

Sept. 27, 1897

Officers, May

Des Moines Women's Club

Regular Minutes (Copy)

June 1899

May 1900

Officers

President	Mrs. T. M. Walker
First Vice Pres.	Mrs. B. F. Elbert
Second Vice Pres.	Mrs. I. L. Hillis
Recording Sec.	Mrs. E. S. Burgin
Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. F. W. Vorse
Treasurer	Mrs. W. L. Read
Historian	Mrs. F. O. Green

(Signed) Mary L. Martin.

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 27, 1899.
Officers Day.

The D.M.W.C. met for the first meeting in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, Mrs. Witmer presiding. A novel feature for the occasion was the presence of ex-presidents Mesdames Reichard, Peters, A.B. Cummins, Clapp, Berryhill, Durley and Windsor, seated upon the platform, through Mrs. Walkers invitation. The decorations were autumn leaves and asters, arranged by the ushers Mesdames Rood, Knowlton and Chas. Wright. The annual reports were read by the Rec. Sec. Cor. Sec. Treas. and Historian. Mrs. Watrous Chairman of the Entertainment Com. announced the perfected arrangement for the Art Lecture by Mr. Wilber Reasor, to be given in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium the afternoons of October 12", 13", 16", 17" at three o'clock, season tickets \$1.00 single admission 35¢. Mrs. Clinton Nourse was present and spoke of her delightful acquaintance with Mr. Reasor during her stay in Holland. Mrs. J.A. Jackson spoke in flattering terms of Mr. Reasors Art Enthusiasm. Mrs. Baily Chairman of the Art Committee announced a course of talks on art by Prof. Cumming to be given before the Art. Com. during the Club year. Tickets for eleven talks Club members \$1.00 non Club members \$1.50.

An invitation from the City Federation to attend the opening meeting Oct. 3" to meet Mrs. Belle Sloutenburg was extended to the Women's Club.

Mrs. Ballard invited the club to patronize the street car on Trolly Day. Mrs. Witmer introduced the president elect Mrs. Walker by recalling the pleasure of having been the President and foretold a successful year. Mrs. Walker in her address urged the Club members of long standing to a greater degree of interest. She touched upon vital questions of municipal interest, school elections, parks and cleaner streets. She urged the Club to a greater interest in Art education. After the program the club and guests repaired to the parlors where a social hour was enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served under the management of Mesdames Whisenand and Cherry.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 11, 1899.

Art.

The Women's Club met in the usual place, Mrs. Walker presiding. Reports were read by the Rec. Sec. and approved. Mrs. Watrous Chairman of the Entertainment Com. invited the Club and guests to meet Mr. Reaser in the parlors after the program. Miss Chase Chairman of the Art Committee was detained and Mrs. Whisenand directed the program. Mrs. Wyman read a paper on "Domestic Architecture". Mr. Gutterson was present was present by invitation and displayed the architects designs for the new Library Building giving in detail the prospective Art Rooms and Women's Club quarters. Prof. Cumming introduced Mr. Reaser.

Before Mr. Reaser was presented Mr. Clinton Nourse addressed the Club from the standpoint of the Architect.

Mr. Reaser in appearance and manner was the impersonation of artistic development. He charmed his audience imparting to the Club enthusiasm and interest in anticipating the Art talks. A vote of thanks was tendered to the architects for their assistance in the program. The social hour was delightful. Dainty cups of delicious tea were served by equally dainty and vivacious daughters of Club members.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 25, 1899.

Household Economics.

The Women's Club held its regular meeting in the usual place, The president presiding. The Sec. read her report. Mrs. Whisenand announced the W.D. Howells lecture for the benefit of the Roadside Settlement House. Mrs. Watrous reported \$145.66 to be placed in the treasury from the Reaser lectures.

The Household Economics Com. with Mrs. Grefe Chairman gave the program. Mrs. Macomber talked upon the Moral Value of Art in the Home. Mrs. Plumb read a paper on The Influence of Music in the Home. Mrs. Bicknell gave a paper on Conversation in the Home and Mrs. Reichard gave her ideas upon "Dress" as an accession of the beautiful.

The attendance was large.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 30, 1901.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors at 2 P.M. October 30, 1901. Seventeen members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Applications were read from Mrs. B. E. S. Ely, Mrs. Thomas Young and Mrs. W. C. Ellis.

The following ladies were elected to membership:

Mrs. R. P. Bolton	presented by Mrs. E. S. Burgin	
" Charles A. Ballreich	" "	endorsed by Mrs. W. R. Marshall
" G. Walter Filloon	" "	Jennie M. Harwood
" John S. Gilcrest	" "	endorsed by Carrie M. Hawley
" H. S. Hollingsworth	" "	Mrs. E. S. Burgin
" Bayard T. Hough	" "	endorsed by Alice A. C. Bailey
" T. W. Jones	" "	Belle M. Gilcrest
" W. C. Marquis	" "	endorsed by Daisy A. Green
" John A. Lawess	" "	Mrs. S. H. Sheakley
		endorsed by Daisy A. Green
		Mrs. Fletcher A. Howard
		endorsed by Mrs. J. S. Clark
		Mrs. B. F. Longly
		endorsed by Mrs. J. A. Gray
		Jessie V. Amos
		endorsed by Daisy A. Green
		Mrs. E. S. Burgin
		endorsed by

Owing to her leaving the city Mrs. Bicknell resigned as secretary and Board member. Mrs. Durley moved the resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

As Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Reichard had the same number of votes, the two names were presented to fill vacancy on Board.

A motion carried that the president be requested to cast the ballot in this case of a tie, and Mrs. Reichard was elected.

Mrs. Witmer moved Mrs. Green be made the secretary for the rest of the year, the motion carried and Mrs. Green was unanimously elected.

A letter was read from Mrs. Atkins in which she offered to sell the Club for \$150.00, a copy of Millet's "Gleaners" by Miss Alice Beckington.

After discussion Mrs. Witmer moved that the president invite several people, asking them to inspect the picture and to report before November 6th their opinion of the picture.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 8, 1899.

The Board of Directors of D.M.W.C. met in Club parlors, the president in the chair, 18 present. Minutes read and approved. On motion by Mrs. Wallace the Directors decided to open the Club to all teachers in the Public Schools of Des Moines on "Education Days". The applications for membership read at the preceding meeting were voted upon and all of the applicants were elected.

Mrs. Ples Mills	presented by Mrs. Clapp	endorsed by Mrs. A. B. Cummins
" Samuel H. Sheakley	"	" Miss Cordelia Kyle endorsed by Mrs. Walker
" Richard Barrett	"	" Mrs. Stilson endorsed by Mrs. Walker

On motion Mrs. Ples Mills application was acted upon immediately after presentation because of her former membership and in view of the fact that she would substitute on the program for History Day. Mrs. Whisenand introduced the question of purchasing Brann photographs. A motion was adopted to send one hundred dollars to Mr. Reaser in New York requesting him to purchase the photographs, half to be copies of the old masters and half of modern artists.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 22, 1899.

Social Economics.

The D.M.W.C. met with the Social Economics Com.. The president introduced Mrs. Wm. McHenry who gave an interesting account of her visit with the South Chicago Women's Club. Mrs. McHenry was impressed with the interest and animation shown in the discussions. Tolstoi, David Harum and the Training of Boys receiving due consideration. Mrs. Risser presided over the program introducing Mrs. Taylor who discussed the question "Are the children of today in advance of those of the Preceding Generation? Mrs. Taylor was sure the mind of man and his zeal for learning as great today as at any time while his opportunities had been multiplied many times she thought this proved that the masses were placed upon a higher level. Mrs. Taylor gave statistics showing an increase in the public schools, of 86% during the last ten years.

Mrs. H.A. Foster thought the zeal for learning was not so great today. Education was made easy. She thought all the sparkle of industry was gone- that public school teachers were simply testing new methods and theories rather than teaching genuine knowledge. Many visitors were noticed. Mrs. Thummel formerly a prominent club member now of Philadelphia was present.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 6, 1899.

History.

The regular meeting of the D.M.W.C. was called to order by the President. After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Chas. Powell occupied a few minutes in the interest of the History and Literature Study Classes. Miss Sheldon had been employed to conduct the work, the price for the individual is regulated by the membership of the class. Saturday afternoon in the Club parlors is the time for the study. Mrs. Powell assured the club that the profit received would pay well for the effort invested.

The program was history "Modern Statesmen" a symposium. Miss Kyle the chairman using military terms martialled her forces with shrewd military tactics. The History Com. made a brave charge and completely captured the club and its guests. Under the banner of the Rise of Diplomacy Mrs. Fowler made the advance. She divided her command into three divisions First from the beginning of history to the twelfth century Second from the Twelfth Century to the Revolution which marked the rise of diplomacy. The third included the time from the French Revolution to the present. This division was well drilled and showed strong diplomats for the leaders. Mrs. Fowler gave the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain a volley that was well aimed. She thought with the tendency of the stronger nations to overpower the weaker, the outlook was a serious one. That a concentration of nations might develop as an outgrowth from the present conditions, a trust of Nations to crush the weaker. Mrs. Fowler repeated history, that no nation governed against its will would endure. She commented from the standpoint of an American "That people living in glass houses better not throw stones". Mrs. Fowler put the question What have we women to do with political parties? Only a few states in this land of freedom allow women a voice in public affairs. Women must take up the sword of morals as a weapon of defense. In conclusion Mrs. Fowler in a more hopeful bugle note quoted Burns "That man to man, the world o'er shall brothers be for a that".

The remaining forces under Miss Kyles command displayed exceptional brilliancy in sharp shooting but the audience was prompt in guessing their movements. Some of the worlds great statesmen were advanced to the front within a few minutes.

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Dec. 6, 1899.

Mrs. Witmer covered her hero Bismark with the glory of his long life. Much of the glory due to the keen ability of his wife. Mrs. Witmer has an art for bringing out the finer qualities in her ideals. Mrs. Ples Mills after the style of Andrew Lang displayed a character full of electricity even though she addressed Ben Franklin as her dead statesman. Then followed in quick succession the musketry of Mrs. Whisenand with Metternich having no rights but duties to perform. Mrs. A. B. Cummins with the Sagasta. Mrs. Baxter and the Grand old Man Gladstone. Miss Allabach with a quick flank movement embodied in an ode charged Paul Kruger to the front. Mrs. Green took the cue and led Li Hung Chang into the coterie of brilliant men. Miss McHenry retiring to the ranks of the Jacobin Club advanced the man who brought on the French Revolution, Mirabeau. Finally Miss Kyle planted the banner of victory with the restorer of Italian unity and nationality Cavour. The audience immediately retreated to the Club quarters and surrendered to a cup of tea and hot wafers, meeting the new members with the right hand of fellowship.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 20, 1899.

Music and Drama.

"Whence is the might of thy master spell? Speak to me, voice of sweet sound and tell". This sentiment from the Calendar announced the program for Music Day. A large audience appreciated the good things set before them by Chairmen Mesdames Wright and Louis Witmer. Dainty programs in green and white were presented at the door. This fine entertainment was made possible because of the assistance from prominent musicians in the city. Special mention should be made of Prof. Reifrocks piano numbers. The compositions were selected from his original collection. A vote of thanks was heartily extended to those assisting on the program.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 3, 1900.

Philosophy and Science.

The D.M.W.C. met for the regular meeting, Mrs. Walker presiding. The usual routine of business was transacted. A large attendance.

Mrs. Dart Chairman of the Com. in charge introduced the Rev. Father Nugent whose theme was "Benefits of Philosophical Study". Following Father Nugent Prof. B.E. Sheppard addressed the Club upon the subject "The Spirit of the German Idealists". A few sentences from Father Nugent's will serve as proverbs to place upon the Club records. "Philosophical study is good for the thinking mind" A man is a rational animal, he is born with a thinking mind. Philosophy is the correct equation between the mind and the object which the mind thinks about".

Prof. Sheppard treated somewhat of the substance of the German Idealists. He defined the growth of Philosophy making a rapid review of the old schools and concluded with the varied philosophies of the German Idealists and the relation they bore to the teaching of Kant.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 17, 1900.
Literature.

The Women's Club convened with unusual interest. The Literature Com. had charge of the program. The Pres. presided and as a guest of the Club Mrs. Hull Morris of Indianapolis occupied a seat upon the platform. Mrs. Chas. Powell Ch. of the Com. thought the best histories were biographies of great men and that the Club might learn of some of the notable novelists of the present year. An introduction to the prominent characters of Gilbert Parkers "Battle of the strong" was given by Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Samson followed with a sketch of "Thorpe" of Harold Frederics, The Market Place. Mrs. Watrous portrayed in tender pathos the character of "Bob" Alfred Oliphants "Son of Battle". As the closing chapter for this interesting group of book people Miss McLoney presented the pathetic and humorous character of "Tilda" made famous by Richard Whiting in No. 5 John Street. At the close of the program Mrs. Hull Morris recited from her unpublished poems Hope Song of the Sea, October The Waves and Consolation. The Club and guests were invited to the parlors where still another delight was in store for them. An informal reception was held to meet Miss Mary Wadsworth of Boston a descendant from the Longfellow family. Miss Wadsworth recited an original poem. She called her "Valentine" with several good stories apropos for the coming of February.

Miss Mary Wadsworth is a student of Shakespeare and gives lectures before Clubs on Shakespeare and Thackeray.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Ips Moines Women's Club

Jan. 31, 1900.
Social.

It might be an adage to say "It maketh a woman's heart glad to go a visiting". The Social Com. arranged for the mid winter Social meeting to be in the parlors of the Grant Club. Invitations were extended to the legislative Club women and a guest. The Women's Club invited a guest making in all a delightful company of congenial souls. The parlors were decorated with the Club colors. The Chairman of the Social Com. Mrs. Walter Read and the president Mrs. Walker very graciously received the company and presented Mrs. Galusha Parsons of Tacoma as the guest of honor. The Social Com. assisted in the parlors. Refreshments were served from dainty laid tables. The daughters of the Com. waiting upon the company.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 14, 1900.

Art.

The Women's Club met in the usual place, Presiding officer was the president. Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Watrous announced the exhibition of Brann Photographs in the Club parlors. The collection was on approval excepting ten pictures selected for the Club and were for sale at a moderate price. Mrs. Galusha Parsons was present and spoke words of encouragement for the D.M.W.C. She gave a brief sketch of the Alohi Club of Tacoma, Wash.

The program was in charge of the Art Com. Mrs. Baily, Chairman. The platform had been arranged by screens and draperies into an artists studio.

In place of the schedulae program the regular lesson in the study of art conducted by Prof. Cumming was presented. Miss Elsie Macomber posed as the model. The lesson was textures and qualities through imitation.

After the program the Club adjourned to the parlors and enjoyed the exhibition of Brann Carbons.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 28, 1900.

Household Economics.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club was called to order by the Pres. at 3 O'clock. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The By-law recently adopted by the Board of Directors known as Sec. 9 regulating an Art Fund Assn. Auxiliary to the Club was read before the Club. The Pres. explaining the import of the measure. Members of the club discussed and approved the said By-law. The program was in charge of the Household Economics Com. Mrs. W. R. Marshall, chairman. Mrs. E. H. Carter read her paper on the Rights and Wrongs of Children. The subject was handled in a broad and wholesome style, indicating a keen sympathy on the part of the writer for the people of the child world. Mrs. Ballard led the discussion. The subject proved an interesting one, many Club members taking part in the discussion. Mrs. Senator Garst was invited to speak concerning the bill for Compulsory Education. Mrs. Garst feared the bill would not be passed because of the lack of public sentiment back of it.

Miss Belle Gilcrest was given time to speak of the school elections. She urged the Club members to be interested in the election of suitable men for Directors. The Club and guests were invited to the parlors for a chafing dish party.

(Signed) M. M. Burgin,

Sec.

Members of the Com. acting as hostesses.

During the social hour Mrs. Marie Purdy Peck of Davenport gave a parlor talk on the Pioneer Club of England, the Art Galleries of Vienna.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 14, 1900.

Annual Business Meeting.

The Club met for the Annual Business in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, President in the chair. On motion the reading of the minutes was postponed. The Treas. Mrs. W.L. Read made her annual report showing from Oct. 1st 1899 to March 1, 1900 Cash \$673.73 Total assets \$2856.73.

The verifying com. reported through the chairman, Mrs. Lich-ty "That the names placed upon the blackboard the result of the ballots for Board of Directors were correct" As follows Mesdames Bicknell, Burgin, Carter, Cherry, Clapp, Clark, J.C. Cummins, A.B. Cummins, J.C. Durley, Elbert, Fowler, Gilcrest, Miss Green, Hawley, Hillis, Hume, Patchin, Plumb, Read, Stetson, Vorse, Walker, Watrous, Whisenand, Witmer.

The following were chosen as Judges of Election Mesdames Sheakley, Mershon, Mills, Griffiths, and Miss Maude Kingman.

The By-Law controlling the election had been revised by the Directors and read as follows

The Officers shall be elected by the Club from the Board of Directors elect at the Annual Business Meeting. There shall be two nominees for each office these being the two receiving the highest number of votes in an informal ballot. The informal ballot taken for the president gave Mrs. Walker a large majority. On motion Mrs. Walker was reelected president by acclamation. The informal ballot for first Vice Pres. placed Mrs. W.L. Read and Mrs. J.C. Cummins on the ticket. Mrs. Read was elected on the formal ballot. On motion Mrs. J.C. Cummins was elected by acclamation for second Vice Pres. The informal ballot for Rec. Sec. made Mrs. Bicknell the leading candidate. On motion Mrs. Bicknell was elected by acclamation. On motion Mrs. Vorse was reelected Cor. Sec. by acclamation. An informal ballot was taken for Treas. Miss Gilcrest was the choice by a large majority. By acclamation Miss Gilcrest was elected Treas. Mrs. Green was^W elected Historian by acclamation. Before the business Mrs. Walker voiced the Club as to securing Mrs. Reaser for a lecture. The Club approved.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 21, 1900.

Called Meeting.

A meeting was called for all interested in the work of the Mothers Congress. The meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. parlor Mrs. Walker presiding. Mrs. Fowler read a personal letter from Mr. Kurtz expressing gratitude for work done by members of the Women's Club for the school election.

Mr. Ward Secy. of Commercial Exchange was present and invited to address the meeting. Mr. Ward expressed a willingness to assist in the arrangements for the Congress but that the exchange had no money. The Auditorium would be given free, that will not include the current expenses. Mr. Ward suggested that a Com. from the Club solicit money from the business men. No action was taken on Mr. Ward's suggestion. Members of the Hospitality Committee were anxious for an estimate of delegates expected. Mrs. Hillis thought it impossible to calculate. Members of other clubs were present. Mrs. Struss of the Jewish Council said they would affiliate with the Congress. Mrs. Will McHenry reported for the P.E.O.'s interest manifested. Mrs. Cogswell represented the Equality Club. Mrs. Hillis made an earnest appeal for the Iowa teachers. Pink and blue colors would be used.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Sec.

Ips Moines Women's Club

March 27, 1900.
Education.

The regular club meeting was called for 2:30 o'clock, that an election of a delegate to the National Meeting of Federated Clubs. Mrs. Walker presided. The minutes were postponed. An informal ballot gave Mesdames Watrous and Baily the chance for election. By a small majority Mrs. Watrous was elected. Mrs. Baily moved that the unanimous vote be given to Mrs. Watrous. The election of an alternate was in order. A motion carried to postpone this election. Mrs. Dart moved to suspend the action and elect Mrs. Baily as alternate by acclamation. The motion carried. Mr. Wilber Reaser was present and was heartily received. He talked in his happy style fifteen minutes.

The regular program was directed by Miss McHenry Ch. of Education Com. Mrs. W. W. Witmer read an interesting paper on Vacation Schools. Miss Chapman read a story composed of her experience in New York Vacation Schools. Mr. Sheakley made his first appearance before the Club speaking on Educational Expansion. All teachers in the public schools had been invited as guests for the afternoon. An informal reception was held after the program.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

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Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 27, 1899.

The Board of Directors of D.M.W.C. were called to meet in Club parlors at 5:15 Wednesday after the social hour, by the president Mrs. T.M. Walker, nineteen members present.

Applications for membership were read as follows:

Mrs. John Briar	presented by Mrs. Hillis	endorsed by Mrs. Billington
" James Willson	" " "	Andrews endorsed by Mrs. Elbert
" W.O. Coffee	" " "	T.W. Johnston endorsed
" E.N. Hopkins	" " "	Miss Jennie Fleming
" Harry Huegle	" " "	Stetson endorsed by Mrs. Earle
		Harwood endorsed by Mrs. F.O. Green.

Mrs. Frances Scofield requested a letter of withdrawal. On motion the request was granted. On motion the Directors adjourned to meet Wednesday Oct. 4 1899 at 3 o'clock in Club parlors.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 4, 1899.

Board of Directors met in parlors at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Walker presiding, 17 present. Reports of meetings July 29, and Sept. 27 were read and approved. Mrs. Whisenand reported on expenses for Officers Day \$8.40 and suggested that the assessment be made 40/100 the surplus to be used for purchasing china for the cupboard. The report was accepted. Mrs. Whisenand moved that the Corresponding Sec. notify the Directors of assessment of 40/100 for Officers Day. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Read made the Treas. monthly report. On motion the report was accepted. Mrs. A. B. Cummins reported bill for window curtains \$7.55. On motion bill was ordered paid. The Room Com. asked for terms for renting to the P.E.O's. The east chapter to meet in the evening. Mrs. Vorse moved to rent the parlor for evenings with elevator service for \$3.00 \$2.50 without elevator. Motion carried. The West Chapter meet in the homes for the Social meetings only wishing to rent for the literary programs and would need a piano. After some discussion a motion was made to rent at the rate of \$5.00 per month. Carried. Mrs. Atkins moved to propose renting to the west chapter for the use of a piano to be placed in the parlors. This motion carried. A letter of resignation from the Board was read from Miss Matthews. Miss Matthews resignation was accepted.

Mrs. C. E. Rawson was chosen from the first five having received the highest number of votes at the preceding annual election, to fill the vacancy. The applicants for membership presented at the preceding Board meeting were elected to membership. Mrs. Wm. McHenry reentered by letter of withdrawal.

The question of Club stationary and its use came before the Board. On motion only officers and chairmen of the Entertainment Com. should have the use of the stationary. Through an oversight Miss Mary McClellan's ^{name} had been placed in the general directory of the calendar instead of the directory of members holding letters of withdrawal. This had caused Miss McClellan some annoyance. The Sec. was instructed to write an explanation to Miss McClellan. Art. 1X was by motion expunged from the By Laws.

(Signed) M. M. Burgin,

RecSec

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 1, 1899. Oct. 25, 1899.

The President called the Board for a meeting after the Club program, 12 present. Two names were presented for membership:

Mrs. C. C. Otis presented by Mrs. Martha Stevens endorsed by Mrs. Chas E. Risser
 " Frank Proctor " " " Edith Paine Parsons
 endorsed by Mrs. Ernest Brown.
 Mrs. T. M. Knotts and Miss Belle Hunt were granted letters of withdrawal.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Mrs. A. S. Shaw presented by Mrs. M. L. Lyke endorsed by Mrs. Darley
 " Frederick Kells " " " Darley endorsed by Mrs. Darley
 " Elizabeth S. Wright " " " Wm. McHenry endorsed by Mrs. T. M. Knotts
 " J. K. Drake " " " Wm. Johnson endorsed by Mrs. Ernest Brown
 " Robert J. Fleming " " " Johnnie Bright endorsed by Mrs. F. M. Harwood
 " W. S. Harrison " " " Billington endorsed by Mrs. Macomber
 " Oliver C. Smith " " " F. C. Green endorsed by Mrs. Anne Billington
 " Ella S. Lyon " " " endorsed by Mrs. F. L. Reed
 " Emily F. Clifford " " " "

A request from the Y. W. C. A. for the subscription of a magazine was received. On motion \$3.00 were appropriated for a magazine. A request from the managers of Mercy Hospital asking for donations or assistance in giving a bazaar. On motion this request was laid over the table.

On motion the dues for the City Federation of Clubs were ordered paid. On motion, the motion to "Give the Forum to the Nineteenth Century Club of Devils Lake, Dakota" be received and recorded.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 1, 1899.

Directors of Women's Club met in parlors, Mrs. T. M. Walker presiding, 17 present. Reports of the preceding meeting read and approved.

The Chairman of the Property Com. reported a request from the Music and Drama Com. for a stage curtain. On motion Mesdames Witmer and Read were appointed to interview the Y. M. C. A. managers on the subject.

The names presented at the preceding meeting were voted upon and elected to membership.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved that an informal reception be held in the parlors after the next Club meeting to meet new members. Motion carried. The Social Com. was instructed to take charge of the reception. The following applications for membership were read:

Mrs. A. B. Shaw		presented by Mrs. VanSlyke	endorsed by
" Frederick Weitz	"	"	Mrs. Durley
" Elizabeth S. Wright	"	"	Durley endorsed by
" J. H. Drake	"	"	Mrs. Hawley
" Robert J. Fleming	"	"	Wm. McHenry endorsed by
" W. G. Harvison	"	"	Mrs. T. M. Walker
" Oliver O. Smith	"	"	W. T. Johnston endorsed
" Ella M. Lyon	"	"	Mrs. Ernest Brown
" Emily F. Clifford			Johnston Brigham endorsed
			Mrs. Wm. Harwood
			Billington endorsed by
			Mrs. Macomber
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Des Moines Women's Club

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Nov. 1, 1899.

