury</i>     |
| Ralph Waldo Emerson .. . . . .                | <i>Holmes</i>        |
| Emerson in Concord.....                       | <i>E. W. Emerson</i> |
| Franklin.....                                 | <i>McMasters</i>     |
| Autobiography .. . . . .                      | <i>Franklin</i>      |
| Hawthorne.....                                | <i>James</i>         |
| Memories of Hawthorne.....                    | <i>Lathrop</i>       |
| Washington Irving.. . . . .                   | <i>Warner</i>        |
| Letters of James Russell Lowell.....          | <i>Norton, ed</i>    |
| Correspondence of John Lothrop Motley.....    | <i>Curtis, ed</i>    |
| Edgar Allen Poe.....                          | <i>Woodberry</i>     |
| Life of Prescott.. . . . .                    | <i>Ticknor</i>       |
| Henry David Thoreau .. . . . .                | <i>Sanborn</i>       |
| Daniel Webster .... . . . .                   | <i>Lodge</i>         |
| Short History of French Literature .. . . . . | <i>Saintsbury</i>    |
| History of French Literature.....             | <i>Van I aun</i>     |
| Modern French Literatue.....                  | <i>Wells</i>         |
| Madame de Stael .. . . . .                    | <i>Duffy</i>         |
| Madame de Stael. .... . . . .                 | <i>Stevens</i>       |
| Short History of German Literature .. . . . . | <i>Hosmer</i>        |
| History of German Literature.....             | <i>Scherer</i>       |
| Modern German Literature.....                 | <i>Wells</i>         |
| Hegel .. . . . .                              | <i>Caird</i>         |

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**Associated with**

I. U. L. C. 1892.

G. F. W. C. 1892. Withdrew 1898.

W. C. L. 1893.

“Knowledge rare we seek and share.”

“The bee, though it finds every rose  
has a thorn, comes back loaded with  
honey from its rambles; and why should  
not other tourists do the same?”

## PROGRAMME.

OCTOBER ELEVENTH.

Summer Reminiscences.

M. KATHARINE MACDOUGAL.

MAY W. LAUBACH

"What is it?"

The phantom of a cup that comes and goes?"

OCTOBER TWENTY-FIFTH.

The Holy Grail.

Legends { Sir Galahad.  
          { Lohengrin.

ELIZA H. SEABREASE.

AGNES A SEABREASE.

“Great is the dignity of authorship.”

NOVEMBER EIGHTH,

An Hour with the Magazines.

MARY E. HOFFMAN,

MARTHA S. STEWART.

“The old order changeth yielding place to new.”

**NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH.**

RECIPROCITY DAY.

“Be wise:  
Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise.”

NOVEMBER TWENTY-SECOND.

Woman.

ELIZA HANNA HAYDEN.

CATHERINE S. BRACKENRIDGE.

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot?”

DECEMBER SIXTH.

Life in Colonial Times.

ELLA N. HANNA.

CAROLYN R. FAIRBANK.



“Yet I doubt not thro’ the ages one increasing purpose  
runs,  
And the thoughts of men are widened, with the process  
of the suns.”

DECEMBER TWENTIETH.

Compare the Primitive Condition of Living  
with that of To-day.

SARA P. FOSTER.

ELIZA J. JOHNSON.

“ 'Twere well with most, if books that could engage,  
Their childhood, pleased them at a riper age,  
The man, approving what had charmed the boy.”

JANUARY THIRD.

Children's Books and their Authors.

HELEN F. GUILD.

ELLEN R. BURSLEY.

“To hold, as't were, the mirror up to nature.”

JANUARY SEVENTEENTH.

The Function of Fiction

S. ELIZABETH JACOBS.

ANNIE L. TAYLOR.

“Make this day of all others a jubilee.”

**JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST.**

CLUB ANNIVERSARY.

“I cannot tell how the truth may be!  
I say the tale as 't was told to me.”

**FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH.**

Current Events.

LAURA ALICE WILSON.

ISABELLE G. FLEMING.

“With feelings proud we contemplate the rising glory of  
our State.”

**FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHTH.**

A Study of Indiana.

GEORGIANA W. BOND.

MARION F. CREIGHTON.

“If you have any business depending—be short, and let me  
hear it—  
And pay your fees.”

MARCH SEVENTH.

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“Each subsiding century reveals some new mystery.”

**MARCH TWENTY-FIRST.**

Arts and Inventions of the Nineteenth Century.

SUSAN C. HOFFMAN.

FANNY H. WILLIAMS.



“I pity the man who can travel from Dan to Beersheba, and cry, ‘ ’T is all barren!’ ”

APRIL FOURTH.

A Day of Travel.

CORA A. FREEMAN.

FANNIE M. THAYER.

“——and gives to airy nothing  
A local habitation and a name.’

APRIL EIGHTEENTH.

Folk-lore.

KATHARINE HAMILTON.

AGNES J. COCHRANE.

“The same arts that did gain  
A power, must it maintain.”

**MAY SECOND.**

The Taking of Holland.

MARY D. MODERWELL.

HELEN C. KNIGHT.

“The last act crowns the play.”

**MAY SIXTEENTH.**

THE PRESIDENT'S DAY.

## OFFICERS.

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| President..... | SUSAN F. MORGAN. |
| Secretary..... | HELEN F. GUILD.  |



## COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME.

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ELLEN R. BURSLEY.

GEORGIANA W. BOND.

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MRS CLARK FAIRBANK  
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MISS LAURA ALICE WILSON.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

MISS MARY IRWIN.  
MRS. STEPHEN B. BOND.

“Hence; home, you idle creatures, get you home!”

# BY-LAWS.

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SEC. 3. At the first meeting in May the drawing of the readings for the ensuing year shall be made. The Program Committee shall announce the subjects of the three meet-



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