The mutual Telephone Company presented bills amounting to \$9.50. On motion the Room Com. would interview the Telephone Co.

Mrs. Clinton Douglas having changed her residence from Des Moines requested a letter of withdrawal. On motion the request was granted.

Board adjourned,

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

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Ref. Sec.

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" Samuel H. Sheakley	"	" Miss Cordelia Kyle endorsed by Mrs. Walker
" Richard Barrett	"	" Mrs. Stilson endorsed by Mrs. Walker

On motion Mrs. Ples Mills application was acted upon immediately after presentation because of her former membership and in view of the fact that she would substitute on the program for History Day. Mrs. Whisenand introduced the question of purchasing Brann photographs. A motion was adopted to send one hundred dollars to Mr. Reaser in New York requesting him to purchase the photographs, half to be copies of the old masters and half of modern artists.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

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Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 22, 1899.

The Board of Directors of D.M.W.C. met in Club parlors at 2 o'clock, the Pres. in the chair, 17 present. Minutes read and approved.

Mesdames Sheakley and Barrett were elected to membership. The following applications for membership were read.

Mrs. Chas. Perkins				presented by Mrs. Burgin	endorsed
					Mrs. Watrous
Miss Marie Lewis Chambers	"	"	"	Durley	endorsed
					Mrs. Vorse
Mrs. Frank D. Jackson	"	"	"	Grefe	endorsed
					Mrs. Walker
Mrs. A. E. Shipley	"	"	"	C. E. Rawson	endorsed
					Mrs. Baily
Miss Lillian Lambert	"	"	"	Rawson	endorsed
					Mrs. Baily

The question of continuing the Telephone Service was brought before the Directors. On motion the business was referred to a Com. appointed by the chair. Mesdames A. B. and J. C. Cummins were appointed to interview Mr. Hubble as to rates. Mrs. McFarland requested a letter of introduction from the D.M.W.C. that she might present her name to another club. On motion the request was granted. Mrs. J. C. Cummins reported a plan from the Social Com. to give an informal reception introducing new members to be given once during each month. The Social Com. would serve tea and wafers, but asked an allowance to meet the expense of stationary and postage. On motion \$5.00 were appropriated.

The History and Literature Com's. having arranged for a course of study with Miss Sheldon as leader requested permission to invite non club members to join the class. On motion the request was granted. Mrs. Hawley requested the Directors to consider the suggestion of inviting Rev. Safford and Rev. Jenny to join the Club. These ladies had not resided in Des Moines one year. The suggestion was discussed from the standpoint of the public position occupied. Miss Lucy Chapman as Art Director ^{in the Public Schools} was considered under the same head. On motion the By-law controlling applicants was suspended and Mrs. Hawley proposed the names of Miss Mary Safford and Miss Marie H. Jenny. Mrs. Hawley proposed to issue a complimentary ticket naming Miss Adams of the Roadside Settlement ^{work} as a worthy person to compliment. After discussion the motion "That we issue complimentary tickets subject to the Directors discretion. The motion carried. On motion the Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 29, 1899.

The Directors of the Women's Club met in Club parlors, the Pres. in the chair, twelve present. Minutes read and approved. The applications on file were duly elected. Applications for membership were read from

Miss Jennie G. Keith, Cambridge, Ia. presented by Mrs. Stetson
endorsed by " Hawley

Rev. Mary A. Safford presented by Mrs. Hawley
endorsed by Mrs. Cherry

Rev. Marie H. Jenny " " Mrs. Hawley
endorsed by " Burgin

Miss Grace Ballentyne " " Mrs. A. B. Marshall
endorsed by

Mrs. Edmund McVey " " Mrs. Cherry
endorsed by Mrs. Walker

Mrs. Henry H. Griffiths " " Mrs. Walker
endorsed by Mrs. Cherry

Mrs. Franklin Woodmansee " " Mrs. Cherry
endorsed by Mrs. Rawson

As Miss Keith was a non resident of Des Moines a motion to suspend the By-Law controlling applicants residence was carried unanimously. Miss Keith resides twenty miles from Des Moines. She is a young lady of ability is editor and manager of a newspaper in Cambridge Ia. A motion to suspend ByLaw Sec. 4 Art. VI for election of applicants for membership and proceed with the election of the applicants was unanimously carried. The preceding list of names were voted upon and elected to membership in the Women's Club. Mrs. Hawley moved to issue a complimentary ticket to Miss Adams of the Roadside Settlement House good for one year. The motion carried. The Sec. was instructed to send the ticket to Miss Adams. Mrs. Lynd requested a letter of withdrawal. On motion the request was granted. The Treas. Mrs. W. L. Read made her monthly report. On motion the report was accepted. The bill for stationery from Kenyon Publishing Co. was read. On motion accepted and the Treas. directed to pay it.

Mrs. Walker reported an interesting letter from Mr. Wilbur Reaser.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 20, 1899.

The Board of Directors met in parlors, Mrs. Walker presiding, 12 present. Minutes read and approved. The applications for membership were as follows:

Mrs. Jesse Miller	presented by Mrs. Ira M. Earle	endorsed by Mrs. Paschal
" Dr. Patterson	" " Mrs. Theo. M. Walker	endorsed by Mrs. R. A. Patchin
" Everett	" " Mrs. Wm. Sherard	endorsed by Mrs. F. E. V. Shore
" Orie B. Mershon	" " Mrs. F. W. Cherry	endorsed by Mrs. C. E. Rawson.

On motion Sec. 4 Art. VI was suspended and the applicants were unanimously elected to membership.

Mrs. J. C. Humes letter of resignation from the board was read and accepted with regret. The vacancy was filled by the election of Mrs. F. W. Bicknell. The Treas. reported for the month ending November. Report accepted. The question of Insurance on Property was discussed. An opinion was prevalent to place the Ins. with Witmer and Kauffman. On motion by Mrs. A. B. Cummins the Ins. would be placed with the above mentioned firm if satisfactory rates could be arranged. Mr. Sheakley Supt. of West Public Schools invited the Women's Club to attend the reception to be tendered to the Iowa State Teachers during their convention in the city. Mrs. Walker advanced the idea of opening the parlors during the afternoon of December Wed. 27 Thurs. 28 and Fri. 29. Mrs. Durley moved to follow the suggestion and open the parlors inviting the State teachers to visit them. The chair to appoint a com. to arrange for hostesses Mesdames A. B. Cummins, Watrous and Grefe were named. Mrs. J. C. Cummins reported on telephone that the bill should not be paid until the Com. reported final proceedings. The report was accepted and Com. continued. Mrs. Ingersoll for some time a resident of New York by request was granted a letter of withdrawal. A letter from the President of State Federated Clubs pertaining to educational exhibits for the Paris Exposition was referred to the Education Com. Notice was given by the Sec. to change the word Sec'y in the second sentence of Art. VI Sec. 5 inserting the words "Printing Committee". Notice was given to omit the closing sentence of Art. VI Sec. 2

On motion Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary Marine Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 10, 1900.

Board of Directors of D.M.W.C. met in parlors, the Pres. presiding, 16 present. Reports read and approved. The Social Com. reported through Mrs. J.C. Cummins the intention of giving an evening each member to invite a guest. This would occur Jan. 31 the regular Social Day. The Treas. made her monthly report. Accepted by motion. The Treas. asked for instructions how to invest surplus money, as her report indicated \$304.22 on hand. On motion by Mrs. J.C. Cummins. The investment of money was referred to the Finance Com.

The question of Insurance on Property and the clause allowing certain pictures to be removed from the parlors, if at any time the Club should so wish, was discussed. Mrs. Patchin moved to insert the clause, "Allowing to place pictures in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium". The motion carried.

The following names were proposed for membership

Mrs. Bayard Craig		presented by Mrs. E.H. Carter	
" B.E. Sheppard	"		endorsed by Mrs. J.H. Windsor.
	"		Mrs. R.A. Patchin
			endorsed by Mrs. Theo M. Walker.
Miss Theodora C. Wadsworth	"		Mrs. E.S. Burgin
			endorsed by Mrs. R.A. Patchin.

On motion Art. VI Sec. 4 was suspended and the applicants immediately elected to membership.

Mrs. J.C. Cummins moved to frame "Summer Afternoon" with a suitable frame. Motion carried. On motion the Property Com. were directed to purchase the frame also a suitable bracket for the placing of the Dante. The Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Sec. of Iowa Federated Clubs asking for new list of papers for the Reciprocity Dept. Mrs. Read moved the chair appoint a Com. from the Club at large to attend to the selection of papers. Motion carried. Mrs. Wallace announced a possible visit from the Daughters of Ceres and inquired concerning the program.

An expression of pleasure was manifested by the Directors in anticipation of meeting the Daughters of Ceres. The motion to rescind the word "Secretary" from Sec. 5 Art. VII and inserting therein "Printing Committee" was acted upon and the change unanimously adopted.

The Sec. proposed to use slips of paper instead of return postal cards to ascertain the members of committees for the ensuing year. The slip of paper shall be stamped with words

Signature with line for name
Address " " " "
Committee " " " "

The proposition was adopted. These cards to be distributed for two meetings preceding the Annual Election.

Des Moines Women's Club

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Jan. 10, 1900.

The Sec. read a proposed change for the By Laws controlling the Annual Election. Mrs. Whisenand moved to defer action and give the subject careful thought until the following Board meeting. Motion carried. Mrs. Hillis sent by word, a message requesting help in preparing matter for the printer on Congress of Mothers work. On motion a com. would be appointed by the chair.

Mrs. Walker suggested that during the informal receptions the Com. in charge of the days program should receive and entertain making an auxiliary to the Social Com. Through a member of the Education Com. the suggestion was voiced, to invite Prof. Sheakley to meet in the Club parlors for the classes in Child Study conducted by himself and participated in by the teachers. The chair would interview Mr. Sheakley.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Membership open to men and women and regular club members. On motion the chair would appoint a Com. to frame a By-Law affecting the suggestion. The chair appointed the same Com. having charge of the Drama photographs.

The Social Com. reported arrangements completed for an evening in the Great Club Room Sat. Jan. 31. On motion the Social Committee would invite those applications were on file to be present at the Social Meeting.

The following names were asked for membership in the Women's Club.

Mrs. R. Scholtes	presented by Mrs. Wallace	endorsed by Mrs. Powell
" C. D. Howell	" "	" "
" Mattie Ellen Gardner	" "	" "
" "	" "	" "
" "	" "	" "

The members of the Board agreed to give particular attention to members and guests whose tags had arrived at the social meeting.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 24, 1900.

The Board of Directors met in Club parlors with Mrs. Walker in the chair, 15 present. Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved. Mrs. Watrous was present by invitation and reported correspondence affecting the purchase of Braun photographs. Mrs. VanSlyke moved that a com. of five be appointed by the chair to select and buy the pictures. The motion carried and the chair appointed Mesdames Watrous, Windsor, A.B. Cummins, Whisenand and Patchin. The Pres. announced that a com. had been appointed to prepare a substitute for Art. V11 Sec. 5. The Com. reported through the chairmen Mrs. Whisenand the following substitute (See page 30) Mrs. VanSlyke moved to adopt the ByLaw proposed. After full discussion the substitute was adopted. The ByLaw to go into effect at once.

The Pres. suggested the idea of forming an auxiliary to be known as the "Art Fund Committee".

(A printed copy of this By-law Art. V11-Sec. 5 will be found on page 30 of original minutes)

Membership open to men and women not regular Club members. On motion the chair would appoint a Com. to frame a ByLaw affecting the suggestion. The chair appointed the same Com. having charge of the Braun photographs.

The Social Com. reported arrangements completed for an evening in the Grant Club Rooms Wed. Jan. 31. On motion the Social Committee would invite whose application were on file to be present at the Social Meeting.

The following names read asking for membership in the Women's Club.

Mrs. R. Scholes	presented by Mrs. Wallace
" C. D. Howell	endorsed by Mrs. Powell
	Mrs. Wallace
" Matilda Given Gardner	endorsed by Mrs. Burgin
	Mrs. Spinney
	endorsed by Mrs. I. M. Earle

The members of the Board agreed to give particular attention to members and guests whom they had invited at the social meeting.

Des Moines Women's Club

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Jan. 24, 1900.

Mrs. Fowler asked by message to call a meeting of Club members interested in the coming school election. Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved to invite the officers of the City Federation of Clubs to meet Mrs. Fowler. The motion carried. ^{On motion} Mrs. Fowler's request was granted. The meeting would be called for Saturday P.M. January 27 to follow the time for the class in Literature.

A motion prevailed to invite Mr. Sheakley to bring the teachers and meet in the parlors for the Child Study Class.

Telephone bill \$4.50 presented. On motion bill ordered paid.

Mrs. W. L. Read of Social Com. asked permission to use such furniture from the Club parlors as the Com. saw fit to use. On motion the request was granted.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary Marine Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 7, 1900.

The Board of Directors met in parlors at 3 o'clock, the President in the chair, 16 present. Reports read and approved. Mrs. Watrous Chairman of Entertainment Com. reported correspondence with F. Hopkinson Smith. An engagement might be made for March 17, 1900. Mr. Smith could not arrive until 7:45 over the N.W.R.R. Terms for one evening \$150. Motion by Mrs. A.B. Cummins to secure F. Hopkinson Smith was lost. The President announced that Mrs. Marie Purdy Peck of Davenport a club woman of more than local reputation, was in the city. Through Mrs. Hillis the fact was learned that Mrs. Peck would give a talk on her observations in London. On motion a com. was appointed to confer with the ^{President} City Federation and arrange for an afternoon with Mrs. Peck. Mesdames Vorse and Bicknell were appointed. A letter was read from the Treas. of General Federation of Clubs with statement of dues under the new law make the rate ten cents per capita. Mrs. Bicknell moved that the dues be paid. Motion carried. In a circular from National Federation a request was made for funds to conduct the Paris meeting of Clubs. On motion the Cor. Sec. was instructed to make inquiries as to the nature of the said Paris meeting.

Four dollars was made from the sale of tickets for the Reaser lectures, was reported. A motion to use it for buying china dishes was lost. A motion carried to place it in the Treasury. The Treas. read her monthly report. On motion was accepted.

The name of Miss Lucy B. Chapman was presented by Mrs. Burgin, indorsed by Mrs. Walker. A previous action of the Board allowed this name to be voted upon without delay. Miss Chapman was elected to membership. The applicants presented at the preceding Board meeting were elected to membership. Mrs. Duke having changed her residence to Red Oak asked for a letter of withdrawal. The letter would be granted after the regular dues were paid. The verifying com. for counting votes cast for Directors were nominated and elected by acclamation, as follows: Mrs. Henry Griffiths, Miss Belle Gilcrest and Mrs. Falk Younker (member the preceding year) Mrs. Hillis asked for the use of the parlors for February 17. On motion the request was granted. Reports and suggestions on Art Fund Com. read. No action taken. Mrs. Floyd asked the approval of the Women's Club on the work undertaken by the Humane Society. No official action taken.

Adjourned.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 14, 1900.

The Directors met in parlors, the president in the chair 15 present. Minutes read, approved. Mrs. Watrous reported on Braum photographs. The list selected from Mr. Reasers suggestions and other lists were sent to Williams and Everett, Boston. A larger ^{collection} had been sent that was ordered. The com. had decided to retain the entire collection for a short time hoping to make a sale. Ten pictures had been selected by the com. for the approval of the Directors. These represented the work of different masters. The freight bill was \$3.85. On motion the report was accepted. Mrs. Whisenand chairman of Com. on "Art Fund Com." reported the following

Article 1X

There shall be an Art Fund Association auxiliary to the Club. Any person may become a member of this association by the payment of ten dollars annually, the fund thus created to be used in the purchase of art objects for the Art Collection of the Club. The Art Fund Committee, provided for in Article 1V, Section 4, of the By-Laws, shall call at least one meeting of the Club each year, to which all subscribers to the Art Fund shall be invited, to consider and discuss the disposition of money belonging to the Association.

Subscribers shall also be invited to attend, as guests of the Club, the two regular meetings in charge of the Art Committee.

On motion the report was adopted, and placed upon the records as Art. 1X. Mrs. Wallase moved to announce before the Club the concert to be given for the benefit of the Home for the Aged. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hawley presented a request from the Philosophy and Science Com. that the date might be changed to one week earlier on account of the Congress of Mothers which would be in session May 23. The request was granted by motion.

Mesdames Margaret Foster and Kliensorge, by verbal messenger asked for letters of withdrawal. On motion their requests would be granted after annual dues were paid. Notice was given to revise Art. VII Sec. 3 striking out the words "to entitle members to take part in annual election and omitting Sec. 4.

The name of Mrs. Julia M. Deal was presented by Mrs. A. U. Quint indorsed by Mrs. J. C. Cummins.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 21, 1900.

At the call of the President the Board met Wednesday in the Christian Church after Mrs. Pecks lecture, eleven members present.

The President read a letter from Mr. J. S. Emery in which he offered the use ~~use~~ of the third or fourth floor in his new store building for an Art Loan exhibit by the Club. The practicability of having such an exhibit was freely discussed. Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved that a committee be appointed by the President to confer with Mr. Emery about his offer and report at the next Board Meeting. Mrs. Clapp offered an amendment providing that the President be a member of that committee. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. A. B. Cummins constitute the committee. Mrs. Walker announced that the school matter had been turned over to the City Federation and that the Committee had asked for the use of the Club parlors for Thursday March first. Mrs. Witmer moved to allow them the use of the parlors whenever needed if not in use.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie V. Bicknell,

Sec. pro tem.

Copy.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 28, 1900.

The Board of Directors of Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors Wednesday February 28 at 1:30 P.M. Mrs. Walker reported that the Committee had seen Mr. Emery and informed him that the object of the talked of Art Loan is to make money. Mr. Emery has no objection. A discussion followed as to whether the loan should be to make money or be free for the sake of education. Mrs. Patchin moved that a committee be appointed to learn more definitely about the expense of having an Art Loan; if exhibition free if lights be furnished &. Motion carried. Mrs. Witmer moved to work toward a free exhibition, if practicable. Seconded and vote in favor of free exhibition.

Mrs. Homer Millers application was presented by Mrs. F.W. Bicknell endorsed by Mrs. Theo M. Walker. Mrs. Deal was unanimously elected to membership.

Board adjourned to meet at ten o'clock Thursday March fifteenth to talk with Mrs. Hillis about the Congress of Mothers.

(Signed) Jessie V. Bicknell,

Sec. pro tem.

Copy.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 15, 1900.

The Board of Directors met for a called meeting in Club parlors at ten o'clock, Mrs. Walker in the chair. The object of the meeting was to appoint Committees to arrange for the Congress of Mothers. The President read a list of committees needed. Mrs. Hillis stated that room, breakfast and supper would be expected of hostesses. The following committees were nominated and elected by motion or acclamation.

Mesdames

Hospitality E.R. Clann
Pleas Mills
Norman Lichty

Mesdames

Social Functions J.H. Windsor
State Receptions. Bayard Craig
etc. Frank D. Jackson

Mesdames

Drives and C.E. Rawson
Excursions R.A. Patchin
E.H. Carter

Mesdames

Introduction W.H. Baily
A.B. Shaw
Sidney Foster

Mesdames

Introduction of D.H. Reichard
non-residents A.B. Cummins
Henry Sabin.

Mesdames

Decoration of W.W. Witmer
Auditorium F.W. Benninger
A.P. Fleming

moved
Mrs. Patchin to defer music to Des Moines Musical Guild.
Motion lost.

Mesdames

Music Falk Younker
Chas. Cumming
Miss Chambers

Des Moines Women's Club

Cont.

March 15, 1900.

Mesdames
Badges and Henry Wallace
Banners Henry Plumb
H.B.Hawley

Mesdames
Model Kindergarten Henry Griffiths
and Creche J.S.Clark
S.H.Sheakley

Mesdames
Public Comfort B.F.Elbert
F.O.Green
Miss Fleming

Mesdames
Pages and J.D.Whisenand
Ushers Frank Vorse
F.W.Cherry

Mesdames
Lunches F.W.Bicknell
Harold Parsons
A.H.McVey.

Mrs.Homer Miller was elected to membership in the Women's Club.

Mrs.Whisenand gave notice to amend ByLaw Art.VI Sec.2.

On motion the Directors would purchase the reports of the two Congresses held in Washington D.C. Price 35/100 and 50/100.
Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M.Burgin,

Rec.Sec.

The Y.M.C.A.offered to substitute their parlors for the Called Club meeting for March 21 1900 Mesdames Elbert and Green Committee report. Mrs.C.E.Rawson resigned as Chairman on Drives. Accepted. Mrs.Patchin elected chairman. Mrs.Spinney elected to fill the vacancy.

Sec'y.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 21, 1900.

The Board of Directors of D.M.W.C. met in parlors at ten o'clock, the President in the chair, seventeen present. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved. The Pres. requested the Directors to indorse the Entertainment Com. in securing Mr. Reaser for a lecture for a near date. The Board indorsed the action of the Entertainment Com.

A motion prevailed to instruct the Room Com. to interview the Y.M.C.A. managers and arrange for the papering of the side walls in the parlors. The Board to dictate the color.

The chairmen of the committees on Congress of Mothers were present and the work as outlined was discussed. Mrs. Whisenand moved that the Com. on Hospitality look after the delegates at the depots. Motion carried. The letter written by Mrs. Hillis from Washington D.C. was called for and read. On motion the Com. on Hospitality was instructed to secure entertainment for as many as possible. A motion prevailed to instruct the Standing Social Com. to confer with the Com. on Social Functions and arrange for several receptions. The Women's Club would offer to bear the expense. Mrs. Whisenand moved that the Chairman of Badges and Banners interview the Commercial Exchange as to expense. Motion carried.

Mrs. Witmer discussed Auditorium decorations. Mrs. Elbert moved that the patriotic decorations provided by the Commercial Ex. be used in part for the decorations. Motion carried.

Mrs. Younker was instructed to confer with the Guild and arrange for the music for the interludes during the sessions.

Mrs. Elbert enquired why the Des Moines Women's Club was not represented on the opening program of the Congress. Mrs. Hillis replied that she had not arranged the program but that if possible, an invitation would be extended to the President of the Des Moines Women's Club, to give an address of welcome.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 30, 1900.

A meeting of Directors and Committees of Arrangements for the Congress was held in the parlors Friday morning at ten o'clock, President in the chair, fifteen Directors present. Members of the Committees Mesdames Windsor, Parsons, Baily, A.P. Fleming, Lichty, Carter, Spinney, Mills and Miss Matthews. Chairman of General Information Mrs. Walker reported that the City Council had appropriated \$500 for the Congress of Mothers. More funds would be needed was the general sentiment. Mrs. Cherry moved that the chairmen of Entertainment, Drives, and Decoration Committees solicit funds. Motion lost. Mrs. Read Club Treasurer was appointed by motion to receive all donations. The Musical Guild had offered the use of their Grand Piano, the Women's Club to pay the drayage. A motion carried to instruct Mrs. Read to publish all donations. Mrs. Baily moved that the various committees represented report on progress. Motion carried. Hospitality Com. reported would have headquarters near depots: would meet delegates and speakers at trains. The city had been mapped in sections and would be canvassed for entertainment. The solicitor would procure name, address and car to reach the place. Would have a baggage man. Mrs. Windsor on Social Functions, Gov. and Mrs. Shaw would give a public reception at State House Tuesday evening, May 24 from seven to nine o'clock. City Federation would give a reception date not reported. Mrs. Patchin Drives: Eighteen carriages had been donated. On Introductions would look after strangers and visitors. Decorations Mrs. Witmer would use Congress colors pink and blue for stage and boxes. Music Mrs. Younker Program completed ready for programs. Badges and Banners no report. Model Kindergarten no report. Lunches no report. Public Comfort Mrs. Elbert committee would arrange rest rooms. Pages and Ushers no report. The Sec. was instructed to urge the Model Kindergarten Com. to arrange the program ready for publication. Mrs. Walker announced that Mr. Reaser would be in the city April 5. On motion the Called Meeting for Wednesday April 4 would be postponed until Thursday that Mr. Reaser might address the meeting.

Mrs. Hillis asked if the Board would solicit the free service of the telephone for her use until after the Congress. Mrs. Vorse moved that the free service of a telephone be solicited for Mrs. Hillis. The motion was lost. Mrs. Lichty asked the Board to attend the Childrens Home Entertainment.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) M.M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 4, 1900.

After the Called Club Meeting adjourned the Pres. called the Directors for a short session, 12 members present. Mesdames Windsor of Social Functions Com. and Warfield of the Standing Social Com. were present. Mrs. Windsor reported that Mr. Simon, Pres. of Our Circle Hall Directors had tendered the use of Our Circle Hall for an evening reception excepting the lighting to the Women's Club during the Congress, no date named. A motion carried to accept the offer so kindly given. Mrs. Read moved that an official letter from the Secretary be sent to Mr. Simon. Motion carried.

Mrs. Whisenand moved to reconsider the motion on "Home Receptions". The reception to be placed entirely with the Social Functions Com. Motion carried. Mrs. Clapp reported the Hatch Register donated for use during the Congress. Mrs. Patchin resignation as Chairman of Com. on Drives *etc* read. On motion was accepted. Mrs. A. B. Cummins was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Read moved that some one be appointed to take charge of notices to be published in the Daily newspapers, that a more systematic order might be arranged. The motion carried.

Mrs. F. W. Bicknell was appointed to superintend all newspaper announcements. Mrs. Bicknell offered her resignation as chairman of Lunches Com. The resignation was not accepted.

Mrs. Wallace was instructed to write the National Cor. Sec. of Congress, and inquire concerning badges and banners. Mrs. Windsor reported that the P. E. O.'s would give a reception during the Congress.

Mrs. G. E. Mac Kinnon	presented by Mrs. Whisenand
	endorsed by Mrs. Hume
" Le Baron Kasson	" Mrs. Vorse
	endorsed by Miss Gilcrest

were elected to membership in the Women's Club.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Mrs. D. S. Chamberlain's name was presented by Mrs. Whisenand
introduced Mrs. Falker.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 18, 1900.

The Directors of Women's Club met in Club parlors, 16 present, President in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

The following amendment to Art.VI Sec.2 as proposed by Mrs.Whisenand "Any person may become a member of this Association by the payment of ten dollars annually. Any person may become a Life Member by the payment of one hundred dollars. The fund thus created shall be used in purchasing Art Objects etc" was adopted. The Pres. asked the Board to indorse Mrs.Allen Dawson as a delegate to the meeting of General Federation if the membership of the Club would entitle a third delegate. On motion the request was granted. On motion the Pres.would appoint a committee to draft a ByLaw admitting Clubs to membership in the Women's Club. The motion was amended The chair to be a member of that com. The motion as amended was carried. A request from the Music and Drama Com. to postpone the meeting of June 6" to one week later was granted by motion. Mrs.Wallace reported letters from Mrs.Birney Pres. of Congress of Mothers and from Mrs.C.H.Verrill on badges. On motion the badge com. was instructed to procure badges in Club colors for members of D.M.W.C. for sale at five cents. On motion Mrs.Clapp was allowed badges for the Com. on Hospitality. On motion the Cor.Sec. was instructed to notify Mr.Ward, Sec.of Com. Ex. that the Chautauqua League would have charge of Congress Art Exhibit.

Mrs.A.B.Cummins reported on Harris Emery rooms. The Women's Club could procure rooms for an Art Exhibit by the Women's Club at any date. Report accepted, Com.discharged: Treasurers report for two months accepted. Question of surplus referred to Finance Committee.

Cor.Sec. instructed to send a letter thanking Mrs.Maley also one to Anchor Ins.Co. Mrs.Witmer suggested the Board visit Mr.Abdills and examine the Chas.K.Davis oil painting offered for sale at very low price.

The Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M.Burgin,

Rec.Sec.

Mrs.D.S.Chamberlain's name was presented by Mrs.Whisenand indorsed Mrs.Walker.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 27, 1900.

The Directors of Women's Club met at 4 o'clock, the Pres. in the chair, 19 members present. The minutes of the previous meetings were approved. Mrs. Chamberlain was elected to membership.

Mrs. Carrell presented by Mrs. Harwood, endorsed by Mrs. Bailey.

Mrs. Henry Griffiths resigned as chairman of Model Kindergarten for Congress of Mothers because of active work in the schools. Mrs. Griffiths resignation was accepted. Mrs. Whisenand moved to make an exception and ask Miss Phillips to serve as chairman. The motion was carried and Mrs. Elbert was delegated to interview Miss Phillips.

Mrs. Vorse Cor. Sec. reported her correspondence with Mr. Ward. The Chautauqua League could not take charge of Congress Exhibit not having a suitable room. A motion carried for the appointment of a committee of two, to interview the Commercial Exchange and perfect some arrangement for the exhibit. Mesdames Vorse and Read were appointed by the chair.

The Philosophy and Science Com. requested a change of date with the Education Com. for the ensuing year. On motion the request was granted if the Education Com. approved of the change.

Mrs. Wallace reported a letter from Mrs. Verrill, the Congress would furnish badges. Mrs. Wallace Ch. of Badge Com. was instructed to order badges for Women's Club similar to sample shown, white ribbon green letters and green bow. Mrs. Clapp inquired if a printed list of hotels and restaurants should be printed, expense \$5.00 per thousand. On motion the list would not be printed. Mrs. Whisenand resigned as chairman of ushers but would remain on the committee. Mrs. Vorse was elected chairman after Mrs. Whisenand's resignation, was accepted. Mrs. J. C. Cummins reported plans for Club reception and two breakfasts in Club parlors to distinguished guests. The Board appropriated \$50.00 to Social Com.

On motion Board adjourned to meet May 2" at 2:30.

(Signed) Mary Marine Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 2, 1900.

The Directors met in Club parlors, the Pres. presiding. Minutes read. Approved. Mrs. Henry Carrell was elected to membership. Miss Cooper representing Younker Bros. was present by invitation. Miss Cooper said that Mr. Aaron Younker was interested in the success of the Congress and as a suggestion Headquarters down town where all reports from different committees and a place for general information to the public might be centered to assist in developing arrangements. Furthermore, if solicited, Mr. Younker might donate the room just north of Younker Bros. for a location for headquarters. A motion was carried to consider the question and the chair appointed Mesdames Bicknell, Cummins, Hawley. Miss Cooper proposed to be one of twenty five to give five dollars for assistance in the Congress arrangements. She also offered the service of Younkers special mail carrier. The Board extended a vote of thanks for her kind interest. On motion the Committee on headquarters would withdraw and interview Mr. Younker. Mrs. Wallace reported the Club badges would cost \$18.00 or about 9/100 per badge to members. Later Mrs. Wallace reported a donation of \$50 and ribbon for the badges from Frankels. On motion the Badge Com. were instructed to use its discretion as to placing letters on the badges. Mrs. Witmer reported on Auditorium decoration. Close figuring the work might be done for \$50. Com. would like \$75.00. Mrs. Whisenand moved to appropriate \$100.00 for decoration of Auditorium. Motion carried. Mrs. Walker reported an interview with Mr. Sheakley Supt. of West Schools. He would bring a kindergarten from a school in West Des Moines. On motion Mr. Sheakley's proposition was accepted. Mrs. Elbert reported Miss Phillips willingness to assume the chairmanship of the Model Kindergarten. Mrs. Elbert was instructed to secure Miss Phillips.

The President announced that she would entertain a motion to affiliate with the National Congress of Mothers. A motion prevailed to affiliate with the Congress of Mothers.

The Property Com. reported on china dishes, white Haviland cups and plates. Mrs. Plumb moved to reconsider the motion stipulating the number to be bought and leave the com. to decide. The motion carried.

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Mrs. Stetson offered the services of her son as messenger during the evening sessions of the Congress. On motion a committee would confer with the Printing Committee on ByLaws. The President instructed the Rec. Sec. Ch. of Printing Com. to appoint the Com. A message was reported from Mr. Gutterson concerning a partition in the Art Room of new library building. On motion a request would be sent the architect to construct without partition. Mrs. Bicknell reported an interview with Mr. Younker. The Directors arranged with the Rec. Sec. to have charge of the rooms from ten A.M. to six P.M. daily. Rooms for headquarters to be opened May 7" 1900.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 14, 1900.

The Board of Directors met in Club parlors, President in the Chair, nineteen members present. The minutes read and approved. Treas. report read, on motion accepted.

Badges ordered on sale at headquarters for five cents.

Motion to send delegate to Congress of Mothers. Motion carried. Motion carried to elect delegate from Club meeting. On motion all money be placed in Clubs treasury and bills paid by Treasurer in the usual form. Carried.

A notice that the amendment to Art. VI Sec. 5 relating to life members of Art Association as proposed by Mrs. Whisenand be removed from the records and not placed in the annual calendar was proposed.

The President announced that she had invited representative business men to meet the Board of Directors and assist in arranging plans for the Congress of Mothers, at four o'clock. The joint meeting was called to order. A general report from the various working Committees was given that the business men might know what had been done.

Mr. Luin reported carriages donated from liverymen for the Drives.

Mr. Will Chase pledged that the repairs on Auditorium would not interfere with the Congress and he would assume the janitors service. Suggestions were made as to raising more money in view of a large attendance than the money on hand would entertain.

Messrs Frankels representative proposed to subscribe \$100 on an emergency fund. Mr. Truesdale of Younkers suggested that the subscriptions be left at headquarters. Mr. Samuel Strauss of the Leader thought the women had done far more than any committee of men.

After more general discussion the meeting adjourned with out any formal action upon the suggestions but with the general impression that a contingent fund would be raised, if the business men were solicited.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 19, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the Club parlors Saturday at 10:30 according to notice. The members present 15. The Sec. being absent Mrs. C. E. Rawson was chosen secretary pro tem.

The president called upon Mrs. Falk Younker Chairman of the Music Com. to report on progress of their work. The report was as follows. The Women's Musical Guild will donate the use of their grand piano. Mr. Risser donates the use of a piano and there would be \$9.00 expense for moving and tuning pianos. That Mrs. Weber had trained one hundred and fifty voices (little girls to be dressed in pink and blue) Mrs. Younker asked if any change in the program would be permitted. It was moved seconded and carried to allow ^{the} any necessary expense on pianos \$9 and leave any change in musical program to the committee in charge.

It was voted to suspend the rules and proceed to the election of a new member which resulted in the unanimous election of Mrs. Geo. Ogelvie to membership in the Club.

Mrs. Walker reported as follows on the emergency money from the business men on whom she and Mrs. Cummins called. Brown and Witmer Savery Hotel \$100, Frankels \$100, Younker Bros. \$100, Mr. Kelly of the Hub \$10. It was voted to establish headquarters for the Congress of Mothers in the Younker Building Seventh Street between Walnut and Locust with Mrs. Burgin in charge. Her remuneration to be \$30.00 for three weeks service and the Secretary was instructed by vote to enter this motion in the minutes of Board meeting of May 2".

Mrs. Read moved and it was carried, that the invitation to be issued by the Women's Club reception should be as follows: "To the Officers, delegates and speakers, To the members of the Des Moines Women's Club, their husbands and their guests, To all who entertain delegates" It was further voted to furnish tickets to Chairmen of Committees for those who had assisted them in their work, also to send tickets to those gentlemen who have so kindly helped us financially and to those who have donated the use of furniture. Mrs. Elbert moved to allow the request of Mrs. Fowler for the use of the Club parlors Monday morning for school election. Carried.

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May 19, 1900.

Mrs. Bicknell moved and it was carried that the Social Com. be allowed sufficient money from the Club treasury to give a reception worthy of the Des Moines Women's Club. The chairman of the Public Comfort Com. was instructed to purchase a dozen towels, also to arrange about water tanks to be used during the Congress. Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved that we grant the use of our heavy table on the platform during the Congress. Carried. An invitation was given to the Officers and members of the Des Moines Women's Club from Mrs. Hillis, to call at her home from 3:30 to 4:30 Monday to meet the Officers and Speakers of the National Congress.

Mrs. Plumb was instructed by the Board to deliver the following message to Mrs. Wallace, in reply to her letter that she shall receive the \$5.00 from the Women's Club if she needs it.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mrs. C. E. Rawson,

Sec. pro tem.

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Des Moines Women's Club

May 28, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club was called Monday May 28, to close up the Business of the Mothers Congress. Fifteen members were present.

Mrs. Wallace Chairman of the Badge Com. gave the following reports: forty press badges and fifty badges for ushers were obtained free of cost to the committee. The cost of badges for the Club members was \$2.10. Amount received for those not yet reported. The Badge Com. also received \$16.50 for delegates and associate members badges which was turned over to the Badge Com. of the Mothers Congress as these badges were supplied by the Congress. Mrs. Wallace said she had sent a note of thanks, through the press to the dry goods merchants who donated ribbon for the Club badges, and to Mr. Kenyon for his very low rate of printing them. She also spoke of the banner which was taken to the Congress of Mothers headquarters at Washington, by Mrs. Birney. The standard on which it was hung was given to the Women's Club for its flag. Mrs. Witmer moved that the Club reimburse Mrs. Wallace for what she herself had paid toward the banner over \$3.00. Carried. A motion was made and carried that a hearty vote of thanks be given Mrs. Wallace for her work on this committee. Mrs. Walter G. Read reported bills from Social Com. to the amount of \$58.12. Mrs. J. C. Cummins as member of this Com. added to this amount \$13.76 making a total of \$71.88 the entire cost of the reception at Our Circle Hall including music and tickets. Cream and flowers were donated by Mrs. Windsor and Mrs. Callanan and Mrs. Watrous also donated flowers. Mrs. Read said that everything left from the reception in the way of refreshments except ice cream was turned over to the young ladies of the Proteus Club to aid them in entertaining our guests at the Country Club House. Mrs. Witmer Ch. of Decorative Com. at Auditorium reported her expenses as being \$57.40. This included flowers, palms, ferns and bunting. A motion was made and carried that Mrs. Witmers report be accepted. Mrs. J. C. Cummins reported \$3.40 expended for towels, combs, soap etc for the Club rooms. Mrs. Clapp said that her report was not quite finished. \$107.35 was given to her to assist in paying for the board of delegates where free entertainment could not be provided. The total expenditure of her committee in its work was \$15.00. This was used for carriages at the stations, for delegates postage and necessary purchases for the room used by the committee,

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as it was not necessary to use the money donated for the purpose for which it was given. After much discussion it was voted to return it to those who had given it. It was moved and carried that the Sec'y. be instructed to send a vote of thanks to the following firms and individuals for their assistance in the Congress work.

To Chase and West for chairs, stand, curtains and jardinières. To Younkers for curtains. To Harback for table, lounges, chairs and screens. To Mrs. Capt. Marsh for samovar and pillows. To the Lial Southerland Printing Co. for the leaflets of the Social Functions. To Prof. Sheakley, Miss Phillips and teachers who gave both time and money to make the Kindergarten a success. To the Proteus Club which rendered such valuable service ushering under the leadership of Miss Nelson. It was also moved and carried that the money spent by Prof. Sheakley in the Kindergarten work be refunded to him. Mrs. Elbert was appointed by the chair to find out the amount of this and send the bill to the Treasurer. It was also decided to make good to Miss Nelson any loss incurred while acting as usher for the Women's Club. As the little table loaned by Chase and West for the Auditorium was badly damaged it was moved and carried that it be purchased by the Club. Mrs. Witmer was appointed to see Chase and West, to find out the value. The Treasurer reported a donation of \$5.00 from Mr. J. M. Orvis for Congress work. A change in the By Laws making 3 instead of 5 years the limit of time that each board member could serve was fully discussed but action on this was deferred to another meeting. A motion was made and carried to omit from the Club Calendar another year the second clause relating to the Art Fund Association. A motion was made and carried that Mrs. Windsor be appointed to make out for the Art Fund Association a form of membership that should include a receipt. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Watrous Chr. of the Entertainment Committee be instructed to engage Ernest Seton Thompson to lecture for the Women's Club Nov. 22". Major Pond had telegraphed that Mr. Thompson could be secured at this time for an afternoon and an evening lecture for \$400.00.

Mrs. Ples Mills was elected as third alternate to the Convention at Milwaukee.

Adjourned at 4:45.

(Signed) Mrs. Hawley

Sec. pro tem.

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Des Moines Women's Club

June 18, 1900.

The Board of Directors met in Club parlors on Monday, the President in the chair, fifteen present. The minutes read and approved. The Treasurers report read and accepted. On motion the Treasurer was instructed to investigate the placing of \$400.

The Music and Drama Com. asked for \$4 to defray extra expense for the Drama Day. On motion the bill was allowed. Bills from Harris Emery Co. and Younkers for material used for Century exhibit rooms were presented. A motion carried to pay these bills. Mrs. Abdill asked for a letter of withdrawal. On motion the letter was granted. Mrs. Paschal having removed to Joplin, Mo. requested a letter of withdrawal. On motion the letter was granted. Mrs. Wallace reported a donation of 75/00 from Kenyon Printing Co. the amount billed for printing. A motion prevailed for the Board and Club to assume the expenses of Social Day as the Social Com. had been heavily taxed during the year. Mrs. Cummins moved that the President and Secretary rent the Club rooms for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

A notice from the City Federation of Clubs of a meeting for election of officers and asked that a delegate be sent. Mrs. E. S. Burgin was elected delegate.

The Music and Drama Com. presented another request asking that the Board appropriate \$10 to pay Miss Cady for having directed the Drama. A motion carried to defer this matter and ask the chairman to solicit from the members of the Committee for at least a part of the amount.

The following report from the Executive Board was read and adopted June 18, 1900.

The Executive Board decided to assume the expense of the Social Day. At the close of the year the receipts from guests to be applied on the expenses of the day.

The Club would extend an invitation to the Proteus Club and the young ladies who assisted as ushers during the Congress, to be present for the Social meeting. The executives also decided to extend a complimentary ^{ticket} to Mrs. Billington for the ensuing year. Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved that this report be endorsed by the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

(Signed) M. M. Burgin,

Sec.

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The new Board of Directors tendered a reception, in Club parlors, to the September 1900 and June 1901

(Signed) Jennie Vaupel Bicknell,

Officers

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First Vice President	Mrs. W. L. Read
Second Vice President	Mrs. J. C. Cummins
Recording Secretary	Mrs. F. W. Bicknell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. F. W. Vorse
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(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 10, 1900.

The Des Moines Women's Club met on Wednesday, October 10, at 4 o'clock in the K. of P. Hall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved when the time passed into the hands of the Art Committee. Mrs. Everett as one of the Chairmen, made announcements concerning the work of the committee of the coming year. Mrs. Mills, the other Chairman of the Art Committee, introduced Dr. Kriehn, of Chicago, who gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "Municipal Art" illustrated by stereopticon views. Mr. W. W. Witmer spoke words of encouragement to the Club for the good work commenced and offered the co-operation of the Commercial Exchange in the furtherance of municipal art.

There were 100 Club members present, 87 visitors who paid admission, and a few persons holding complimentary tickets.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 24, 1900.

The Des Moines Women's Club met Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the usual time and place.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President announced an open meeting of the Club for Wednesday, October 31, at 3 o'clock in the club parlors. Miss Robinson, the teacher of Domestic Science of the Y.W.C.A., was introduced and gave a fifteen minute talk on the value of Manual Training for both boys and girls.

The time then passed into the hands of the Household Economics Committee with Mrs. Ballard as Chairman for the day. Mrs. Macomber, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Cokenower, Mrs. Marsh, and Mrs. Flynn filled the time of the Committee, discussing the question of "The Effect of Business Life on Women as Home-Keepers".

There were 91 Club members present and 12 visitors, of whom 6 were out of the city.

The Club adjourned to the parlors where a reception was tendered the five new members.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 31, 1900.

On Wednesday, October 31, there was a called meeting of the Club held in Club parlors. It was a very rainy day and of the 211 members only 25 were present, of these 15 were Board members who had attended the board meeting just previous.

No business was transacted. Only informal talks on the work of the study classes --- Art and Literature.

Some of the By-laws of the Chicago Women's Club were read and discussed. A majority of those present preferred cloth to paper bound calendars. It was suggested that the Committee programs for the year be printed in the calendar.

The Seton-Thompson lectures were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

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Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 7, 1900.

The Des Moines Women's Club held its regular meeting Wednesday, November 7, at the usual time and place.

Minutes of regular and called meetings read and approved.

Mrs. Watrous, Miss Phillips and Mrs. Craig spoke of the approaching lectures by Ernest Seton, Thompson and aroused a lively interest in the event among the members who were urged to buy tickets and assume responsibility for the sale of others. Many did so. Miss Phillips told of hearing Mr. Seton-Thompson in Chicago and of his extraordinary success. It was considered a piece of good fortune that the Club had secured a lecturer who brought to the city such a good educational influence.

The time passed into the hands of the Educational Committee with Mrs. Hillis as Chairman. Mr. Newell of the West Des Moines High School gave an excellent paper on Manual Training and five boys, each doing different work, gave a practical demonstration. The platform looked like a work shop.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Newell for the interesting and instructive program.

There were 66 members present and 8 visitors, besides a number of teachers who were guests of the Club.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 21, 1900.

The Des Moines Women's Club was called to order by the President at 3 o'clock November 21, 1900. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The Literature, Art and Education Committees announced dates for meetings; having arranged for study classes. The Entertainment Committee created new enthusiasm for the Seton-Thompson lectures.

The program for the afternoon was directed by Mrs. Burbank, Chairman of the Philosophy and Science Committees. Rev. Mary A. Safford addressed the Club on the subject "Emerson -- The Man and his Philosophy". Following the address Miss Safford gave time for questions which were asked by different members of the Club and answered by Miss Safford.

There were about 60 Club members present and 11 visitors.

(Signed) Mary M. Burgin,

Sec. pro tem.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Picknell,

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 5, 1900.

The Des Moines Women's Club held its regular meeting at usual time and place, Wednesday, December 5, 1900.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Watrous as Chairman of Entertainment Committee made her report on the Seton-Thompson lectures the gross receipts of which were \$931.21, and the net profits \$429.

Mrs. Hawley, on behalf of the Club, presented Mrs. Watrous and Mrs. Carter, the members of the Entertainment Committee, each with a copy of Seton-Thompson's book "Wild Animals I Have Known" as a token of appreciation of good work done.

The History Committee with Mrs. Taylor as Chairman had charge of the day. Miss Blakeslee sang. Mrs. Clapp gave a paper on "Roman Colonization" and Mrs. J. S. Clark a paper on "Colonization--- The Situation at the Time of the Discovery of America" after which there was a discussion.

There were 7 visitors and about 70 members present. The club adjourned after which there was a social, in the parlors, for the new members.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 19, 1900.

At the usual time and place the Des Moines Women's Club met on Dec. 19, 1900.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Younker as Chairman of the Music and Drama Committee gave the biography of Edward Fitzgerald, the translator of Omar Khayyam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Keeler sang "In a Persian Garden" which is selected from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. This was enthusiastically received by the audience composed of 93 members and 42 visitors.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 2, 1901.

The Des Moines Women's Club met Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1901, at 3 o'clock P.M., in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Vorse read several letters from her sister, Mrs. Lowry Goode, about a trip to Jamaica and the north coast of South America.

Mrs. Windsor, as Chairman of the Committee to investigate Mr. Simon Casady's offer of the use of a lot for a Club House, reported that Mr. Casady offered, free of rent for 25 years, the use of the lot on the southwest corner of Fifth and Park Streets. At the end of the 25 years the Club can either rent or buy the lot. A discussion of the question was left for the next meeting of the Club.

The Social Economics Committee, with Mrs. I. M. Earle as Chairman, had charge of the program for the afternoon. A piano solo was given by Miss Adah Harris. Mrs. Harriet Lambert Shipley gave an exhaustive paper on "How the Doors Have Been Opened to Women During the Century" which was followed by an informal discussion.

There were 3 visitors and 54 Club members present.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan 16, 1901.

At 2:30 P.M. on January 16, 1901, in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, the President called the Club to order.

Mrs. Windsor read the letter from Mr. Simon Casady regarding his offer of a lot for a Club House. Several members of the Club read letters about or told of club houses in other cities.

The first question that arose was the relation of the Club to the Library Board in regard to taking the rooms in the new Library Building. Miss Safford moved that a written report of the Library Committee be a part of our regular report. This carried.

"The Committee, consisting of Mesdames R.A. Patchin, A.B. Cummins and P.B. Durley, appointed to confer with the City Library Board to ascertain whither that body felt like willingly releasing the Women's Club from all obligation to occupy quarters in the new building, reported as follows:

"The Committee had seen, unofficially, Messrs. Geo. F. Henry, D.F. Witter and Dr. Heaton; also Mrs. F.W. Mitchell and Mrs. W.L. Read and had corresponded with Mr. A.P. Fleming. All had said that the Club certainly had a right to do as it pleased and should pursue the course that its best interests demanded. The opinion was expressed that the Library Board would be glad if the Club saw fit to place the pictures there for a year or two, but there was no obligation one way or the other."

Miss Gilcrest moved the appointment of a Committee on Ways and Means but the motion was withdrawn.

Mrs. Taylor moved to take a vote on whether we try to build a Club House; Mrs. Windsor offered an amendment, which was accepted, making the motion read "to take a vote on whether it is wise for this Club to build a Club House". This motion carried.

It was now time for the regular Club meeting and further discussion was left for a later date.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President announced the appointment of Mrs. Allen Dawson on Entertainment Committee as Mrs. Benninger had resigned.

The Literature Committee had charge of the afternoon's program which was just as announced in the calendar. Mrs. Knowlton was chairman.

There were seven visitors and 86 Club members present. Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 30, 1901.

The midwinter Social Day of the Women's Club was Wednesday, Jan. 30. The meeting was held in the K. of P. Hall.

The Misses Odell, Prouty, Davis and McVey entertained the Club with a clever play on four of Shakespeare's ^{women} characters.

A social time followed.

There were 48 visitors and about 150 Club members present.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Feb. 13, 1901.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1901 at 3:00 P.M., the Des Moines Women's Club met in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Watrous, of the Entertainment Committee, announced two Art lectures, to be given February 15 and 16 by Mr. Wilbur A. Reasor of New York.

Mr. Barnes, a water color artist, of London, spoke a few minutes on English Art.

The Art Committee had charge of the afternoon program. Mrs. Everett, as Chairman, introduced Mr. Charles A. Cumming who talked about and gave an illustration of picture making. Two landscapes, in colored crayons, was the result.

There were 13 visitors and 79 members present.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 27, 1901.

At 3 P.M. on Wednesday, February 27, 1901 the Des Moines Women's Club met in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Reasor talked about "Art in the Middle West" for half an hour when the Committee for the day, Household Economics, with Mrs. Cokenower as chairman, took charge of the afternoon program.

Dr. Marian Howe gave an interesting talk on "Nervousness in Children" and had two boys from Irving School for illustrating some tests.

Mrs. Howell read a poem, "When Mother's at the Club."

Mrs. Margaret Weber and thirty children from the North Des Moines Grades gave a practical demonstration of music teaching in the schools, and the North Des Moines High School girls chorus furnished some fine music.

There were 43 visitors and 108 members present.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

The Treasurer gave her annual report, showing the total funds of the Club to consist of \$3,107.50. The report was adopted.

A letter was read announcing the gift to the Club of an engraving of Martin Luther's "Christ Rejected". The donor did not wish her name published.

Mrs. Richard moved to have an informal ballot, to ascertain the sentiment of the Club as to choice of president, before the regular nominating ballot.

The President declared this to be a change in the By Laws and a two thirds vote be necessary. The motion, receiving the necessary two thirds vote, prevailed.

After this informal ballot a motion for the regular nominating ballot carried. Mrs. Walker, Miss Gilcrest and Mrs. Bailey received the highest number of votes. Mrs. Walker withdrew her name and ordered another nominating ballot. Mrs. Bailey and Miss Gilcrest, receiving the highest number of votes, were declared the candidates and the regular formal ballot for president followed. Mrs. Bailey, receiving a majority, was pronounced the president for the next year.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 13, 1901.

The regular Annual Business Meeting of the Women's Club was held Wednesday, March 13 in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, beginning at 2:30.

Minutes read and approved.

The following names were announced as the 25 receiving the highest number of votes, and so constituting the Board of Directors for the next Club year:

1 Baily, Mrs. W. H.	14 Fowler, Mrs. F. W.
2 Bicknell, Mrs. F. W.	15 Gilcrest, Miss Belle M.
3 Burbank, Mrs. E. D.	16 Green, Mrs. F. O.
4 Burgin, Mrs. E. S.	17 Patchin, Mrs. R. A.
5 Carter, Mrs. E. H.	18 Plumb, Mrs. Henry
6 Clapp, Mrs. E. R.	19 Rawson, Mrs. C. E.
7 Clark, Mrs. J. S.	20 Read, Mrs. W. L.
8 Craig, Mrs. W. B.	21 Shaw, Mrs. A. B.
9 Cummins, Mrs. A. B.	22 Vorse, Mrs. F. W.
10 Cummins, Mrs. J. L.	23 Walker, Mrs. T. M.
11 Dawson, Mrs. Allen	24 Watrous, Mrs. C. L.
12 Durley, Mrs. P. B.	25 Witmer, Mrs. W. W.
13 Elbert, Mrs. B. F.	

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Mrs. Reichard moved to have an informal ballot, to ascertain the sentiment of the Club on choice of president, before the regular nominating ballot.

The President declared this to be a change in the By Laws and a two thirds vote be necessary. The motion, receiving the necessary two thirds vote, prevailed.

After this informal ballot a motion for the regular nominating ballot carried. Mrs. Walker, Miss Gilcrest and Mrs. Baily received the highest number of votes. Mrs. Walker withdrew her name and ordered another nominating ballot. Mrs. Baily and Miss Gilcrest, receiving the highest number of votes, were declared the candidates and the regular formal ballot for president followed. Mrs. Baily, receiving a majority, was pronounced the president for the next year.

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March 13, 1901.

The nominating ballot for first vice president was taken, giving Mrs. Elbert, Mrs. Plumb and Mrs. Read the greatest number of votes.

Mrs. Elbert withdrew her name and moved a suspension of the rules, which carried, and further moved the election of Mrs. Plumb by acclimation. This carried and Mrs. Plumb was declared the first vice president.

A motion to suspend the rules carried and Mrs. W. L. Read, tho' she withdrew her name, was elected, by acclimation, the second vice president.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved a suspension of the rules, which carried, and further moved the election by acclimation, of Mrs. Bicknell as secretary. The motion prevailed and Mrs. Bicknell was elected secretary.

Another suspension of the rules followed for the election of corresponding secretary. Mrs. Vorse refused to serve again and a motion for nominations from the floor prevailed.

Mrs. E. D. Burbank was nominated and unanimously elected.

Miss Lucy Allabach moved the suspension of the rules and the election of Miss Gilcrest, as treasurer, by acclimation. Both motions carried and Miss Gilcrest was re-elected treasurer.

Mrs. Burgin moved to suspend the rules for the election of Historian. This carried. Mrs. Green's speech and suggestion of change in that office were not heeded and she was nominated and unanimously elected Historian.

There were 95 members present and no visitors.

Mrs. Durley's motion to extend a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Walker, the retiring president, was unanimously carried. Mrs. Walker thanked the Club and adjournment followed.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

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Des Moines Women's Club

March 27, 1901.

At 3:00 P.M., on Wednesday, March 27, 1901, the Des Moines Women's Club met in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Announcement was made of Proteus Club luncheons for benefit of Women's Club Art Fund and also of the Municipal Art Banquet at Grant Club April 11th.

Upon motion, nominations for a delegate to the State Federation, in May, at Council Bluffs, were made from the floor.

Mrs. Allen Dawson, Mrs. C.L. Watrous, Mrs. E.S. Burgin, Mrs. F.W. Vorse and Mrs. F.W. Bicknell were nominated.

Mrs. Watrous withdrew her name, having been the delegate to the General Federation last year.

The President made the ruling that any person, whose name appears in the last calendar, was entitled to vote.

Mrs. C.E. Rawson, Mrs. Henry Plumb and Mrs. L.J. Kasson were nominated and elected tellers.

The election having consumed considerable time a motion prevailed to give the Committee of the day the usual time for the program.

The stage was decorated with the flags of the different countries whose school systems were described.

Mrs. R.C. Barrett, as Chairman of the Education Committee, introduced the different speakers. Prof. Heft gave two violin solos. Prof. Sheakley read his wife's paper and the rest of program was as in calendar except, on account of illness, Mrs. Craig was absent and Mrs. Burgin moved to have the paper published in the daily papers instead of being read. The motion carried.

The program, which was most interesting and instructive, closed by the audience singing the first verse of "America".

Mrs. Rawson reported the vote as follows:

Bicknell	34	Burgin	27
Vorse	16	Plumb	2
Dawson	11	Foster	1

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Mrs. Bicknell was declared the delegate.

There were present 110 members, 6 visitors and about 25 teachers as guests of the Club.

A social hour in Club parlors followed the adjournment.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 10, 1901.

In the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, on Wednesday, April 10, the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mrs. Ragsdale, the wife of the United States Consul at Tien Tsin, China, entertainedly told of some Chinese customs.

Mrs. Earle, as Chairman of the Social Economics Committee, had charge of the program. Solos were sung by Miss Wilkins and Mr. Silberstein.

Trusts, Trades Unions and Strikes were described by Miss Noble, Miss Jenny and Miss Ballentyne.

Twenty eight visitors and 83 members were present.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 24, 1901.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1901 the Des Moines Women's Club held its first all day session. The meeting was called to order in Club parlors about 10:30 A.M. and various subjects were discussed.

The first motion was that a committee of two be selected from the Women's Club to confer with the Froebel Association concerning the vacation schools.

The next motion called for the appointment to this committee of the two chairmen of the Education Committee.

A motion prevailed for the appointment of Miss Gilcrest as chairman, with power to select two others, of a committee to edit a page devoted to the Women's Club in the little paper called Suggestions.

The Deaconesses of the Methodist Church had appealed for help for young girls. Mrs. Hutchins moved that the deaconesses be told to ask the pastors and members of churches where the girls attend to secure work for them and then they could, if of good moral character, be received in the Business Women's Club home. Carried.

It was decided to have the delegates to the State Federation instructed how to vote if the color question arose.

Mrs. Clapp moved that the delegates be instructed to vote to admit all Clubs to the General Federation regardless of color or nationality.

This motion carried almost unanimously.

Mrs. Watrous moved that the annual dues be raised to \$5 and no special assessments made. Carried.

Miss Gilcrest moved that a member be eligible to the Board for three years and ineligible for one. Carried.

The meeting adjourned, a luncheon ^{was served} and a social hour enjoyed.

When the meeting came to order Mrs. A. B. Shaw presented a petition to the Library Board asking them not to move into the new building until it could all be finished. Mrs. Durley moved the endorsement of the petition and the motion prevailed.

The Art Gallery-Club House question was next discussed.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved that a committee of five be selected--nominations from the floor--to solicit Club members and ascertain what they will give towards the Art Gallery and Club House. This motion carried and ten nominations followed.

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April 24, 1901.

Upon motion nominations were closed and the secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the first five named, who were Mesdames Clapp, Windsor, Durley, A.B. Cummins and Elbert.

A motion prevailed instructing the committee to solicit the members on the basis of a stock company and Twenty Dollars to constitute a share.

Mrs. Dawson moved that a rising vote be taken on the question of building an Art Gallery and Club House and those in favor of going to work at once and try to build it to stand.

The motion was almost unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Burbank, Mrs. C. E. Rawson and others who served the lunch. Meeting adjourned.

At 3:00 P.M., in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, the regular meeting of the Club was called to order. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Reichard moved to elect alternates to the State Federation. Carried.

Mrs. Burgin was elected as first alternate and Mrs. C. E. Rawson for second.

Mrs. W. L. Read was elected to represent the Club in the receiving line at the reception to be given Thursday, May 2d, for the visitors at the Inter-State Oratorical Contest.

Mrs. Taylor was chairman of the History Committee which had charge of the afternoon program.

Misses Jones and Cooper furnished the music.

Mrs. H. F. Parlin Porter gave a paper on "Evolution in History".

Mr. Henry Nollen read an ^exhaustive paper on "South Africa".

When Dr. H. O. Breeden was introduced to speak of China he introduced Dr. Hugh Welpton, a recently returned missionary, who told many interesting things about the Chinese.

There were 98 Club members present and 7 visitors.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 8, 1901.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1901, at the usual time and place, the Des Moines Women's Club met.

Minutes approved as read.

The president and delegate read reports of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Reichard offered the following resolutions---Whereas: The Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs, lately in session at Council Bluffs, conferred upon Mrs. W. H. Bailly, member of the Des Moines Women's Club, and president-elect of that body, the honor of presiding officer of the Federation by unanimous vote; we as members of the Des Moines Women's Club desire to express our unqualified endorsement of the same;

Therefore: be it resolved, That we, as a body, heartily approve the action of the State Federation, applaud the wisdom of their choice and offer our congratulations to our president elect, upon the honors so worthily accorded her.

Mrs. Durley moved the adoption of the resolution and it un-animously carried.

Mrs. Hawley, with the following words, presented Mrs. Bailly with an armful of roses:

"With these flowers, members of the Des Moines Women's Club wish to extend to Mrs. Bailly their hearty congratulation upon her election to the presidency of the I. F. W. C.

"They also wish to pledge to her their loyalty and support thro' the coming year as President of the Des Moines Women's Club".

Mrs. Bailly spoke a few words of thanks.

The president announced an afternoon Conversational with Mrs. and Miss Conger and Miss Pierce on Wednesday, May 15th, in Club parlors.

Miss Chambers was chairman of the Music and Drama Committee.

The Misses Reichard and Stetson and Mr. Heighton furnished some fine music.

Mrs. Kilburn, dean of women at Iowa Agricultural College, read "Sonny's Christening" by Ruth McEnery Stuart.

A vocal trio was given by Misses Evans, Denny and Park.

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May 8, 1901.

"The Drama and Aesthetics" was the subject of a fine paper by Mr. Samuel Strauss. Dr. Storms, of the Methodist church, spoke of "The Stage and the Church."

Mr. Johnson Brigham spoke of "The Stage as an Influence in Society".

The interest in the program was attested to by the audience remaining until the close of the program, which was two hours instead of one hour, in length.

There were 122 Club members present and 26 visitors.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 22, 1901.

At 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 22d, the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Miss Phillips gave an interesting talk on the vacation school, to be carried on this summer by the Froebel Association.

Mrs. Watrous moved that the Women's Club loan its collection of photographs, for the six weeks of the vacation school, to decorate the schoolroom walls. This motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gillette, as chairman of the Philosophy and Science Committee, introduced Mr. Joseph Addison Dyer who spoke on "Science, its Progress and What it Means". A discussion followed.

Mrs. Baily moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Dyer for his talk and the motion carried.

The treasurer gave a report up to date.

There were 54 members and 7 visitor present.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

June 5, 1901.

In the Club parlors, at 3:00 P.M., on June 5th, the Des Moines Women's Club was called to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson paid a tribute to Mrs. Mary A. Taylor and the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, It has pleased God to remove from earth Mrs. Mary A. Taylor, our much respected and dearly beloved associate,

"Resolved, That to our sense of the great loss sustained by the Women's Club and the interests it represents, is added, to many, the sorrow of a deep personal bereavement.

"Resolved, That throughout her membership she has been a faithful and valuable member and that in her death the Club suffers an irreparable loss.

"Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the permanent records of the Club and that a copy be presented to Mrs. Taylor's family.

"Caroline C. Burbank,
"Blanche Hay Powell,
"Charity G. Knowlton,
"Committee"

Miss McLoney, as chairman of the Literature Committee, introduced Mrs. W. W. Wheeler who read a fine paper on "The Short Story and Some Short Story Writers".

Miss Lillian Lambert read an original story of merit entitled "Her Wedding Fee."

There were 53 members and two visitors present.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

June 19, 1901.

The closing meeting of the Club for the year 1900-1901 was social day, June 19th.

The first plan was to go to High Bridge for a picnic but a change was made and Union Park was selected. There was a heavy rain and the only ones present were Mesdames Durley, Bicknell, W.L. Read, Carter, Rawson and Kuhns, one guest and three children. Tables and seats were provided, in the pavilion, a fine picnic dinner and a pleasant time enjoyed by the few present.

In the afternoon, after the rain, Mesdames Foster, Walker, Watrous, Stetson and Elbert came.

So ended the Club year.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

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Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Historian

Mrs. T. L. Walker

Mrs. F. L. Read

Mrs. J. C. Cummins

Mrs. F. E. Bicknell

Mrs. F. E. Varas

Miss Belle Gilchrist

Mrs. F. J. Green

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 12, 1900.

Board of Directors met in Club parlors, 14 present. Minutes read and approved. The President led the general discussion of elected Charter members holding letters of withdrawal, honorary members. Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved that Charter members holding letters of withdrawal be elected honorary members. Motion carried. Mrs. Burgin moved to extend the complimentary of the Club to Mrs. Gov. Shaw as an act of appreciation for kindness shown the Club by Gov. and Mrs. Shaw. The motion was lost. A letter from Mrs. Brainard proposing to refund one dollar on every \$3.00 subscription for St. Nicholas the Club might procure. On motion the proposition was referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair. A bill for telephone service.

Des Moines Women's Club

Minutes of Board of Directors
(Copy)

September 1900

July 1901

Officers

President	Mrs. T. M. Walker
First Vice President	Mrs. W. L. Read
Second Vice President	Mrs. J. C. Cummins
Recording Secretary	Mrs. F. W. Bicknell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. F. W. Vorse
Treasurer	Miss Belle Gilcrest
Historian	Mrs. F. O. Green

Mrs. Watrous reported a proposition from a Mrs. Chas. V. Shober. A lecture to be illustrated from characters and scenes of Bayreuth. Lecture "How to Enjoy Wagner". No action was taken on the proposition. The Historian Mrs. Green inquired if she should keep a scrap book as a part of the Club's record. On motion the scrap book would not be arranged. A motion carried to have the Presidents and Historians addresses for Officers Day, with music.

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The treasurer read her report, on motion was accepted. Mrs. Watrous reported correspondence with Major Pond, one thousand circulars would be sent ~~out~~ for the Seaton Thompson entertainment. More than one thousand would cost \$3.00 per thousand. The contract for Auditorium for afternoon and evening called for \$75.00. Date November 22".

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Watrous for her excellent management on the Entertainment Committee.

Mrs. Watrous reported a proposition from a Mrs. Chas. W. Rhodes. A lecture to be illustrated from characters and scenes in Bayreuth. Lecture "How to Enjoy Wagner". No action was taken on the proposition. The Historian Mrs. Green inquired if she should keep a scrap book as a part of the Clubs record. On motion the scrap book would not be arranged. A motion carried to have but the Presidents and Historians addresses for Officers Day, with music.

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Sept. 12, 1900.

On motion the Directors would take charge of the Social hour. Mrs. Harwood was appointed by the chair to take charge of the refreshments. Mrs. Harwood declined as she would not be a member of the board at that date. No substitute was named.

Mrs. J. S. Clarke was appointed to collect the assessment from the Directors. On motion the Pres. would arrange for flowers. Mrs. Stetson kindly offered the services of Miss Lillian Stetson as pianist. The chair appointed Mrs. Stetson as com. on music.

A motion carried for the Directors to serve alphabetically at the door during the Club meetings of the ensuing year. The duties to be looking after guests and strangers that they might be pleasantly entertained, announcing number of members present and names of out of town visitors also keeping the toilet room door unlocked during the afternoon.

Mrs. Watrous reported a small catalog of the Braun photographs. No action was taken.

An informal discussion on the idea of giving Ernest Seaton Thompsons little play before his lectures in November or following the lectures, by some one of the Standing Com's. No official action was taken.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Mary Marine Burgin,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 26, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the parlors immediately after the social hour on opening day September 26, 1900.

There were fifteen members present.

It was decided, by vote, to consider any business before the Board at that time and not call a meeting for the next day.

The question presented for discussion was regarding the program for Art day, October 10. The Art Committee requesting the Board to grant them the privilege of changing the time from afternoon to evening and to have the use of the door receipts to help defray the expense of having Dr. Kriehu, of Chicago, come and deliver an address on "Municipal Art". After a full discussion it was voted to give the Committee the door receipts and to share any deficit, if it exceed ten dollars.

Upon motion it was decided that the Art Committee must hold to the calendar day and have the regular afternoon meeting.

Mrs. Hawley moved that a complimentary ticket for the year be given Miss Adams of the Settlement House. Carried.

An application for membership from Mrs. Edna K. Farnkel was read.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 10, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the K. of P. Hall immediately after the program by the Art Committee on Wednesday October 10.

There were thirteen members present.

Applications for membership were read from Mrs. Fletcher Howard, Mrs. W. F. Cram, and Mrs. C. W. Doyle, also a letter from Mrs. I. L. Hillis resigning from the Board.

It was moved and carried that the Proteus Club be given the use of Club parlors at the same rate as last year.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 17, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors Wednesday, October 17, at three o'clock. Eleven members present.

An application for membership from Mrs. Margaret L. Weber was read. It was moved that the rules be suspended and Mrs. Weber's name be voted upon with the other applicants. Carried.

The following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. A. Frankel				presented by Mrs. Knowlton
" Fletcher Howard	"	"	"	endorsed by Mrs. Burbank
" W. F. Cram	"	"	"	Durley
" C. W. Doyle	"	"	"	endorsed by Mrs. F. O. Green
" Margaret Weber	"	"	"	Bowen
				endorsed by Mrs. Plumb
				Walker
				endorsed by Mrs. Vorse
				W. R. Marshall
				endorsed by Mrs. Burgin.

Mrs. Hillis's resignation read and upon motion accepted. It was moved and carried that the Secretary express to Mrs. Hillis the sympathy of the Board and appreciation of work done.

The vote to fill vacancy resulted in Mrs. E. D. Burkank's election.

The following bills were ordered paid: Subscription to "Club Woman" for last year and current year; for roses to Mrs. Whisenand; for Mutual Telephone and the telephone to be taken out.

Moved that the business of the Club be continued with Central State Bank.

Corresponding Secretary instructed to write Mrs. H. H. Birney in reply to letter about carriage hire.

Mrs. Emily Clifford granted a letter of withdrawal.

The use of Club parlors granted City Federation for Tuesday October 23.

Moved that complimentary tickets be sent the women of the Art Fund Association for the Club meeting October 24. Carried.

President gave notice of change in By-laws.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 24, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in small room off Auditorium of Y.M.C.A. Building, Wednesday October 24, at 2:30 P.M. Thirteen members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved that the janitor's bill for the summer months be referred to the Room Committee. Carried.

Moved and carried that the placing of the reserved seat plat for the Ernest Seaton Thompson lectures be referred to the Entertainment Committee.

The Secretary read the names of the people who contributed the unused ~~the~~ \$80.85 for the Mother's Congress and who then gave it to the Art Fund Association.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this money be placed in the Treasurer's hand to be used for the Art Fund.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins was asked to attend to the telephone bill.

Applications for membership from Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky, Mrs. William Woodburn and Mrs. James A. Gray were read.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

The following ladies were elected to membership:

Mrs. William Woodburn	presented by Mrs. Durley
Mrs. James A. Gray	endorsed by Mrs. Vorse
	presented by Mrs. Bailly
	endorsed by Mrs. Rood

Mrs. E. H. Carter presented the case of a friend who wanted to join the Club but did not wish to do active work. A motion was made to suspend the rule requiring a member to have done three years of active work in order to become an Associate Member. The motion was seconded but was lost.

The president appointed Mrs. Clapp chairman of the Finance Committee as Mrs. Whisenand had resigned.

Board called together at close of the open Club meeting and voted on price of tickets for Seaton Thompson lectures. Afternoon lecture- -children 25 cents. Adults 50 cents. No reserved seats. Evening lecture -children 25 cents. Adults 50 cents. Reserved seats ten cents extra.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 14 Nov. 7, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met immediately after the close of the Club Wednesday, November 7 to read applications from Mrs. W.A. Hand, Mrs. M. Rosenfield, Mrs. Loraine B. Ford, Mrs. L. Mott and Mrs. J.J. Hollister. Mrs. Cherry's resignation from the Board was also read.

There were ten members present.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

An application from Mrs. Frank McKay was read. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Brighton in which she stated her reasons for not accepting her election as Board member. The resignation was accepted.

Mrs. Cherry's resignation from the Board was read and accepted.

Mrs. Bicknell's resignation was read and accepted with regrets.

There being three vacancies on the Board Section 7 of Article V was again discussed. Mrs. Reed moved that we proceed to elect from among next in order as heretofore. This was seconded and carried. Mrs. C.E. Hanson, Miss Elizabeth Matthews and Mrs. C.E. Riser were the three remaining names of the five having the highest number of votes at the annual election. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for these three names as Board members.

Mrs. Riser gave notice of change in the By-Laws, wishing to amend Section 7 of Article V.

The second paragraph of Article IX was stricken out and the following substituted: "Each subscriber shall be entitled to two guests at all of the regular meetings of the Club."

Upon motion the ladies having charge of the Bureau made for the Children's Home were granted the use of the Club knives and forks.

A motion was made to the effect that the president appoint a Committee to prepare a printed form for the dues of applicants for membership. The motion carried.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 14, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met Wednesday November 14 in Club parlors. There were sixteen present. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

The following ladies were elected to membership:

Mrs. M. Rosenfield		presented by Mrs. Fowler	
" Loraine Briar Ford	"	endorsed by Mrs. Elbert	
" J. J. Hollister	"	Mrs. Macomber	
" L. Mott	"	endorsed by Mrs. Hillis	
" W. A. Hand	"	Mrs. Taylor	
		endorsed by Mrs. Walker	
		Mrs. Taylor	
		endorsed by Mrs. Carter	
		Mrs. Benninger	
		endorsed by Mrs. Walker.	

An application from Mrs. Frank McKay was read.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Brigham in which she stated her reasons for not accepting her election as Board member. The resignation was accepted.

Mrs. Cherry's resignation from the Board was read and accepted.

Mrs. Whisenand's resignation was read and accepted with regrets.

There being three vacancies on the Board Section 7 of Article V was again discussed. Mrs. Read moved that we proceed to elect from names next in order as heretofore. This was seconded and carried. Mrs. C. E. Rawson, Miss Elizabeth Matthews and Mrs. C. E. Risser were the three remaining names of the five having the highest number of votes at the annual election. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for these three names as Board members.

Mrs. Witmer gave notice of change in the By-laws, wishing to amend Section 7 of Article V.

The second paragraph of Article 1X was stricken out and the following substituted: "Each subscriber shall be entitled to two guest tickets of admission to the regular meetings of the Club."

Upon motion the ladies having charge of the Rummage sale for the Children's Home were granted the use of the Club's knives and forks.

A motion was made to the effect that the president appoint a Committee to prepare a printed form for the use of applicants for membership. The motion carried.

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Nov. 14, 1900.

The Education Committee asked the use of the parlors at 4 P.M. on the Friday alternating with Club week. Moved, seconded and carried that the request be granted.

Mrs. Younker as Chairman of Music and Drama day, December 19 asked the Board to help the Committee in a financial way to give "In a Persian Garden". After discussion it was moved that the Music and Drama Committee be allowed twenty dollars and the usual piano rent toward paying expenses for their day. The motion carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 5, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday December 5, 1900 in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. There were 14 members present.

Mrs. Hawley moved that the Club present Mrs. Watrous and Mrs. Carter of the Entertainment Committee each with a copy of Ernest Seaton Thompson's book "Wild Animals I Have Known" in recognition of their good work, done for the Club, in connection with the Seaton Thompson lectures. Carried.

Upon motion Mrs. Hawley was instructed to purchase the two books and present them after the Committee had given its report to the Club.

Applications for membership were read from Mrs. F. R. Conway, Mrs. I. F. Small and Mrs. Louie C. Kurtz.

Mrs. Walker told of Mrs. S. F. Prouty's application which would be brought to the Secretary that afternoon. It was moved that the rules be suspended and this be considered the reading of Mrs. Prouty's application. Carried.

A letter from Mrs. Billington was read in which she thanked the Board for its kindness in regard to her membership ticket and enclosed the money for her dues.

The president appointed Mrs. Watrous and Mrs. Bicknell as the Committee to prepare the printed application form.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 12, 1900.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met Wednesday December 12 by invitation of Mrs. Vorse, at her home 1606 Pleasant St. Twenty members present.

Minutes of two previous meetings read and approved.

The following ladies were elected to membership in the Club:

Mrs. Frank McKay	presented by	Mrs. Webster
" F.R. Conaway	" "	endorsed by Mrs. W.L. Brown
" I.F. Small	" "	Mrs. Harwood
" Louis C. Kurtz	" "	endorsed by Mrs. A.B. Shaw
" S.F. Prouty	" "	Mrs. Burbank
		endorsed by Mrs. Knowlton
		Mrs. Fowler
		endorsed by Mrs. W.L. Read
		Mrs. Sidney Foster
		endorsed by Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Watrous thanked the Board for the Seton Thompson book.

Upon motion the treasurer was instructed to renew the Club's insurance with Witmer and Kauffman.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. J.C. Cummins as chairman of the Room Committee reported the parlors and dishes rented to the Musical Guild for a reception for \$4.00 and the same for the Coe College reception the evening of December 27.

Upon Mrs. Read's motion the President appointed a committee of three to consult with Simon Casady about his offer of the use of a lot for a Club House. Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. Clapp and Mrs. A.B. Cummins form the committee.

Mrs. Watrous read a letter from Mr. Reasor in which he expressed his willingness to lecture here in the spring and to have an exhibit of his pictures. Upon motion this was left with the Entertainment Committee with the suggestion that it would be well to have Mr. Reasor and the exhibit.

Mrs. Read gave notice of change in Section 5 of Article V and Section 4 of Article IV of the By-laws.

Mrs. Witmer proposed and the Board adopted the following for Section 7 of Article V of the By-laws: "The Board of Directors shall transact all business of the Club and decide to whom stock shall be sold. Vacancies in said Board shall be filled by the Board from the list of names, in consecutive order, voted for as directors at the preceeding annual election. All motions shall be made in writing and handed to the Secretary".

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Dec. 12, 1900.

The Board decided to keep open house during the State Teachers Association, December 26, 27 and 28, one third of the Board members to act as hostesses each day with Mrs. Burgin as chairman the first day, Mrs. Durley the second and Mrs. Plumb the third day. These three chairmen were authorized to buy the tea, sugar and wafers etc. needed, the same to be paid for from the Club treasury.

The Committee presented the following application blank which was adopted.

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To the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club Ladies:

M----- is proposed for membership in the Des Moines Women's Club.

endorsed by M-----
M-----

Write application here.

If elected I promise to hold my membership in the Des Moines Women's Club as something worthy of unfailing loyalty and I will sustain the Club in its good work and guard its reputation as long as I am a member.

Signature-----

Address-----

Initiation fee of five dollars must be enclosed herewith.

Upon motion Mrs. Vorse was given a vote of thanks for her hospitality.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 9, 1901.

On Wednesday, January 9th, 1901 at 2:30 P.M., in Club parlors the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met with fifteen members present.

Mrs. Hawley moved to reconsider the Application blanks, the secretary to make changes in same to present at next meeting of the Board. Carried.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved that the entire application blank be printed. Carried.

Mrs. Plumb gave notice of change in Sec. 2 of Article 111 of the By Laws.

Upon motion the bills for the Dante bracket and the frame for the Cumming picture were ordered paid.

An application from Mrs. Henry M. Rollins was read.

The Board voted to reinstate Mrs. Frank W. Dodson, who had dropped out of the Club on account of illness, upon the payment of this years dues.

A motion carried to the effect that all those who left the Club before the Club issued letters of withdrawal should be allowed to return upon the payment of five dollars.

The following letter from Simon Casady was read and discussed but no action taken as the matter is to be presented to the Club at its next meeting.

January 2, 1901.

To the ladies of the Committee representing the Women's Club,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Referring to our conversation of today in connection with Lot One(1) Block L., Grimmels Addition to Ft. Des Moines, now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines (Lot located on S.W. corner of Fifth and Park Sts.) would say that I am willing to enter into an agreement with you for a lease to you of all of above described lot, for twenty five years, upon condition that you pay the taxes and assessments of every kind against the property for the term of the lease. At the end of twenty five years you are to have the privilege of buying the lot at a price to be agreed upon by the parties interested. If for any reason they should not be able to agree as to price each party to the contract is to select an uninterested party to represent them and these two to select a third person and the decision of the majority is to be binding.

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Jan. 9, 1901.

If the members of the Club do not elect to buy the property they bind themselves to pay for the further use of the lot, all taxes, as above specified, and 4% per annum upon the appraised value of the lot, as determined above, for a period of Twenty five years or such other period as may be agreed upon.

Very sincerely yours,

Simon Casady.

Mrs. Witmer moved that the old Library Committee consisting of Mesdames Patchin, A.B. Cummins and Durley investigate the library question and learn what the Library Board would think about the Women's Club not going into the Library Building at all or only for a year or two also how much space there is to be in the gallery. This motion carried.

A letter was read from Mr. Reasor in which he gave his price as (\$25.00) twenty five dollars for an evening lecture and said he would have his pictures on exhibition for two weeks and that he would attend to the packing, hanging etc. Upon motion the Entertainment Committee was instructed to secure Mr. Reasor for a lecture late in February and in making arrangements with him about the exhibit to say that an admission fee of fifteen cents would be charged all of which he would have except the actual expense of the electric lighting of the Parlors.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 23, 1901.

Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors. 18 members present.

Mrs. Durley moved that the application blank and the notification blank, prepared by the secretary, be adopted. Carried.

(Sample blanks will be found pasted in the original minutes page 85 and 86)

Miss Gilcrest's motion, that the Entertainment Committee correspond with Mr. Reasor as to what would be satisfactory compensation for free exhibit, carried.

Upon motion the Entertainment Committee was instructed to correspond with Mr. Reasor and then give Board suggestions as to what is best to do.

Upon motion the request of the Y.W.C.A. for a magazine for a year was granted.

The Treasurer was instructed, by motion, to pay immediately the Club's dues to the City Federation.

Mrs. Vorse moved that the motto of the Club be changed. When put, the motion was unanimously lost.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved that Mrs. Durley, as a charter member, be called upon to explain to the Club the meaning of the Club's motto. Carried.

Article IV, Section 4 as amended reads: There shall be a Property Committee to make all purchases for the club and to take charge of the property; a Room Committee; a Printing Committee; an Entertainment Committee which shall have charge of all entertainments given by the Club; an Art Fund Committee, which shall devise ways and means for securing subscriptions to the Art Fund of the Club and a Finance Committee which shall audit accounts, prepare the treasurer's bond-recommend to the Board investments and at the first open meeting of the year receive the books from the retiring treasurer and, after examination, pass them over to her successor. Each committee shall have three members and shall make, in writing, an annual report.

Upon motion this amendment was adopted.

The first sentence of Section 5 of Article V was amended to read: The Treasurer shall give a bond when she enters upon her duties.

This amendment was adopted, *upon motion.*

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Jan. 23, 1901.

Mrs. Burgin moved that a committee of three be appointed to be responsible for inviting to the Club the people who donated the odd amounts to the Art Fund Association. This motion carried and the president appointed Mrs. Burgin, Mrs. C. E. Rawson and Mrs. Patchin.

A motion carried to the effect that for the remainder of the Club year we have an informal social once a month, hire a woman to do the work and the Club pay the expenses.

After discussion Miss Gilcrest moved that the names of the newly elected Board members be published as soon as the Verifying Committee had verified the count of the president and secretaries.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 7, 1901.

At 10 o'clock on Thursday, Feb. 7, 1901 the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. 18 members present.

Mrs. Burgin moved that the Corresponding Secretary send a letter of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert and family. Carried.

On motion the dues to the General Federation and the State Federation were ordered paid.

A request for a book for a public library came from a Woman's Club in Cando, North Dakota. Instead of the Club sending one book the members of the Board were requested to donate books and Mrs. Patchin and Mrs. Stetson were appointed to attend to the matter.

A request for old books and magazines for the working people came from a women in the north west part of the city. Upon motion a Committee was appointed to investigate. Mrs. Plumb and Mrs. W. L. Shepard were appointed.

Mrs. H. H. Griffiths was nominated for the hold over member of the Verifying Committee and Mrs. H. L. Carrell and Mrs. Norman Lichty the other two members. They were elected and Mrs. I. W. Aiken and Mrs. Homer Miller selected for substitutes, if needed.

Mrs. Clapp moved the Club allow the Social Committee (\$15.00) fifteen dollars toward the expenses on Social Day, January 30". Carried.

A motion prevailed to send a vote of thanks to the four young ladies who gave the play on Social Day.

The question of inviting the State Federation to meet in Des Moines in 1903 was brought up and Mrs. Burgin moved that we invite the Federation to meet in Des Moines for its next meeting. The motion was unanimously lost. Mrs. Plumb presented the following motion: We are in favor of inviting the State Federation and we will unite with other Clubs of the city and do our share. This motion carried.

Mrs. S. S. Cole asked for a letter of withdrawal. Upon motion the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Cole that a letter ^{of withdrawal} cannot be issued unless the dues are paid.

Applications were read from Mrs. O. H. Davison, Mrs. John Scott and Mrs. J. N. Patton. A motion to suspend the rules, and vote on these names at once, carried.

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Feb. 7, 1901.

The names of Mrs. W. F. Mitchell and Dr. Rebekah Wright, which had been presented at the last Board meeting, were brought up for election. It was moved that as the time was short and that there were no objections to the five named applicants that they be elected unanimously by acclimation. This motion prevailed.

Mrs. O. H. Davison presented by Mrs. C. E. Holmes

" John Scott

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endorsed by Mrs. John Wyman

" J. N. Patton

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Mrs. T. M. Walker

endorsed by Mrs. C. L. Watrous

" W. F. Mitchell

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Mrs. C. L. Watrous

endorsed by Mrs. F. W. Vorse

Mrs. W. R. Marshall

endorsed by Mrs. T. M. Walker

Dr. Rebekah Wright

"

"

Mrs. A. E. Shipley

endorsed by Mrs. R. A. Patchin.

Mrs. Stetson presented the name of Mrs. Charles Littler saying the written application would come in a few days. Upon motion this was considered the first reading of the application.

Upon motion the rule requiring a year's residence is to be suspended in the case of Mrs. Adams, wife of the new president of Des Moines College.

Mrs. Hawley moved that all the details of the Reasor lectures be left with the Entertainment Committee.

The president wished to appoint a committee, largely from the Club not Board to discuss the Club House matter. Upon motion by Mrs. A. B. Cummins the president was to appoint such committee.

The treasurer's report was read and upon motion, accepted.

Secretary gave notice of change in Article VI Section 3 of the By-Laws regarding written applications.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Note- The Board sent three dollars (\$3.00) worth of flowers to Mrs. Elbert.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 20, 1901.

At 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 20, 1901 the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the Y.M.C.A. parlors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. 24 members present.

Mrs. Elbert thanked the Board for the flowers and letter of sympathy sent her.

Mrs. C. E. Littler presented by Mrs. H. L. Stetson
endorsed by Mrs. J. C. Cummins

was elected to the Club.

An application from Mrs. G. E. Hallet was read.

Mrs. Walker presented the names of Mrs. Webb Souers. A motion carried to suspend the rules and this was considered the first reading of the application.

The president announced the Committee, to meet with the Grant Club and Commercial Exchange Committees, to consider Municipal Art, as composed of Mrs. Chancellor Craig, chairman, Mrs. Sidney Foster, Mrs. Ples Mills, Mrs. W. H. Baily and Mrs. Homer Miller.

The Committee, to meet with the Committee from the Commercial Exchange, to arrange for a banquet, consists of Mrs. N. E. Coffin, chairman, Mrs. James H. Windsor and Mrs. J. C. Cummins.

Mrs. E. A. Lynd asked for a letter of withdrawal which, upon motion, was granted.

Mrs. S. S. Cole having sent the money for her dues, a letter of withdrawal was granted her, upon motion.

The printing bill from the Geo. A. Miller Printing Co. was presented and, upon motion, ordered paid.

Mrs. Burgin moved Mrs. Reasor be asked to address the Club for a short time on February 27th. Carried.

Upon motion Mrs. Sheakley was asked to be the Club correspondent for the Sunday edition of the Dubuque Telegraph.

Notification of dues, due the National Congress of Mothers, being read Mrs. Burbank moved that the Women's Club withdraw from the Mothers Congress. This motion prevailed.

A letter from the D. C. Heath Publishing Co. concerning books for children was, upon motion, sent to the chairman of the Education Committee.

Moved that the last sentence of Article VI Section 1 be amended to read "She must possess a ready sympathy for the objects of the Club and as far as possible shall assist actively in its undertakings",

The amendment was adopted.

The last sentence of Article VI Section 3 was, upon motion, amended and now reads: "Each candidate must make application according to blank furnished her; must be proposed by one Club member and indorsed by another Club member".

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Feb. 20, 1901.

Mrs. Watrous, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported for the two Reasor lectures an income of \$79.25 and expenditures \$71.16 leaving a ballance of \$8.09.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 1, 1901.

Friday March 1, 1901.

The Board of Directors met at ten A.M. in the Club rooms, Pres. Walker in the chair. Mrs. Bicknell being absent, Mrs. Green was elected Sec. pro tem. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mrs. Walker stated that Mrs. Guernsey had made a request for "Club Notes" to be inserted in a little book called "Suggestions" which would be issued once a month. Upon motion, a Committee was appointed to consult Mrs. Guernsey regarding the subject. Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Green were named as the Committee.

A request came from Miss Cooper Sec'y of the Humane Society, asking permission to appear before the Board in the interest of the Society. Moved and carried that Miss Cooper confer with the Committee on Social Economics.

A letter was read from the Nineteenth Century Club of Devil's Lake, N.D. asking for financial aid for the erection of a public library building. A motion prevailed instructing the Cor. Sec. to write and reject the appeal.

Mrs. Webb Souers presented by Mrs. T.M. Walker

endorsed by Mrs. W.R. Marshall

" George Hallet presented by Mrs. A.N. Quint

endorsed by Mrs. H.L. Stetson

were elected to membership in the Club.

Applications from Mrs. W.H. Langan, Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Cooke were read. Mrs. Elbert presented the names of Miss Supplee and upon suspension of the rules (by motion) this was regarded as the first reading.

The retention of the electric lights in the Club rooms was considered. \$20.15 would be the cost of wiring for permanent use. Upon motion of Mrs. E.S. Burgin it was voted to retain lights, if there be no regular monthly expense.

Miss Gilcrest moved that the Committee, Mesdames Watrous and Walker, who had once investigated the matter of electric wiring, be retained as a Committee to further arrange for this, also to ascertain the difference, if any, that it might make in insuring against fire.

Mrs. Durley moved that we purchase Mr. Reasor's picture of the "Old Man and Sleeping Child", at a cost of \$350.00. Carried.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Jaquith be delegated to buy material for a background for the Auditorium stage.

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March 1, 1901.

The Club was asked to interest itself in the coming school election. It was moved and carried that this matter be referred to City Federation.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 20, 1901.

At 5 P.M. on Wednesday, March 20, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club rooms.

Minutes read and approved.

Thirteen members present.

Miss Chambers as chairman of the Music and Drama Committee, consulted the Board in regard to the program for her day. The Board thought it best for the Committee to decide on its own program but voted to allow piano for that day.

Mr. McMullen, of the Edison Light Co. was given a cordial vote of thanks for his generosity in cancelling the electric bill incurred during the Reasor exhibit.

Upon motion the Club assumed Mr. Reasor's electric light bill of \$6.96 and the treasurer ordered to pay same.

The electric light company will remove meter ^{and} whenever it is needed will, without charge, put it in thus making no monthly assessment when lights are not used.

Mrs. Vorse's motion to keep parlors open from 12 to 5 on Wednesday and 10 to 5 Saturdays while Mr. Reasor's pictures remained, carried.

Mrs. Walker reported that the insurance would be no greater and there need be no change in the policy because of electric wires in the parlors.

The chairman of the Art Committee wished to have Mr. Cumming feel that the Club appreciates his work and suggested that he be asked to make an exhibit of his pictures in the Club rooms.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved that the Board ask Mr. Cumming to make such an exhibit any time after June first.

A motion to appropriate ten dollars of the Club's money to continue Mr. Cumming as a member of the Art Fund Association prevailed.

Mrs. W. W. Witmer's motion that Mrs. Baily, the newly elected president, be invited to attend the Board meetings the remainder of the year, unanimously carried.

The printing bill from Kenyon ordered paid by motion.

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March 20, 1901.

Mrs. M. S. Cooke	presented by Mrs. Burgin	endorsed by Mrs. Vorse
" S. J. Spaulding	" " Mrs. J. B. Marsh	endorsed by Mrs. A. B. Marshall
Miss Fannie Supplee	" " Mrs. Dodson	endorsed by Mrs. Elbert.

were elected to membership in the Club.

A suspension of the rules was moved and Mrs. W. H. Langan presented by Mrs. Wheeler endorsed by Mrs. Walker was elected by acclimation.

Upon motion, the rules were suspended and Mrs. C. D. Slinker presented by Miss Lucy Allabach endorsed by Miss Belle Gilcrest was elected upon first reading of application.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins reported for the committee on Municipal Art Banquet, that the four course supper would be given in Grant Club rooms on Thursday, April 11th at fifty cents a plate. The program besides music, to consist of three fifteen minute speeches by a member of the Commercial Exchange, a member of the Grant Club and Miss Jenny of the Women's Club.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 3, 1901.

At 3 P.M. on Wednesday April 3rd the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors. Eighteen members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Stetson reported that twenty books had been collected from Club members and sent to the Cando, North Dakota Library. Upon motion the report was accepted and the treasurer instructed to pay the \$1.85 express charges.

A letter of thanks, from Mrs. Whisenand was read.

A letter from Lorado Taft, describing suitable pedestals for statuary, was read and, upon motion, the property committee was instructed to order from Harbach's, a good hard wood pedestal for the bronze figure of Joan of Arc.

Mrs. Plumb reported that she and Mrs. Shepard called on Mrs. Nettie Hale, the woman who asked the Club to send old books and magazines for use among laboring people of her neighborhood. The committee thought she had enough for the purpose and, upon motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Mrs. Green reported that the committee had conferred with Mrs. Guernsey, regarding Club notes for the little magazine "Suggestions". The Club can have the free use of a column or page every month. A motion prevailed to the effect that Miss Gilcrest have charge of the work for the next issue after which a committee is to be appointed to attend to the work.

Mrs. Burgin spoke of Mrs. Craig's paper not being published in daily papers as requested and suggested it be used in the Club notes.

Mrs. Hawley's motion to leave this matter to Miss Gilcrest carried.

An application from Mrs. W.S. Kelsey was read.

Upon motion a letter of withdrawal is to be granted Mrs. von Steinberg upon receipt of her dues and one is to be given Mrs. Fairburn at the close of the Club year when she leaves the city.

Mrs. Burgin's motion that members holding letters of withdrawal, when visiting in the city, be admitted free to the regular meetings of the Club, carried.

Mrs. Elbert moved that the Board, by personal invitation, call meetings of 60 members each to confer with members of the Board about a Club House. Carried.

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April 3, 1901.

Mrs. Clapp's motion, that the first vice president preside at the first meeting prevailed.

Miss Gilcrest moved that a definite answer be given Mr. Casady - that we cannot give that definite answer now and so ask him if will hold open his offer until July first. The motion carried.

Upon motion six members of the Board are to take charge of each meeting send the invitations and pledge themselves to be present. The president to attend any or all meetings.

The first meeting to be April 11th 3 P.M. in Club parlors with the following Board members Mrs. W.L. Read, Chairman, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Mrs. B.F. Elbert, Mrs. C.E. Rawson, Mrs. F.W. Vorse and Mrs. F.W. Bicknell.

The Club members include the names in directory from A to F.

The second meeting April 11th, 3 P.M. in Y.M.C.A. parlors - Mrs. P.B. Durley as chairman, Mrs. R.A. Patchin, Mrs. H.L. Stetson, Mrs. E.H. Carter, Mrs. J.S. Clark and Mrs. C.E. Risser. The members from S to Z.

The third meeting, April 17th, 3 P.M. in Club Parlors, Mrs. J.C. Cummins, Chairman, Mrs. W.W. Witmer, Miss E.K. Matthews, Mrs. H. B. Hawley, Mrs. Henry Plumb and Mrs. E.S. Burgin. Members from F. to L.

The fourth division, April 17th, 3 P.M. Y.M.C.A. parlors, Miss Gilcrest, Chairman, Mrs. F.W. Fowler, Mrs. A.B. Cummins, Mrs. C. L. Watrous, Mrs. E.D. Burbank and Mrs. F.O. Green. Members from L to S.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

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Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 17, 1901.

At 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 17th, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors. Sixteen members present who approved minutes as read.

The Club of Cando, North Dakota, sent a letter of thanks for books received.

Mrs. Vorse moved the Club have an all day session from 9:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Wednesday, April 24th. Carried.

Upon motion Mrs. Burbank and Mrs. Rawson were appointed a committee to see some one about serving a lunch at noon April 24th.

Miss Matthews moved that notices of all day session be inserted in daily papers of Thursday and Sunday and the corresponding secretary send a postal card to each member. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. W.S. Kelsey presented by Mrs. H.L. Stetson endorsed by Mrs. H.B. Hawley was elected to membership in the Club.

Applications were read from Miss Morton and Dr. Lenna L. Meanes.

A bill from Kenyon referred, by motion, to treasurer.

Mrs. Witmer moved that any member of new board wishing to resign should send a letter of declination or resignation to be read before the Club and the secretary to fill the vacancy from the list according to the By Laws. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. J.C. Cummins reported from the Municipal Art banquet. The report was accepted and the Women's Club's share of expenses ordered paid.

Upon motion, the president was instructed to make the two minute report at the State Federation meeting.

The motion, by Miss Matthews, that the Women's Club tender a reception to Mr. and Miss Conger, prevailed.

Mrs. Read moved that the president appoint the Committee to attend to the matter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Watrous gave notice of change in Article VIII of the By Laws.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 15, 1901.

In the Y.M.C.A. parlors at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, May 15th, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met. Nineteen members present.

Minutes approved as read.

Upon motion the rules were suspended and applications not read before were voted upon. Eight new members were elected.

Miss Amelia Morton		presented by Dr. Marion Howe	
		endorsed by Grace Ballantyne	
Dr. Lenna Meanes	"	Rev. Marie Jenny	
		endorsed by Rev. Mary Safford	
Mrs. H.E. Teachout	"	Mrs. F.O. Green	
		endorsed by Mrs. T.M. Walker	
" W.L. Guernsey	"	Mrs. T.M. Walker	
		endorsed by Mrs. E.H. Carter	
" W.L. White	"	Mrs. T.M. Walker	
		endorsed by Mrs. Hussey	
" Charles T. Hewitt	"	Mrs. T.M. Walker	
		endorsed by Mrs. R.C. Barrett	
" S.S. Still	"	Mrs. C.H. Gaylord	
		endorsed by Mrs. G.E. Risser	
" Frank Horton	"	Mrs. E.H. Jones	<i>W.T. Clark</i>
		endorsed by Mrs. C.E. Risser	

Mrs. Patchin's resignation from the Board was accepted with regret.

Mrs. R.R. Peters' request for a letter of withdrawal was granted, upon motion.

Upon motion, letters of sympathy from the Club are to be sent Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Barrett.

A motion carried to have Miss Phillips speak to the Club, May 22nd on Vacation Schools.

Mrs. A.B. Cummins gave notice of change in Article VII of the By Laws.

The last sentence of Section 6 of Article V was, upon motion, dropped.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 20, 1901.

At 10 A.M. on Monday, May 20th, 23 members of the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. W.L. Read.

Notice of change in Article V11 and V111 having been given, upon motion, the last sentence of Sec. 2 of Art. V11 was dropped thus making the civil and fiscal year begin and end at the same time.

Sec. 2 of Art. V111 had "or part thereof" dropped and the first sentence of Sec. 3 of Art. V111 amended to read: "Each member shall make an annual payment of five dollars and there shall be no special assessments." This carried but upon a motion to reconsider the part "and there shall be no special assessments" was struck out.

Mrs. A.B. Cummins moved that the dues of the associate members be raised to \$7.00. Mrs. E.H. Carter amended by changing to \$8.00. The amendment was lost and the original question carried.

Upon motion, the original date of joining the Club and the date of reentering are to be placed, in the calendar, under the names of reinstated members.

Miss Gilcrest moved that we make a special case, this year, of the women who joined the Club during May and that their initiation fee pay for their dues next year. This motion carried except for Miss Matthews' vote.

The Kenyon bill for printing and the piano bill for Music and Drama day were, upon motion, ordered paid.

The treasurers report was read and accepted.

Mrs. A.E. McMurray was, upon motion, given, free of charge, the use of the Club parlors for Tuesday evening, May 21st.

A gentleman with water color pictures for sale called. A motion to buy one of his pictures was lost.

Board adjourned to lawn where a luncheon was served.

Upon reconvening Sec. 2 of Art. 111 was amended to read "There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of twenty five members, elected annually. Any member of said Board having been elected three consecutive years is ineligible to reelection for a period of one year. This rule does not apply to the officers".

Upon a suspension of the rules the applications not read were considered and upon a further suspension of the rules the secretary cast the ballot for

Mrs. Thomas F. Hargis presented by Mrs. Gaylord

endorsed by Mrs. W.T. Clarke,

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May 20, 1901.

Mrs. George Kuhns presented by Mrs. E. H. Carter
" W. S. Shearer " " Mrs. J. C. Cummins
" " " Mrs. Bayard Craig
endorsed by Miss Belle Gilcrest.

A motion was put that the Charter members, not active, be sent complimentary tickets for one year. The vote stood 8 for and 12 against.

Upon motion the president and secretary are to rent present quarters.

The expense of the next Social day is, by motion, to be borne by the Club.

Upon motion, the words Recording Secretary, in foot note on page 2 of calendar are to be changed to Treasurer.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Read and the Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

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Sec.

June 10, 1901.

A Board meeting was called for 10 A. M. on Wednesday, June 10th, at Union Park previous to the picnic.

Due to heavy rain yesterday, only Mrs. E. H. Carter and Bicknell were the only ones present and though others came in the afternoon there was not a quorum and so no business was transacted.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

June 5, 1901.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors at 2 P.M. on June 5th.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Thirteen members present.

The committee appointed to purchase a pedestal for the Club's Joan of Arc reported the pedestal in place. Upon motion the work of the committee was accepted and the bill \$20 ordered paid.

The question of Social day was brought up and Mrs. Watrous told what she and Mrs. Walker had done about a picnic at High Bridge. The C.M. and St. Paul R.R. offered round trip tickets for 35 cents and the man in charge of the grounds made several propositions.

Mrs. Durley moved that we accept the proposition that Mr. and Mrs. Williams of High Bridge, make the Women's Club the use of the grounds free we to buy coffee and ice cream of them, patronizing their games and those who do not carry lunch get lunch of them. This motion carried.

Mrs. J.C. Cummins made the following motion which was adopted: That the rule be suspended and guests on Social day, June 19th, not be required to pay 25 cents; That Club members are urged to invite friends and the Women's Club invite the Board of Directors of the City Federation and their friends to join in the picnic.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

June 19, 1901.

A Board meeting was called for 10 A.M. on Wednesday, June 19th, at Union Park previous to the picnic.

Owing to heavy rain Mesdames Durley, W.L. Read, Carter and Bicknell were the only ones present and though others came in the afternoon there was not a quorum and so no business was transacted.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

July 2, 1901.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met July 2, 1901 at Mrs. T.M. Walker's. Fourteen members present.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Ice cream and wafers were served by the Misses Walker.

The reports of the members of the Club house soliciting committee being called for Mrs. Clapp read Mrs. Windsor's 46 names on list, all seen or heard from and \$640.00 subscribed.

Mrs. Clapp reported 39 names on list all seen or heard from and \$1240.00 subscribed.

Mrs. A.B. Cummins had been away and seen only a few but had \$320.00 subscribed.

Mrs. Elbert reported 46 names and \$840.00.

Mrs. Durley had seen but a few and had \$350.00 pledged.

Upon motion the corresponding secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mr. Simon Casady saying a canvas had been made, that the offer cannot now be accepted but it is hoped the offer can be held open.

The motion carried and also one making the president and Mrs. Clapp a Committee to see Mr. Casady and more fully explain about not accepting his offer.

Mr. D.R. Mills offered the Mills home on Chestnut Street for sale as a Club House but, upon motion, the Board declined to accept offer.

An application was read from Mrs. H.C. Stuart, presented by Mrs. F.W. Webster, endorsed by Mrs. H.R. Howell.

Upon motion the rules were suspended and Mrs. Stuart's name was voted upon. She was elected.

It was moved that Mrs. Stuart be among those whose initiation fee covers dues for next year. Carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Sept. 23, 1901.

The opening meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club, known as Officers' Day, was held September 23, 1901, in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

The minutes of the last two meetings of the previous year were read and approved.

The annual reports of the treasurer, Auditing Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary were given and accepted.

The historian gave a minute and clever account of the works and dreams of the Club during the past year.

Mrs. F.M. Walker, the retiring president, made a few remarks and introduced Mrs. Baily, the new president, who gave her inaugural address.

Des Moines Women's Club
There were 13 visitors.

Regular Minutes
(Copy)

September 1901

August 1902

Officers

President	Mrs. W.H. Baily
First Vice President	Mrs. Henry Plumb
Second Vice President	Mrs. W.L. Read
Recording Secretary	Mrs. F.W. Bicknell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. E.D. Burbank
Treasurer	Miss Belle Gilcrest
Historian	Mrs. F.O. Green

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 25, 1901.

The opening meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club, known as Officers' Day, was held September 25, 1901, in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

The minutes of the last two meetings of the previous year were read and approved.

The annual reports of the treasurer, Auditing Committee, Corresponding secretary and recording secretary were given and accepted.

The historian gave a minute and clever account of the works and dreams of the Club during the past year.

Mrs. T.M. Walker, the retiring president, made a few remarks and introduced Mrs. Bailly, the new president, who gave her inaugural address, after which the Club adjourned to the parlors where a reception was held.

There were 15 visitors present and 126 Club members.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 9, 1901.

Wednesday, October 9, the Women's Club met in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. Minutes read and approved.

Nominations for a delegate to the City Federation were called for and Mrs. Burgin, Mrs. A.B. Cummins, Mrs. C.L. Watrous, Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. T.M. Walker were nominated. Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. Walker withdrew their names, and Mrs. A.B. Cummins was elected.

Professor Nesbit, the teacher of the French class, spoke to the Club a few minutes, when Mrs. J.C. Cummins, as chairman of the Art Committee, took charge of the program.

Miss Jenney and Mrs. Macomber both spoke of the art of our city, giving many good suggestions. A short discussion followed, especially dwelling on the Seni Om Sed. An expression of opinion of the Seni Om Sed was asked for, and that it is not what we want it, was the almost unanimous opinion.

A vote of thanks for the beautiful decorations used on the stage was given to Harris Emery Company, Younker Bros., F.W. Webster, Harbach and others who contributed.

There were present 80 members and 18 visitors.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 23, 1901.

The regular meeting of the Women's Club was held Oct. 23, at the usual time and place. Minutes corrected and approved.

Miss Jenny talked on Municipal Improvement and after discussion and amendments the following motion carried:

"Moved that our president appoint a committee on Municipal Improvement, whose duty it shall be to study local municipal problems and cooperate with the city officials in keeping the city clean. This committee to elect its own chairman."

The Household Economics Committee, with Mrs. Seager as chairman, had charge of the program.

Miss Robinson of the Y.W.C.A. told of the classes for children and housemaids in the study of domestic science.

Mrs. Walker introduced Dr. Gould Fosnes who gave an interesting paper on "Corn and Other Food Products".

The program was continued in Club parlors by serving delicious refreshments of various preparations of corn.

Mrs. Bond of New York city gave two readings and an informal social time was enjoyed.

There were 88 members and 6 visitors present.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

W. C. Barrett	Dr. H. H. High	H. H. Jones
E. J. Brown	Mrs. F. D. Jackson	E. E. Teachout
F. E. Campbell	H. T. Johnston	C. B. Van Slyke
D. S. Chamberlain	L. J. Kason	C. L. Watrous
A. E. Clark	F. E. Kelacy	F. W. Vorse
J. S. Clark	C. H. Krotte	H. W. Wessler
H. E. Coffin	C. S. Little	J. E. Wilson
J. E. Coker	Ellis Wilson	H. E. Finner
H. H. Collins	B. B. Lyons	Falk Younger
F. R. Conway	G. E. McIlhenny	A. C. Ross
E. B. Crum	Dr. L. H. Meacham	H. B. Hollingsworth
Julia M. Deal	Mrs. L. B. Morse	T. H. Jones
C. E. Earle	Harold Parsons	E. C. Cushing
J. E. Findley	Harriet Synarson	E. C. Clark
J. O. Gardner	F. H. Mitchell	R. A. Crawford
E. S. Gillette		
F. C. Harquin		
R. J. Fleeting		

Mrs. Bailey told of the effort being made by the I. P. S. C. to secure the passage of a bill for compulsory education.

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Cont.

Oct. 30, 1901.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Club parlors at 2 P.M. October 30, 1901. Seventeen members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Applications were read from Mrs. B. E. S. Ely, Mrs. Thomas Young and Mrs. W. C. Ellis.

The following ladies were elected to membership:

Mrs. R. P. Bolton	presented by	Mrs. E. S. Burgin
		endorsed by Mrs. W. R. Marshall
" Charles A. Ballreich	"	Jennie M. Harwood
		endorsed by Carrie M. Hawley
" G. Walter Filloon	"	Mrs. E. S. Burgin
		endorsed by Alice A. C. Bailey
" John S. Gilcrest	"	Belle M. Gilcrest
		endorsed by Daisy A. Green
" H. S. Hollingsworth	"	Mrs. S. H. Sheakley
		endorsed by Daisy A. Green
" Bayard T. Hough	"	Mrs. Fletcher A. Howard
		endorsed by Mrs. J. S. Clark
" T. W. Jones	"	Mrs. B. F. Longly
		endorsed by Mrs. J. A. Gray
" W. C. Marquis	"	Jessie V. Amos
		endorsed by Daisy A. Green
" John A. Lawess	"	Mrs. E. S. Burgin
		endorsed by

Owing to her leaving the city Mrs. Bicknell resigned as secretary and Board member. Mrs. Durley moved the resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

As Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Reichard had the same number of votes, the two names were presented to fill vacancy on Board.

A motion carried that the president be requested to cast the ballot in this case of a tie, and Mrs. Reichard was elected.

Mrs. Witmer moved Mrs. Green be made the secretary for the rest of the year, the motion carried and Mrs. Green was unanimously elected.

A letter was read from Mrs. Atkins in which she offered to sell the Club for \$150.00, a copy of Millet's "Gleaners" by Miss Alice Beckington.

After discussion Mrs. Witmer moved that the president invite several people, asking them to inspect the picture and to report before November 6th their opinion of the picture.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 6, 1901.

Nov. 6th the Club was called to order at three o'clock in the usual place.

The president announced the resignation of Mrs. Bicknell as recording secretary and member of Board of Directors. The vacancy on the Board being filled by the election of Mrs. Virginia Reichard, and the secretaryship by Mrs. Green.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Household Economics Committee announced the first of a series of lectures and demonstrations on cooking by Miss Robinson (of Y.W.C.A.) to be given Nov. 13th in the Club parlors.

Pres. Baily stated that in accordance with instructions of the Club at its last session, she had appointed a committee on municipal improvement, which will be known as the Civics Committee, with membership as follows:-

Miss Jenny	Mrs. H. H. Griffiths	Mrs. H. F. Parlin Porter
" Safford	" G. E. Hallet	" W. J. Pratt
Mrs. Mills	" S. F. Hargis	" Frank Proctor
Dr. Fuchs	" W. G. Harvison	" W. L. Read
Mrs. Amos	" W. H. Harwood	" Walter Scholes
Miss Grace Ballantyne	" J. B. Hatton	" S. H. Sheakley
Mrs. R. C. Barrett	" C. L. Hewitt	" W. S. Shearer
" E. W. Brown	" E. N. Hopkins	" B. E. Shepperd
" F. S. Campbell	" J. J. Hollister	" A. E. Shipley
" D. S. Chamberlain	Dr. M. H. Pugh	" R. B. Soules
" A. E. Clark	Mrs. F. D. Jackson	" H. E. Teachout
" J. S. Clark	" W. T. Johnston	" C. B. VanSlyck
" N. E. Coffin	" L. J. Kasson	" C. L. Watrous
" J. W. Cokenower	" W. S. Kelsey	" F. W. Vorse
" R. H. Collins	" T. H. Knotts	" W. W. Wheeler
" F. R. Conaway	" C. S. Littler	" J. K. Wilson
" W. F. Cram	" Ella M. Lyon	" W. W. Witmer
" Julia M. Deal	" D. B. Lyons	" Falk Younker
" I. M. Earle	" G. E. McKinnon	" A. C. Ross
" J. B. Findley	Dr. L. M. Means	" H. S. Hollingsworth
" J. G. Gardner	Mrs. A. B. Morse	" T. W. Jones
" S. S. Gillette	" Harold Parsons	" E. G. Cushing
" W. C. Marquis	" Harriet Rynerson	" E. E. Clark
" R. J. Flemming	" F. W. Mitchell	" R. A. Crawford

Mrs. Baily told of the effort being made by the I. F. W. C. to secure the passage of a bill for compulsory education.

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Nov. 6, 1901.

Mrs. Dodson spoke ten minutes upon the subject of Compulsory Education, making a strong plea favoring such a law for Iowa.

Mrs. Risser Chairman of the Committee on Education introduced Prof. Frank Hanna of Highland Park College, who read a paper on the "Advantages of a Technical Education, followed by Pres. Adams of Des Moines College presenting the advantages of the Classical Course.

Chancellor Craig of Drake University spoke briefly but forcibly in favor of electives.

A vote of thanks was tendered these gentlemen.

Mrs. Baily announced that the Club would hold a reception in the parlors Saturday afternoon from three until five in honor of Mrs. Jessie V. Bicknell who leaves soon for an indefinite stay in South America.

As further compliment to Mrs. Bicknell the Club closed the meeting by singing Auld Lang Syne led by Mrs. Brigham and Mrs. Ely.

There were 104 members present and 17 visitors.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Saturday, November ninth from three until five in the Club parlors, a reception was held in honor of the retiring recording secretary, to which all friends of Mrs. Bicknell were invited. Two hundred ladies were in attendance.

Owing the absence from the city of Ex-pres. Walker, President Baily alone, presided over the coffee urn at the beautifully decorated table.

The guests were received by Mrs. Bicknell assisted by the present and past secretaries of the Club. A very enjoyable social afternoon.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 20, 1901.

The Des Moines Women's Club met Nov. 20th 1901, the president in the chair. Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 6th read and approved.

Miss Jenney temporary chairman of the Civics Committee reported the organization of this committee, with Mrs. Carrie M. Ogelive Chairman and Miss Grace Ballantyne, secretary.

Mrs. Hillis invited the Club members to a meeting of the Mothers and Teachers Child Study Club, Dec. 7th.

The Club was then opened by the singing of two verses of America, Mrs. Risser at the piano.

The Social Economics Committee had charge of the program. Mrs. Parsons, Chairman, spoke of the great importance of studying industrial conditions, and introduced Mr. Wennerstrum, Labor Commissioner of Iowa, who read a paper on the "Industrial Conditions in Iowa" particularly regarding child labor.

Mrs. Parsons announced the Social Economics study class on Tuesday at 10 A.M. at Roadside Settlement, to which all club members, or any interested persons are invited. She then introduced Mr. Weeks, a resident of Roadside Settlement, who will lead the study class, and who now spoke on "Important Social Problems of the Day."

Mrs. E. H. Durley talked twenty minutes (without notes) of the organization and object of the Consumers League.

The Club and its guests were invited to further discuss the subject over a cup of tea in the Club parlors. A social hour was enjoyed and the new members introduced.

128 members in attendance 16 guests.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 4, 1901.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at the usual time and place.

Minutes approved as recorded.

Mrs. Margaret Weber sang a group of songs from Mrs. Jessie Gaynor's Mother Goose Melodies.

The Board of Directors having voted the Club keep 'Open House' in the parlors during the meeting of the State Teachers Association, Dec. 26 to 31st, President Baily appointed the following committees to act as hostesses Dec. 26th 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Mesdames Dart, Cokenower, Antes, Adelles, A.E. Clark, Briar, Cooke, Frye, Ellis, Hough, Miss Howell.

Dec. 26, 1:30 to 5 P.M. Mesdames Amos, Bowen, Doyle, Crawford, Johnston, Cram, W.T. Clarke, Brigham, Ely, Pease, Meyer, Miss Este Huff.

Dec. 27, 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Mesdames Harwood, Conaway, Chas. Fleming, McLinn, Gray, Horton, Heugle, Jackson, Kyons, Miss Jennie Fleming.

Dec. 27, 1:30 to 5 Mesdames Knowlton, Sue A. Brown, Porter, Scholes, Chamberlain, Coffin, Deal, H.J. Clark, Cole, Murphy, Hewitt, Guernsey, Hollister, Sanderson, Kelsey.

Dec. 28, 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Mesdames Kasson, E.H. Jones, Kuhns, Langan, Littler, D.B. Lyons, McFarland, Mott, Ross, Symons, Marquis, Combs, Barrett.

Dec. 28, 1:30 to 5 Mesdames Hawley, Odell, J.C. Cummins, Morse, Proctor, Rollins, Towne, Hollingsworth, Young, Heywood, Bolton, J.S. Gilcrest.

Dec. 30, 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Mesdames Shepperd, Souers, Sheakley, Perkins, Spice, Spaulding, Harrison, Granger, Miss Gregory.

Dec. 30, 1:30 to 5 Mesdames Gardner, Earle, Everett, Davison, James Wilson, Teachout, Walston, Woodburn, T.W. Jones, W.K. Jones, Wheeler, J.K. Wilson, De Puy, Bolton, Ballrich,

The Household Economics Committee made announcement of the second lecture and demonstration in Y.W.C.A. rooms, Friday Dec. 13th.

The time then passed into the hands of the History Committee, Mrs. W.M. McFarland, Chairman.

Miss Plumb gave a piano number and responded charmingly to an encore.

Miss Loring read a paper on "Ireland as I saw it".

Chairman McFarland stated that illness caused the absence of Mrs. Fowler who was to have talked on "Theories Applied", as relating to the government of New Zealand, and spoke herself giving some good points on the same subject.

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Dec. 4, 1901.

Upon invitation Mrs. Henry Wallace gave an impromptu talk on her recent visit to Great Britain; speaking in particular of the home of Sir Walter Scott.

Miss Addie Blakeslee sang Kilarney with Miss Underwood as accompanist.

Eighty Club members and eight visitors were in attendance.

Club adjourned at 4:30.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Mr. Fletcher A. Russell, Monologist, entertained the Club, giving a part of his own arrangement of Lord Lytton's Comedy "Money".

Between Acts II and III Miss Eleanor Foster sang a charming love song.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 18, 1901.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at the usual place and time. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mrs. Ogelvie, Chairman of the Civics Committee reported an enthusiastic meeting of this committee and outlined the plan of its labor.

Miss Emilie Stowe spoke for fifteen minutes of her recent visit to Boston and Nova Scotia, and her impressions of some notable literary people whom she met.

Mrs. W. H. McHenry, Chairman of the Music and Drama Committee had charge of the afternoon's program, which opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Falk Younker.

Mr. Fletcher A. Russell, Monologist entertained the Club, giving a part of his own arrangement of Lord Lytton's Comedy 'Money'.

Between Acts 11 and 111 Miss Elenor Frater sang a charming love song.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

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Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 8, 1902.

The Club was called to order at three o'clock, by the president. Minutes approved as read. *recorded.*

Mrs. Hillis, president of the Iowa Congress of Mothers told of the work of the Mother's Clubs in different states, reporting the first meeting of the Iowa Congress to be held in Des Moines the last week of January.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins told of the visit of herself and the Gov.-Elect to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and an informal dinner with the family ^{of the President} at the White House.

After announcing a lecture on the "Women of Brittainy" by Mrs. Masher of Cambridge, Mass to be given January eighteenth in the Club parlors, Mrs. Baily introduced Mrs. Masher who talked to the Club for five minutes upon the subject of her lecture: after which the time passed into the hands of the Philosophy and Science Committee, Miss McLoney, Chairman, announced a debate "Is a Man's life a true test of his philosophy?" and introduced the speakers.

Rev. Mary A. Safford spoke twenty minutes on the affirmative side of the question, followed by Mrs. Carrie M. Hawley presenting the negative.

Mrs. Frisbie affirmative and Mrs. Berryhill negative were followed by Miss Safford who closed the debate.

118 members were present, 42 guests.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 15, 1902.

A large ^{audience} had been attracted by the program of the afternoon which was in charge of the Literature Committee with Mrs. Henry Wallace as Chairman.

Thirty ladies were guests of the Club. One hundred twenty six members were present.

The president rapped for order at the usual time. Minutes of preceding meeting approved.

Fifteen minutes were given to announcement of various functions to be undertaken by the Club.

The program opened with a piano number by Prof. Emil Enna. "A Comparison of some writers of fiction" was the subject of the day.

Miss Sheldon, speaking without notes, talked of Jane Austin and Thos. Hardy.

Mrs. Mershon compared Maria Edgeworth and Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Miss Kyle had Washington Irving and Mark Twain.

Mrs. Hollister who was to have spoken on some of the Waverly novels compared with "To Have and To Hold" was detained by illness. A discussion was invited but was not responded to.

Club adjourned at 4:20.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 29, 1902.

The regular midwinter social was a reception in the Club parlors, to which visiting delegates to the Congress of Mothers, and the Legislative ladies were bidden as guests.

Two hundred fifty called and were received by President Baily and Chairmen of Social Committee, between the hours of three and six. Refreshments were served in the North parlor arranged as a dining room.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,
Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 12, 1902.

The Club was called to order at the usual time and place. Reports of two meetings read and accepted.

Mrs. Reichard and Rev. Marie Jenney spoke favorably of Mrs. Frank Dodson's candidacy for County Recorder, urging the influence of Club women in her behalf.

Mrs. Doyle Chairman of the Art Committee who introduced the speakers of the afternoon, gave an interesting talk on American Art of the Revolutionary period.

Mrs. Ples Mills read a paper on the life and work of Vedder. William Chase was the subject of the paper by Mrs. B. E. Sheperd.

Mrs. A. E. Shipley spoke of Edwin A. Abbey.

The stage had been arranged as an Art Gallery and after each paper, a picture was shown illustrative of the artist.

A dialogue took place between a Gainsborough lady and gentleman who "Sat for Stuart one hundred years ago."

The "Cup of Death" by Vedder, "Alice" of Mr. Chase and Cornelia by Abbey were charmingly reproduced.

At the close of the program an invitation was given the audience to attend the opening of the Cumming exhibit in the Club parlors. Here the guests were presented to Mr. Cumming and entertained by the Art Committee.

Two hundred members were in attendance, one hundred visitors, including several gentlemen.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 26, 1902.

The Women's Club convened at three o'clock in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. Report of secretary accepted.

The president announced the resignation of Mrs. Ogilvie as Chairman of the Civics Com.

Mr. William Aitchison read "The Doctors last Ride" from McLaren's Bonnie Briar Bush.

Mrs. Seager had charge of the program given by the Committee on Household Economics.

Mrs. Grace Clark DeGraff sang two songs and responded to an encore.

Mrs. B.F. Longley gave the paper of the day, taking for her theme "After all, Life is the great thing: the life of the child not more than the life of the man". The points were briefly discussed, after which all were invited to the Club parlors where several kinds of breakfast foods were served.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Mrs. R. and Mrs. Plumb resigned their membership on the Board.

A motion to accept the resignations was lost. After explanations by Messrs. Read and Plumb a motion prevailed to reconsider.

Mrs. Durley moved to accept the resignations. Carried.

The vacancies then created were filled by Mrs. S.F. Prouty and Mrs. Johnson. Bridges, who had received the number of votes cast in order.

A motion was made, that the sentiment of the Club on choice of President be made from the floor.

The chair ruled that according to our By-laws such action unconstitutional.

Mrs. Carter's motion to proceed with the election, carried.

A ticket had been prepared with the list of officers printed upon it and the seven officers were voted on at the same time.

The informal ballot resulted in the nominations for

President

Mrs. V.M. Jolly

J.C. Coonin

1st Vice President

C.L. Watson

H.B. Hawley

Des Moines Women's Club

March 12, 1902.

The regular Annual Business meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in the Auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. at two thirty.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Dodson thanked the Club women for their support and influence in her campaign for County Recorder.

The treasurer (Miss Gilcrest) read her annual report, showing the funds of the Club to be Upon motion the report was accepted and placed on file.

The verified vote for the Board of Directors for the ensuing year was announced as follows: Entitled to vote 213, Ballots cast 103 The twenty five receiving the highest

Mesdames

Baily, W.H.	Fowler, F.W.	*Plumb, H
Burbank, E.D.	Green, F.O.	*Read, W.L.
Carter, E.H.	Harwood, W.H.	Reichard, D.H.
Craig, B.	Hawley, H.B.	Rawson, C.E.
Cummins, J.C.	Jackson, F.D.	Shipley, A.E.
Doyle, C.W.	Lichty, N.	Wallace, H.
Jenney, M.H.	Mills, Ples.	Warfield, W.R.
Foster, S.A.	Mitchell, F.W.	Watrous, C.L.
Gilcrest, B.M.		* resigned.

Mrs. Read and Mrs. Plumb resigned their membership on the Board.

A motion to accept the resignations was lost.

After explanations by Mesdames Read and Plumb a motion prevailed to reconsider.

Mrs. Durley moved to accept the resignations. Carried.

The vacancies thus created were filled by Mrs. S.F. Prouty and Mrs. Johnson Brigham, who had received the number of votes next in order.

A motion was made, that to ascertain the sentiment of the Club on choice of President, nominations be made from the floor.

The chair ruled that according to our By-laws such action unconstitutional.

Mrs. Carter's motion to proceed with the election, carried.

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" J.C. Cummins
" C.L. Watrous
" H.B. Hawley

1st Vice President

Des Moines Women's Club

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March 12, 1902.

2nd Vice President	Mrs. E. D. Burbank
	" F. D. Jackson
Recording Secretary	" F. O. Green
	" C. W. Doyle
Corresponding Secretary	" Burbank
	" Doyle
Treasurer	Miss Belle Gilcrest
	Mrs. W. R. Warfield
Historian	" F. O. Green
	" A. E. Shipley

Mrs. Wallace moved that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Club for Mrs. Baily for President. The Secretary put the motion which carried and Mrs. Baily elected.

Mrs. Baily immediately resigned the office and announced Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Miss Belle Gilcrest the candidates.

Mrs. Burbank and Mrs. Doyle withdrew as candidates for Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Green refused to be a candidate for any office, leaving the nomination list thus

For Rec. Sec.	Cor. Sec.	Historian
Mrs. Doyle	Mrs. Harwood	Mrs. Wallace
" Carter	" Rawson	" Shipley

It was voted that the formal ballot for President be taken alone. Mrs. J. C. Cummins receiving the highest number of votes was declared elected.

It was moved and carried that the vote be made unanimous for Mrs. Cummins.

The formal ballot on the remaining offices resulted in the election of

1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. Watrous
2nd " "	Mrs. Burbank
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Doyle
Correspond " "	Mrs. Harwood
Treasurer	Miss Gilcrest
Historian	Mrs. Wallace

Mrs. Harwood resigned as Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Rawson elected.

members were present.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 26, 1902.

The Club met at the usual time and place.

Secretary's record approved as read.

The President stated the first business of the meeting to be the election of delegates to the General Federation of Women's Clubs at Los Angeles Cal. May 1st.

Upon motion nominations were made from the floor. Mrs. Henry Plumb, Mrs. W. L. Read, Mrs. E. S. Burgin and Mrs. F. O. Green were nominated.

Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Carrell and Mrs. Quint were appointed tellers and took charge of the formal ballot.

It was announced that the seven departments of the Club would meet on Thursday April third at ten A.M. in the Club parlors, to organize and to arrange with the officers-elect the work for the coming year.

A list of temporary chairmen and members of departments was read.

Mrs. Weber spoke of Music and Drama day, April ninth at which time the committees had arranged to have Mrs. Jessie Gaynor in lecture recital and solicited assistance of the Club women in making the day a success.

A charming duet sung by Mrs. Ely and Mrs. McCain was followed by a ten minute talk by Mrs. Macomber on her observations of the schools of Mexico.

The tellers having completed the count, the vote for delegates to G. F. W. C. was announced as follows:

Mrs. Green	43	Mrs. Read	35
" Plumb	36	" Burgin	32

A motion prevailed electing Mrs. Read and Mrs. Burgin alternates.

Mrs. Patton Chairman of the Committee on Education the subject for the afternoon as "Forces in our National Education" and introduced Dr. A. B. Marshall who delivered an address on "The Battlefield as a Factor in the Development of Races".

Mr. Redmond Saylor sang and responded to an encore.

Mrs. Chas. S. Hardy assisted by Misses Bowen and Simcoke and seven children, gave a demonstration of methods of instruction in music.

A hearty vote of thanks was given those outside the Club who had contributed to the success of the afternoon's program.

After adjournment a social time was enjoyed in the Club parlors.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 9, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at three o'clock in Y.M.C. A. Auditorium, the president in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

After various announcements relative to the Departments the president stated the Club entitled to elect another alternate to G.F.W.C. and asked the desire of the members. There was no response.

The Committee on Social Economics having exchanged dates with the Committee on Music and Drama, the Chairman of the latter, Mrs. Weber took charge of the program, introducing Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, composer and writer, who entertained the large audience with lecture recital assisted by Mr. Beale as accompanist. The stage was decorated with cut flowers and draperies of Club colors. At the close of the program the audience was invited to the Club parlors to meet Mrs. Gaynor and enjoy the hospitality of the Music and Drama Committee. Three hundred visitors and one hundred thirty members were present.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 23, 1902.

President Baily called the Club to order at three o'clock in the usual place. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Mrs. Durley, Mrs. Burgin was designated alternate of the President and Mrs. Read alternate of the delegate to G.F.W.C.

The Club being entitled to three delegates was ~~entitled~~^{re} entitled to another alternate. Mrs. Watrous nominated Mrs. J.C. Cummins. Mrs. Read resigned as alternate. Mrs. Cummins was elected. Mrs. Read nominated Mrs. E.H. Carter who was elected. Upon motion it was voted that Mrs. Cummins be alternate for Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Carter for Mrs. Plumb.

The History Committee had charge of the afternoon program, with Mrs. Hallett presiding. After a song by Miss White, Mrs. E. D. Samson (aided by notes) spoke forty minutes on Domestic Life, Art and Literature in Holland.

Miss Olive McHenry read a fine paper on the "Dawn of Italian Independence".

Club adjourned at the usual hour.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 7, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met May 7th in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Read the vice president called the meeting to order promptly. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Weitz gave a brief account of the General Federation then in session in Los Angeles. At the request of the presiding officer, Mrs. Watrous and Mrs. Earle volunteered to act as a committee to meet the primary class of one of the Sevastopol schools, Thursday May 8th and give them an opportunity to see the pictures belonging to the Club.

Mrs. Howard Chairman for the afternoon then introduced Mr. J.B. Weaver who spoke on Civic Pride. Mr. Samuel Strauss delivered an address on "The City Beautiful". Mrs. Howard called upon Mrs. Dawson to discuss the papers, and a brief but spirited debate followed.

Mrs. Grace Clark DeGraff sang for the Club between the speeches which added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Weaver and Mr. Strauss for their very entertaining addresses.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 21, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met in Knights of Pythias hall May 21st.

Mrs. Read called the meeting to order at the usual hour. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Miss McLoney, Chairman of the Philosophy and Science Committee then presided during the program which the committee had prepared.

The Amphion Orchestra furnished the music. Mrs. F. W. Weitz read a paper on "Some Phases of Modern Science". Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky followed with a paper entitled "Some Life Histories". A reception followed the program.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec. pro tem.

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Des Moines Women's Club

June 4, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met June 4th at 3 P.M. in Y.M. C.A. Auditorium with Mrs. Baily in the chair. Mrs. E.H. Carter presented the Club with an orange wood plaque, decorated with poinsetti, from the seven members of the Club who attended the G.F.W.C. at Los Angeles. A vote of thanks was extended to these ladies.

Mrs. Henry Collins, chairman of the program for afternoon, then introduced Miss Horner who favored the Club with a violin solo. The subject for the afternoon was "Hidden Authors". Miss Lillian Lambert gave the first character sketch, withholding the name of her subject. The Club promptly named Geo. W. Cable. Mrs. Henry Wallace gave a quotation from Emerson and Mrs. Earle one from Scott both of which were recognized by members of the Club.

Miss Grace Green Jones sang two numbers "The Moon Shines Pale" and "At Parting".

Miss Amelia Morton gave a sketch of Macauley. Mrs. Witmer gave a quotation from Stevenson. Mrs. Cram from Oliver Wendell Holmes and Miss Jennie Fleming quoted from Henry Ward Beecher and J.G. Holland. Mrs. Cooke gave a selection from Dickens. The members of the Club were able to name all the authors.

After a violin solo by Miss Horner, the Club adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

June 18, 1902.

June 18th 1902 the Des Moines Women's Club held its final meeting of 1901 02 at the home of Judge and Mrs. S. F. Prouty.

The president Mrs. Baily, called the meeting to order at the usual time. After the reading of the minutes, reports of the G. F. W. C. at Los Angeles were given by the delegates and visitors.

The report of Mrs. Mitchell Chairman of the Committee on Club house, stated that several capitalists of the city had been visited. They were willing to assist the Club in the erection of a Club house but recommended the Women's Club to take the matter in hand and do it themselves. Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Baily had secured subscriptions of \$2000.00 worth of stock at \$25.00 per share. Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. Clapp, Mrs. Durley and Mrs. Butler of Denver, a member of the Denver Women's Club, gave words of encouragement.

At five o'clock the Club adjourned to the veranda and lawn where the gentlemen were waiting and all were served with a buffet luncheon. The affair was in control of the Social Committee.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Aug. 13, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at the call of the president August 13th 1902 at three o'clock in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A.

As specified in the call the meeting was for the purpose of electing a president and recording secretary, to fill the places of Mrs. J.C. Cummins and Mrs. C.F. Doyle resigned.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Sixty four members were present, all entitled to vote. The president appointed as tellers Mrs. F.W. Vorse, Mrs. W.H. Harwood, Mrs. W.K. Jones.

Mrs. C.E. Rawson tendered her resignation as corresponding secretary for the coming year. A motion to accept, carried.

The first informal ballot for president was ordered and resulted as follows

Mrs. E.H. Carter	27	Mrs. H.B. Hawley	3
" E.D. Burbank	6	" W.F. Mitchell	2
Miss B.M. Gilcrest	2	" B.F. Craig	1
Mrs. W.H. Baily	10	" C.L. Powell	1
" F.O. Green	6	" B.F. Elbert	1
" Henry Wallace	1		

Mrs. Baily at once withdrew her name followed by Mrs. Burbank and Mrs. Green. A motion to elect Mrs. Carter by acclamation, carried and she was elected but immediately declined to accept the honor.

Upon inquiry of Mrs. Witmer the Chair ruled that the Club had no higher authority than itself, therefore could make its own rules, even to electing an additional member to the Board. Mrs. Green tendered her resignation from the Board -not accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. A.B. Cummins that we have twenty six members on the Board next year. Carried.

Moved that Mrs. Elbert be made the twenty sixth member of the Board. Carried.

Mrs. Witmer, seconded by Mrs. Hume nominated Mrs. Elbert for the presidency. Mrs. Carter moved to suspend the rule and elect Mrs. Elbert by acclamation. This motion carried unanimously and Mrs. Elbert declared president amid the applause of the audience.

A motion by Mrs. Hume that those present pledge themselves to loyal and active support of the new executive. Carried.

Des Moines Women's Club

Cont.

August 13, 1902.

Upon motion Mrs.F.O.Green was unanimously elected recording secretary. Mrs.Green resigned, and a ballot was taken for secretary, resulting in the nomination of Mrs.Hawley and Mrs. Harwood who both declined to allow their names to be formally acted upon.

Mrs.Dawson moved the election of Mrs.Burbank by acclamation, which carried and Mrs.Burbank declared elected.

Upon motion by Mrs.A.B.Cummins, Mrs.P.J.Mills was unanimously elected corresponding secretary.

Mrs.Burbank resigned the office of second vice president and upon motion of Mrs.Harwood, Mrs.F.D.Jackson was elected to fill the office.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs.Elbert and Mrs.Burbank, Club adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

September 1901

August 1902

Officers

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

Historian

Mrs. W. H. Bailey

Mrs. Henry Plumb

Mrs. F. L. Reed

Mrs. F. W. Ricknell

Mrs. M. D. Burbank

Miss Belle Gilchrist

Mrs. F. O. Green

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 26, 1901.

At 10 A.M. on Monday, September 23 Mrs. Baily, the president elect met in the Club parlors, the members of the new Board to arrange for Officers Day at the Club. There were eighteen members present.

Mrs. Burgh and others were appointed a Committee to decorate the Auditorium and Reception Room, Foster and Eitzer the committee on refreshments and all arrangements for reception.

Several matters were discussed but no official action taken.

On September 25th, after the regular Club meeting and reception fourteen members of the Board held a meeting.

Upon motion the Club is to tender a reception, from 10 A.M. to 12 M. on Friday, Des Moines Women's Club, to the Officers and members of Committee of the State Federation.

Mrs. Foster Minutes of Board of Directors to the State Federation be invited to read (Copy) Carried.

The refreshments and other arrangements for reception are, upon motion, to be taken care of by the Club.

The Household Economics Committee asked for five dollars for its first meeting which, by motion, was granted.

Upon motion, each of the Officers for the day, is to make an address and present to the Board to be acted upon by the Board.

Officers	
President	Mrs. W. H. Baily
First Vice President	Mrs. Henry Plumb
Second Vice President	Mrs. W. L. Read
Recording Secretary	Mrs. F. W. Bicknell
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. E. D. Burbank
Treasurer	Miss Belle Gilcrest
Historian	Mrs. F. O. Green

The corresponding secretary was asked to call upon Mrs. Fyman concerning program and registration.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews.

Applications for membership were read from Woodson Clark, DeFur, Fleming, Heywood, Murphy, Ross, Rynerson, Symons, Torne, Dr. Fuchs and Miss Howell.

Upon motion Board adjourned to meet at three P.M. on Wednesday, October second.

(Signed) Jennie Vaguel Bicknell,

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 2, 1901.

At 3 P.M., October second, 1901 the Board held a meeting in Club parlors. Fourteen members present. The minutes of last two meetings approved as read.

The following ladies were elected to membership in the Club:

Mrs. E. E. Clark	presented by Mrs. W. W. Witmer
" Emerson De Puy	endorsed " W. G. Read
Dr. Adele Fuchs	presented " Alice A. C. Bailly
Mrs. Chas. Fleming	endorsed " Anna M. Hatton
Miss Emma Howell	presented " Carrie M. Hawley
Mrs. F. C. Haywood	endorsed " Jessie V. Bicknell
" O. S. Murphy	presented " Mary P. Dart
" A. C. Ross	endorsed " Jennie Fleming
" Harriet E. Rynerson	presented " Mary M. Burgin
" F. Symons	endorsed " Kate S. Fowler
" N. C. Towne	presented " Mrs. W. W. Witmer
	endorsed " T. M. Walker
	presented " R. C. Barrett
	endorsed " C. L. Watrous
	presented " Daisy A. Green
	endorsed " Esther F. Sabin
	presented " Lucy B. Chapman
	endorsed " A. E. McMurray
	presented " Esther F. Sabin
	endorsed " Addie R. Stilson
	presented " Olive McHenry
	endorsed " Mrs. F. W. Vorse

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 2, 1901.

Applications were read from Mesdames Abeles, Jones and Cushing.

The corresponding secretary reported that Mrs. Wyman would reconsider her resignation.

Mrs. Walker moved that Mrs. C. O. Nourse be allowed to return to the Club to be re-instated, without application. This motion carried.

Mrs. Burgin gave notice of change in Section 7 of Art. VI of the By Laws.

Mrs. Durley moved that the printing committee be empowered to make verbal change necessary in Article VII of By Laws. Carried.

The question of electing a delegate to the City Federation was, upon motion, to be presented to the Club.

The bills for Officers' Day were allowed.

Mrs. Vorse moved a vote of thanks to the ushers for the fine appearance of the stage on the opening day. Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Read's motion, that each Committee take charge of a social time once during the year, making it very simple, prevailed.

Upon, the first of these informal receptions is to be given by the Household Economics Committee, October 23rd.

The Art Committee asked for five dollars for expenses October 9th which was granted.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 9, 1901.

Wednesday

After the regular meeting of the Club, October 9th, the Board held a short meeting in the parlors.

Eleven members present. Minutes read and approved.

Applications were read from Mesdames Cole, Pease, Frye, Mc Linn, Crawford, Clark and Sanderson.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. William Phillips.

The following ladies were elected to membership:

Mrs. Freda G. Abeles	presented by Mary W. Sheakley	endorsed by Alice A. C. Bailly
" Wm. Knapp Jones	" " "	Daisy A. Green
" E. G. Cushing	" " "	endorsed by Mrs. F. Howard
		Mary J. L. Gaylord
		endorsed by Winifred Shaw.

Board adjourned to meet at 2 P.M. October 23rd.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 23, 1901.

The board of Directors met at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, October 23rd, in parlors.

There were 17 members present.

Minutes approved as read.

The report of the Social Committee for Officers' Day was, upon motion, accepted and bills ordered paid.

Applications for Club membership were read from Mesdames W.C. Marquis, B.T. Hough, T.W. Jones, H.S. Hollingsworth, R.P. Bolton, G.W. Filloon, C.A. Ballreich and J.S. Gilcrest.

Mrs. Burgin presented the name of Mrs. John Lawless whose application had not been received. Miss Gilcrest moved that this presentation of Mrs. Lawless' name be considered the reading of the application so the name could be voted on at next meeting. Motion carried.

The following ladies were elected to membership:

Mrs. C.T. Cole, Jr.	presented by	Winifred D. Shaw
" J.S. Peas	" "	endorsed by Alice A.C. Bailly
" Oscar B. Frye	" "	Mrs. H.L. Cook
" W.B. McLinn	" "	endorsed by Mrs. Ira M. Earle
" R.A. Crawford	" "	Mrs. M. Seager
" Howard J. Clark	" "	endorsed by Mrs. W.T. Johnston
" G.R. Sanderson	" "	Mattie L. Macomber
		endorsed by Marie M. Carrell
		Mrs. W.T. Johnston
		endorsed by Mrs. Jesse Miller
		Mrs. Alice A.C. Bailly
		endorsed by Carrie M. Hawley
		Alice A.C. Bailly
		endorsed by Elizabeth M. Howell

Upon motion, the Board meets at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, October 30th.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Cont.

Nov. Oct. 30, 1901.

Mrs. Burgin, as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, told of the plan of the Musical Guild to have Nordica here and asked what the Board thought of the Women's Club uniting with the Guild. This, upon motion, to be further discussed at a Board meeting at 2 P.M. Nov. 6th.

Mrs. Read moved that the proposition be made to the P.E.O. society that they have the use of the Club parlors, free of rent if they furnish a piano and allow the Club the use of the piano, and the privilege of renting it with the parlors. The motion carried.

Upon motion the Corresponding Secretary is to ascertain more definitely about a New York artist who wishes to have an exhibit here.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Jessie Vaupel Bicknell,

Mrs. Burgin brought up the matter acted upon at last Board meeting relative to renting a piano. Mrs. Burgin reported that a piano, at present in Mrs. Mcurray's room adjoining, might be secured for a rental of three dollars per month.

Moved that we investigate the proposition of renting the piano. Carried. President appointed Mrs. Burgin to do so.

Mrs. Sally reported that no recommendations had been received from the persons who were asked to look at the picture of the "Glenns", and give their opinion of the same for the benefit of the Club. Two had declined to act.

Mrs. Watson spoke very favorably of the picture, having been in Paris at the time it was copied, and where it was considered a remarkably fine copy. It was moved by Mrs. Watson, and carried, that we postpone a decision as to the purchase of the picture until further discussion at the next Board meeting, in the meantime endeavor to secure the opinion of persons competent to judge of the merits of the work.

Mrs. Burgin moved the Club give a reception in the parlors as a farewell compliment to Mrs. Bicknell. Carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Mrs. Vorse, the president appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Burgin, Mrs. Vorse, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Read to take charge of this reception.

Application for membership was read from Miss Kate Huff.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 6, 1901.

At 2 P.M. the Board of Directors met in the Club parlors. Thirteen members responded to roll call, five coming later. Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Burgin Chairman of Entertainment Committee reported that the Musical Guild declined the proposition of the Women's Club to unite with them in the effort to bring Nordica to Des Moines.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Three new members were elected:

Mrs. W.C. Ellis	presented by	Fannie P. Clark	
		endorsed by	Alice A.C. Baily
" B.E.S. Ely	"	"	Mrs. Johnson Brigham
		endorsed by	Mrs. Jennie Harwood
" Thomas Young	"	"	Mrs. Fletcher Howard
		endorsed by	Carrie A. Howell

Mrs. Burgin brought up the matter acted upon at last Board meeting relative to renting a piano. Mrs. Burgin reported that a piano, at present, in Mrs. McMurray's room adjoining, might be secured for a rental of three dollars per month.

Moved that we investigate the proposition of renting the piano. Carried. President appointed Mrs. Burgin so to do.

Mrs. Baily reported that no recommendations had been received from the persons who were asked to look at the picture of the "Gleaners", and give their opinion of the same for the benefit of the Club. Two had declined to act.

Mrs. Watrous spoke very favorably of the picture, having been in Paris at the time it was copied, and where it was considered a remarkably fine copy. It was moved by Mrs. Watrous, and carried, that we postpone a decision as to the purchase of the picture until further discussion at the next Board meeting, in the meantime endeavor to secure the opinion of persons competent to judge of the merits of the work.

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Application for membership was read from Miss Este Huff.

Des Moines Women's Club

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Nov. 6, 1901.

Believing in the distribution of honors and duties of the Club, Mrs. Green tendered her resignation as historian. Mrs. Foster moved the resignation be laid on the table. Carried.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Nov. 6th, at the close of the Club program at 4:40, a meeting of the Board was called upon the platform in Y.M.C.A. auditorium. Ten members were present. A motion was made to have additional callendars printed. Carried.

Moved and acrried that the matter be put in the hands of the printing committee.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green,

Sec.

Upon motion \$15.00 was allowed the Social Service Committee for the expenses of this afternoon's program.

It was stated that the Music and Drama Committee would require \$15.00 to cover expense of its regular calendar day Dec. 18th, and that for various reasons it would desire this meeting be held in the auditorium at Drake University.

Mrs. Carter moved that the Music and Drama Com. be allowed the sum asked for. Carried.

Mrs. Reed moved the Music and Drama Com. be allowed to give their entertainment at Drake University. Carried.

The members of the Art Fund Committee having met with the Board to consider the purchase of Millet's "Gleaners" now before us, this subject was then considered. After some discussion there was a motion by Mrs. Reed to defer the matter of purchasing the picture until the members of the Art Fund Association should have been invited to give the work, discussed it, and be given a voice in the matter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Vorse moved that this meeting be next Wednesday after the Board meeting. Carried.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 20, 1901.

The Board of Directors met at two o'clock in Club parlors. A quorum was present at roll call, seventeen present at adjournment. Minutes of Nov. 6th read, corrected and approved.

It was moved and carried to strike out a specified clause in the minutes.

Mrs. Burgin moved to reconsider the motion that additional calendars be ordered. Carried.

Mrs. Burgin as a committee on piano reported the piano in question can be secured free of rent, but that it needs much repairing. Mrs. Burgin was given further time to investigate the matter.

The following applications for membership were read, Mrs. W. J. Combs, Mrs. J. J. Meyer, Mrs. Burbank presented the name of Mrs. Rossback and asked that this might be considered the first reading. The chair ruled to grant this request.

Miss Este Huff presented by Fannie P. Clark

endorsed by Mrs. E. H. Durley was elected to membership.

Mrs. Burgin Chairman of Entertainment Committee said Madam Sarah Grand and Ruth McEnery Stuart might be secured, and ask an expression of preference from the Board. Opinion was equally divided.

Upon motion \$5.00 was allowed the Social Economics Committee for the expenses of this afternoon's program.

It was stated that the Music and Drama Committee would require \$15.00 to cover expense of its regular calendar day Dec. 18th, and that for various reasons it would desire this meeting be held in the auditorium at Drake University.

Mrs. Carter moved that the Music and Drama Com. be allowed the sum asked for. Carried.

Mrs. Read moved the Music and Drama Com. be allowed to give their entertainment at Drake University. Carried.

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Mrs. Vorse moved that this meeting be next Wednesday after the Board meeting. Carried.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 27, 1901.

Ten members were present when Pres. Baily called the Board to order at three o'clock in the Club rooms.

Minutes approved as read.

Two ladies were elected members of the Club.

Mrs. J. J. Meyer presented by Amanda R. Carter
endorsed by Orie B. Mershon.

" W. J. Combs " " Mrs. W. T. Johnston
endorsed by Mrs. W. R. Marshall

An application was read from Mrs. M. J. Sweet.

The committee having charge of the reception of Nov. 27th reported an expense of \$17.15. Upon motion the report was accepted and bills ordered paid.

A motion prevailed to omit the regular monthly reception during December.

It was moved and carried that the regular Club meeting in charge of the Committee of Philosophy and Science be postponed from January 1st until Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

A motion was made and carried omitting all receptions except the regular social meeting until Art Day Feb. 12th.

The committee of one on piano gave a final report. The piano has been shipped from the city.

Mrs. Durley that the Club keep "open house" during the State Teachers Association December 26 to 30 (inclusive)
Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Plumb that each member of the Board ascertain the number of calendars she can procure from Club members and report at next meeting. Carried.

A Board meeting was announced for next Wednesday at two o'clock.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Nov. 27, 1901.

At 4:30 after a recess of half an hour the Board was again called to order with two additional members (Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Reichard) and five members of the Art Fund Association present.

A free discussion on the subject of buying pictures for the Art Gallery, brought out a strong sentiment in favor of originals versus copies.

It was moved to purchase the picture. A motion to table prevailed.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

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Nov. 27, 1901.

Members of the Art Fund Assn. present were Messrs C.E. Rawson, H.D. Thompson, Mesdames L. Chamberlain, C.L. Watrous, Miss Caroline Gilcrest, Mrs. J.H. Windsor, Chairman Art Fund Committee.

Mrs. Burbank reported having heard from Mrs. Thorne in regard to Mr. Frank Mutchins the New York artist. The Club can have an exhibit of pictures by this artist after Christmas holidays.

Upon motion the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to buy one half dozen General Federation pins.

Mrs. J. Sweet presented by Mrs. Fletcher Howard.

endorsed by Cynthia J. Vinton.

Victor A. Beckwith presented by Mrs. F.E.V. Shaw.

endorsed by Mrs. E.D. Burbank.

were elected to membership in the Club. Mrs. Chas. H. Keeler applied for admission.

The entertainment committee by Mrs. Burkin chairman, stated the correspondence with Prof. Chas. Herrick of Cleveland and with Ruth McNary Stuart, N.Y.

Mrs. Rawson spoke of Miss Alice Brewer as a concert singer, and Mrs. Bailey told of a children's concert, which had been suggested by Mrs. Weber.

Mrs. Verne moved the Entertainment Committee be instructed to correspond with Clara Morris. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Craig that we engage Mr. Herrick to lecture on birds.

Mrs. Elbert moved to postpone a decision on Mr. Herrick until hearing from Clara Morris.

The Entertainment Committee stated that Madam Sarah Grand could only be secured on date Dec. 11th. That as near at hand the project was given up.

Mrs. Elbert moved to take from the table the motion to buy Mrs. Atkin's copy of Millet's "Peasants".

A motion that we purchase the picture was lost.

It was reported that two calendars had been collected by Board members.

Moved by Mrs. Watrous that the Club purchase one calendar. Motion carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Anthony Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 4, 1901.

The Board of Directors met at two o'clock in the Club rooms. Fifteen members present.

Minutes corrected and approved.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Mrs. Burbank reported having heard from Mrs. Thoms in regard to Mr. Frank Hutchins the New York artist. The Club can have an exhibit of pictures by this artist after Christmas holidays.

Upon motion the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to buy one half dozen General Federation pins.

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endorsed by Cynthia J. Hartenbower

" Victor A. Rossback presented by Mrs. F. E. V. Shore
endorsed by Mrs. E. D. Burbank

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Mrs. Rawson spoke of Miss Aileen Brower as a concert singer, and Mrs. Baily told of a childrens opera, which had been suggested by Mrs. Weber.

Mrs. Vorse moved the Entertainment Committee be instructed to correspond at once with Clara Morris. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Craig "that we engage Mr. Herrick to lecture on birds."

Mrs. Elbert moved to postpone a decision on Mr. Herrick, until hearing from Clara Morris.

The Entertainment Committee stated that Madam Sarah Grand could only be secured one date, Dec. 11th, that so near at hand the project was given up.

Mrs. Elbert moved to take from the table the motion to buy Mrs. Atkins' copy of Millet's Gleaners.

A motion that we purchase the picture was lost.

It was reported that two calendars had been collected by Board members.

Moved by Mrs. Watrous that the Club purchase more calendars. Motion carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 18, 1901.

The board of Directors met at two o'clock in the Club rooms. Minutes approved as read.

The Corresponding Secretary having sent notice of the Club's "Open House" during the State Teachers As'sn., to officials of the As'sn., reported pleasant acknowledgement of same.

On motion the History Committee was allowed a bill of \$1.50 for its Club program.

Mrs. Rawson moved that the insurance of the property of the Club, be raised to \$1500.00 and continued with the firm of Witmer and Kauffman. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Clark, that the Entertainment Committee be allowed to make contracts according to its own judgment, after consultation and sanction of the Executive board of the Club. The motion carried.

Motion prevailed allowing bill for advertising in newspapers for Music and Drama day.

First Vice President Plumb occupied the chair while Mrs. Baily gave notice of the following changes in the By Laws.

Article IV Departments

Section 1 There shall be seven departments as follows:

Art, Household Economics and Education, Social Economics and Civics, History and Literature, Music and Drama, Philosophy and Science, and Social.

Section 2 These departments shall report not later than April first, to the officers elect, with whom they shall at once begin to arrange the work for the ensuing year.

Section 3 Substitute the word departments for the word committees in the first line and department for committee in the last sentence.

Article V Section 1 Insert the words of all departments and between the words "ex-officio" and "of" in the last line.

Article VII, Section 3 In second sentence substitute the first Wednesday in October for "last Wednesday in September".

Article VIII Meetings

Section 1 The first meeting shall be on the first Wednesday in October each year; there shall be sixteen meetings during the year, but no meeting shall be held later than the week in which the fifteenth of May occurs. There may be a holiday vacation.

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Section 2 The fiscal and civil year shall each begin on the first Wednesday in October.

Section 5 In the last paragraph, substitute departments for "committees" and October for "September".

Article XIII In division "2" substitute Department for "Committee".

Mrs. Witmer moved that the library committee appointed two years ago but never discharged, be instructed to confer with the Board of Library Trustees regarding the Club's occupancy of the second story of the new library building and the time at which it may be finished (the library building) Carried. The president appointed Mrs. Witmer to fill the place on the Committee made vacant by the absence of Mrs. Patchin.

A motion by Mrs. Cummins that the Club retain these rooms for another year and investigate the matter of renting additional room. Carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 8, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called by the president immediately after the Club adjourned. Fifteen members present. Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

An application for membership was read from Mrs. A. B. Storms.

Board adjourned until next Wednesday at two o'clock.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Upon motion, the Literature Committee was allowed \$5.00 or less, as it may need, for the music of this afternoon's program.

A letter was read from the Y. W. C. A. asking an appropriation for the purchase of magazines.

Moved by Mrs. Finner that three dollars (\$3.00) be appropriated for this purpose. Carried.

A communication from Mrs. Phillis invited the co-operation of the Women's Club with the legislative work to be urged by the State Congress of Mothers and requesting two members of the Club be appointed to serve on the Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Vance moved that the request be granted and two women be appointed. Carried.

Upon motion that this appointment be made by the president Mrs. Bailey named Mrs. C. E. Risher and Mrs. W. L. Reed.

It was reported that Mr. Cumming will be ready by February 1st to exhibit his pictures in the Club room.

It was moved by Mrs. Vance and carried that Mr. Cumming be asked to begin this exhibition Wednesday February 13th and continue it one week through the 19th inst.

Upon motion by Mrs. Foster it was voted to keep the exhibit open from ten to six Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Burzio, Chgo. of Entertainment Com. announced that Clara Morris had been secured for \$150.00 to appear at Webster's Opera House, February 3rd. Tickets now ready.

On motion of Mrs. Craig the admittance to the boxes, for the Clara Morris entertainment was fixed at \$1.00.

A motion prevailed concerning prices as follows. For first floor and first three rows in balcony 75cts, remainder of balcony 50cts. Gallery 25cts; extra for reserved seats.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 15, 1902.

The Board met at two o'clock in the Club parlors.

Minutes read and approved. The treasurers monthly report given and accepted.

Upon the statement of the Corresponding Secretary that there had been an advance in price of Federation pins, a motion by Mrs. Walker, prevailed, to sell the pins at 55cts.

Mrs. Albert B. Storms, presented by Mrs. T.M. Walker endorsed by Mrs. Richard C. Barrett

was elected to membership, and application read from Mrs. B.S. Schermerhorn.

Upon motion, the Literature Committee was allowed \$5.00 or less, as it may need, for the music of this afternoon's program.

A letter was read from the Y.W.C.A. asking an appropriation for the purchase of magazines.

Moved by Mrs. Witmer that three dollars (\$3.00) be subscribed for this purpose. Carried.

A communication from Mrs. Hillis invited the co-operation of the Women's Club with the legislative work to be urged by the State Congress of Mothers and requesting two members of the Club be appointed to serve on the Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Vorse moved that the request be granted and two women be appointed. Carried.

Upon motion that this appointment be made by the president, Mrs. Baily named Mrs. C.E. Risser and Mrs. W.L. Read.

It was reported that Mr. Cumming will be ready by February 1st to exhibit his pictures in the Club rooms.

It was moved by Mrs. Vorse and carried that Mr. Cumming be asked to begin this exhibition Wednesday February 12th and continue it one week through the 19th inst.

Upon motion by Mrs. Foster it was voted to keep the exhibit open from two to six Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Burgin, Chrm. of entertainment Com. announced that Clara Morris had been secured for \$150.00 to appear at Foster's Opera House, February 3rd. Tickets now ready.

On motion of Mrs. Craig the admittance to the boxes, for the Clara Morris entertainment was fixed at \$1.00.

A motion prevailed concerning prices as follows. For first floor and first three rows in balcony 75cts, remainder of balcony 50cts. Gallery 25cts; no extra for reserved seats.

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Jan. 15, 1902.

Mrs. Elbert moved that four hundred postal cards be printed advertising Mrs. Masher's lecture Saturday afternoon, stating price of admission 25cts., that one be sent each Club member. Carried.

Mrs. Burgin asked for assistance in the preparation of these postals. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Witmer were appointed. Mrs. Walker reported the wording of the postals as follows.

The Des Moines Women's Club has arranged with Mrs. A. M. Masher for a Reading in Club Parlors, Saturday afternoon, January 18th at three o'clock. Admission 25cts.

Mrs. Masher has received many honors from her Breton lore and it is a rare opportunity to hear this gifted woman talk on the Province much loved by tourists and artists. Please be present and interest your friends to attend.

Upon motion this report was accepted.

A bill for \$1.64 was presented from Chase Bros. for refreshments during "Open House" for State Teachers As'sn. Moved and carried it be allowed.

Board then adjourned to meet in one week at two thirty.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green.

Sec.

There shall be seven departments as follows:
Art; Household Economics and Education; Social Economics
and Civic History and Literature; Music and Drama; Phil-
osophy and Science; Social.

Upon motion this was adopted.

Sec. 2. These departments shall report not later than April first to the officers elect, with whom they shall at once begin to arrange the work for the coming year.

Miss Gilcrest moved the adoption of this section. Carried.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 22, 1902.

The Board of Directors met at 2:30 in the Club rooms.

Report of preceding meeting approved as read.

Further business was suspended to listen to the chairmen of Art Committee, Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Mrs. Doyle, who presented the plans of their committee for February 12th and for exhibit of Mr. Cummings pictures.

When order of business was resumed Mrs. Witmer moved that the chairmen of the Art Committee be allowed enough money to make the program of Feb. 12th a success. Carried.

A motion by Mrs. Clapp that Mr. Cumming's exhibit be kept open from 11 A.M. until 10 P.M. Carried.

Mrs. Vorse moved that the matter of insuring and lighting the exhibit be attended to by Mr. Cumming, the Club paying the bill. Carried.

Mrs. Read moved that all expenses of this exhibit be borne by the Club, the arrangements therefore to be made by the Art Committee and Mr. Cumming. Carried.

Mrs. B. S. Schermerhorn presented by Alice A. C. Baily endorsed by Mrs. Sidney A. Foster was elected to membership.

Upon motion by Mrs. Read it was voted to allow the expenses of the Social Committee at the discretion of the Executive Board.

A motion prevailed naming the President and Secretary a committee to ask Mr. Aldrich for the Cumming pictures in his charge. The pictures to be used in the exhibit.

A motion carried that the Club spoons be loaned the City Federation for reception on Tuesday.

The proposed amendments to the By Laws were then taken up; Vice President Plumb in the chair.

Amendment of Article IV Section 1 to read

Departments

There shall be seven departments as follows:

Art; Household Economics and Education; Social Economics and Civics; History and Literature; Music and Drama; Philosophy and Science; Social.

Upon motion this was adopted.

Sec. 2. These departments shall report not later than April first to the officers elect, with whom they shall at once begin to arrange the work for the ensuing year.

Miss Gilcrest moved the adoption of this section. Carried.

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Jan. 22, 1902.

Mrs. Witmer moved that wherever necessary in the Calendar, the word 'committee' be stricken out and 'department' be substituted. Carried.

Article VI Sec. 2 Amended to read: Each member shall make an annual payment of five dollars. This payment is due the first Wednesday in October, and must be paid by the first of February to entitle member to take part in the annual election. Upon Mrs. Clapp's motion this was adopted.

Article VIII Meetings. Section 1. The first meeting shall be on the first Wednesday in October each year; there shall be sixteen meetings during the year, but no meeting shall be held later than the week in which the fifteenth of May occurs. There may be a holiday vacation.

Mrs. Burbank moved the adoption of this amendment. Carried.

Section 2 will read, The fiscal and civil year shall each begin on the first Wednesday in October. Adopted on motion.

Section 5. The Annual Business meeting shall be the eleventh meeting of the year.

By motion voted upon and adopted.

A motion by Mrs. Vorse that the Corresponding Secretary send a letter to Mrs. C. W. Greene, expressing the sympathy of the Club, upon the recent death of her husband, carried.

A motion was made by Miss Gilcrest, and carried, that hereafter the custom of the Club be followed, and flowers sent in case of the death of a member, but a letter of condolence be sent to one of our members on the occasion of a death in her family.

It was voted to affiliate with the Iowa State Congress of Mothers by payment of three dollars in dues.

Mrs. Carter moved the chair appoint delegates and alternates from the Club. Carried.

Mrs. L. J. Kasson, Mrs. F. W. Webster, Mesdames Frank McKay, Howard Clark, A. C. Ross, C. E. Risser, W. L. Read and Pres. Baily were issued credentials and represented the Club at the Congress. Also Mrs. S. J. Spaulding and Mrs. James Wilson were appointed by the Pres.

On behalf of the President of the Iowa State Congress of Mothers, Mrs. Burgin extended to the Des Moines Women's Club an invitation to attend a reception of the Congress at State Historical Building Wednesday January twenty ninth.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 5, 1902.

The Board met in Club parlors at 2:30. Minutes read and approved.

Treasurers report read, on motion accepted and placed on file.

Applications were read from Mrs. H. R. Reynolds, Miss Gertrude Burt and Mrs. O. H. Robinson.

Upon motion a bill of \$26.00 was allowed for social day.

A vote of thanks was tendered Younker Bros. for many courtesies shown the Club.

Mrs. H. L. Stetson, Mrs. A. P. Fleming Miss Mary Lewis Chambers asked for letters of withdrawal, which were granted.

A letter was read from Mrs. Patchin asking an active endorsement of the Women's Club for Mrs. Frank Dodson in her candidacy for County Recorder.

After discussion, Mrs. Reichard moved "that the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club express its endorsement of Mrs. Dodson's candidacy". Carried.

Mrs. Witmer's motion that Mrs. Dodson's friends in the Club present her cause in the open club. Carried.

The safe arrival at Buenos Aires of Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell was announced.

A letter was read from S. Seymour Thomas, Paris, offering assistance and suggestions relative to Art purchases for the Club.

Mrs. Witmer moved "that we write Mr. Thomas, accepting his offer to select pictures, asking what he has now in view, considering the artist and prices". Carried.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Witmer being appointed to consult Mr. Johnson on the matter, reported that the Club pictures could be hung in the Y. M. C. A. rooms during the time our space would be occupied by Mr. Cumming's.

On motion of Mrs. Carter it was voted to purchase an extension dining table, a five o'clock tea ~~kettle~~ and a tea ball for the rooms, in time for use during the coming exhibit.

Mrs. Clapp moved that Mrs. Carter accompany the Property Committee and give instructions of the Board regarding the articles to be bought. Carried.

The Entertainment Committee, by Chairman Mrs. Burgin gave an itemized account of the expenditures and receipts of the lecture of Clara Morris.

Board adjourned until two o'clock next Wednesday in Club rooms.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 12, 1902.

Board of Directors met in Y.M.C.A. parlors at two o'clock. Minutes read and approved.

Three ladies were elected to membership.

Miss Gertrude Burt presented by Lizbeth Vaupel Griffiths
endorsed by Mrs. Henry Wallace.

Mrs. H. R. Reynolds presented by Daisy Ankeny Green
endorsed by Clara H. Foster

Mrs. O. H. Robinson presented by Lola B. Miller
endorsed by Daisy A. Green.

Mrs. H. L. Carrell was elected the "hold over" member of the Verifying Committee. Mesdames R. C. Barrett and S. H. Sheakley elected to fill the committee.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 19, 1902.

The Board of Directors met in Y.M.C.A. parlor at 2 o'clock. Twelve members present. Minutes read and approved.

A bill of \$48.74 was allowed the Art Committee, for expenses of program and the Cumming exhibit up to date.

Bill from Younker Bros. of \$8.50 for tea kettle and tea ball allowed.

Mrs. Vorse moved that the matter of buying a dining table be dropped, and the Property Committee discharged from this duty. Carried.

After discussion it was decided by vote to sell the large pictures frames used by the Art Committee in its last program.

Mrs. Mills moved "the Property Com. take charge of the frames and sell if possible". Motion carried.

It was voted that the Property Com. investigate the cost of proper covering for marble bust of Diana, and white paper cambric for the plaster Venus.

Mrs. Elbert moved that the Cumming Art Exhibit be kept open another week. Carried.

Upon motion it was decided to keep the exhibit open from two until ten on Sunday.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 19, 1902.

The Board was called to order at 2:30 in the Club rooms the President in the chair. Seventeen members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary reported her supply of printed postals exhausted. Printing Committee instructed to order more.

Mrs. J. S. Clark told of the action of the Civics Committee in having printed placards bearing the anti-spitting ordinance passed by the City Council. These cards are to be placed in prominent public places.

Mrs. Walker presented a request from the Art Committee asking that a ticket admitting bearer to the remaining Club meetings of the year, be given to Mrs. Manbeck, who gave the committee valuable assistance in the last program. Upon motion the request was granted.

Applications for membership were read from Mrs. W. H. Penn, Mrs. J. S. Woolson and Mrs. Alvin G. Hammer. Through Mrs. Baily, Mrs. Johnson Brigham tendered her resignation from the Board for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Patchin were the next in order having the same number of votes. It was stated that Mrs. Patchin was absent from the city for an indefinite period. A motion prevailed electing Mrs. Powell.

A bill of \$1.50 from the History Com. was allowed.

A motion carried to allow the bill of the Household Economic Committee for expenses incurred at its last Club meeting.

The President submitted a proposition from the agent of the N. B. Collins estate to the Women's Club offering for sale the Collins home on Fifth St. between Center and Park Streets; grounds 166 feet front and a brick house of ten rooms for \$9,500.

After discussing the matter it was moved and carried that the President appoint a committee to investigate the case. Mesdames Reichard, Plumb and Foster comprise the committee and were asked to be prepared to report at next Board meeting.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved "we pay mileage for our delegates to G. F. W. C. After much discussion, the motion was lost.

A motion by Mrs. Reichard that the Club send the President and one delegate and pay all expenses carried.

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March 19, 1902.

Mrs. Homer Miller Chairman of Finance Committee reported that the Treasurer had \$1300.00 on hand to be invested, and \$525.00 available for Club expenses from March first to Oct, first. The Finance Committee recommend farm mortgage loans drawing 5% and an additional hundred dollars invested.

Mrs. Walker moved the Finance Committee be instructed to loan \$1500.00. Motion carried.

By vote the electric meter was ordered removed from the Club rooms, to save a monthly expense.

Board adjourned to meet next Wednesday at two o'clock.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 26, 1902.

Seventeen members were present at the Board meeting in the *Club* parlors at two o'clock.

After roll call and approval of minutes of the previous meeting, the following ladies were elected members of the Club

Mrs. W. H. Penn presented by Mrs. J. W. Cokenower
endorsed by Mrs. Laura V. Samson

" Alvin G. Hammer presented by Juliet E. Read
endorsed by Daisy A. Green

" John S. Woolson presented by Alice A. C. Baily
endorsed by Daisy A. Green

Upon motion by Mrs. Walker it was voted to grant a letter of withdrawal to Mrs. Isabella Matthews Macy, with regrets.

The committee appointed to investigate the matter of the Collins property reported verbally. The grounds, 166 ft. front by something over 100 ft. in length, the house, an old fashioned substantial brick dwelling of ten rooms, devoid entirely of modern conveniences. One lot on the south might sell at \$3000.00. The price of whole would be \$9500.00. Terms \$2000.00 down and whatever sum the Club would desire in annual payments. To meet the necessities of the Club, the whole structure would ~~have~~ ^{need} to be torn out, remodelled and added to. The committee did not consider it desirable as a permanent home.

Mrs. Walker moved to accept the report of the committee and send word to the agent (Mr. Coskery) that the offer did not seem practicable to the Club. Carried.

Mrs. Vorse moved the reconsideration of the vote which was voted at the last Board meeting to "send the President and one delegate to G. F. W. C. and pay all expenses".

The motion to reconsider carried.

Mrs. Walker moved that the Club pay expenses of President but not of a delegate to G. F. W. C. After some discussion the motion carried.

It was reported that the Music and Drama Committee desired to bring Mrs. Jessie Gaynor to give a lecture-recital on April ninth, the regular Club Day. After informal discussion it was moved to allow Mrs. Weber to bring before the Club the matter of charging ten cents admission to Club members for this meeting. Motion lost.

Upon motion it was voted to invite Mrs. Cummins, President elect and Mrs. Doyle Recording Secretary elect to attend the Board meetings the remainder of the year. A motion prevailed inviting all new Board members to the meetings.

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March 26, 1902.

Mrs. Weber Chairman of Music and Drama Committee appeared before the Board to say that the Committee had perfected the arrangement with Mrs. Gaynor for April ninth and she would appear for a consideration of \$50.00.

It was moved and carried that the Club meet the expense of the committee bringing Mrs. Gaynor.

Upon motion of Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Weber was granted permission to present the matter before the Club and ask cooperation of members in making the affair a success.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 9, 1902.

The President called the Board to order at two o'clock in the Club parlor.

Thirteen members responded to roll call but at adjournment, twenty were present, making the largest attendance of the year.

Minutes of March 26th approved as read. Mrs. Reichard led an informal discussion on the reconsideration of the question of paying expenses of President and one delegate to G.F.W.C.

The chair ruled out of order the motion made by Mrs. Walker at last meeting i.e. "that the Club expenses of President but not of delegate to G.F.W.C."

This motion being an entirely new one and not the one voted to reconsider, the original motion is now before the Board. This motion reads "that the Club send the President and one delegate and pay all expenses".

Mrs. Witmer moved as an amendment "that we pay sleeping car, railroad fare and meals enroute".

On a rising vote the amendment was lost.

The original motion carried on a rising vote of eleven to four. (President and Sec. not voting)

Upon motion by Mrs. Plumb it was voted to inform the Library Board that it is the Club's desire to occupy rooms in the new Library building when completed.

The members of the Library Committee Mesdames A.B. Cummins, W.W. Witmer and P.B. Durley were instructed by the President to meet with the Library Board at its next regular session the last Friday in April.

A motion by Mrs. Vorse prevailed instructing the Corresponding Sec. to send letters of condolence to Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Spice.

The Treasurer read a report of the Club's finances from March 11th to April 1st. By vote the report was accepted.

The Treasurer spoke of delinquent members, asking advice on the manner and matter of persuading them to remain in the Club.

It was moved that the list of unpaid members be divided among such members of the Board who are willing to call upon them personally. Motion lost.

A motion carried that the Treasurer interview the members whose dues are in arrears.

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April 9, 1902.

Mrs. Plumb gave notice of change in By-law relating to nominations for President at the annual election.

It was reported that Mrs. M. T. V. Bowman had written a member of the Board, an offer to sell to the Club, her home on Third and School Sts.

Mrs. Burgin gave notice of change in Art. V11 Section 3 and Art. V111 Sec. 5 of the By-laws. Upon motion the Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

May 28, 1902.

Board met in Club parlors at 2:30 P.M. May 28th. Ten members responded to the roll call.

Mrs. Read, who had been acting as President during Mrs. Bailey's absence reported that, with the consent of the majority of the Board, the members of the Commercial Exchange and the Park Commissioners were invited to be the guests of the Club on the afternoon of the Social Economics and Civics Committee, when the program was devoted to the subject of beautifying Des Moines.

Five dollars was allowed the S.E. and Civics Committee for expenses of program.

Eight dollars was allowed the Philosophy and Science Committee for expenses of its program and five dollars was allowed for the expenses of the reception May 21st. On motion these bills were allowed by the Board.

The name of Mrs. J.W. Robey, 1711 Tenth St. was presented for membership, proposed by Mrs. Howell and endorsed by Mrs. Burbank.

It was moved and carried that the Art Committee be permitted to perfect their plans according to their own judgment.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary send a letter to the persons in charge of the vacation schools, inviting the school to visit our rooms and asking them to notify us on what days they would care to come.

Letters of withdrawal were granted Mrs. I.F. Small who has moved to St. Louis and to Mrs. H.B. Knowlton who has moved to Louisville. The Cor. Sec. was directed to send letter of condolence to Mrs. W.R. Marshall, upon the loss of her sister.

\$3.75 was allowed the Literature Com. for its program June 4th.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

June 4, 1902.

Board called to order by Mrs. Baily. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mrs. Skinner Chairman of the Social Committee appeared before the Board to discuss plans for the last meeting of the year. It was moved and carried that the Social Committee proceed on the plans suggested by their Chairman and that the Board meet the expense.

The Treasurer reported that there was a thousand dollars on hand to be invested. A motion to instruct the Finance Committee to invest it, when an opportunity occurred, prevailed.

Moved and carried that a letter of withdrawal be granted to Mrs. Martha B. Johnston upon the payment of her dues.

A motion prevailed making the initiation fees of persons joining the Club this month, apply on next years dues.

Mrs. J. W. Robey presented by Mrs. H. R. Howell
endorsed by " E. D. Burbank

was elected to membership in the Club.

The name of Mrs. W. J. Burnside of 18th St. was read for the first time.

Flowers were ordered for Mrs. Billington who was sick in the hospital and the Secretary was instructed to send them.

An informal discussion of the matter of our moving into the Library building was followed by a motion to consider the matter more definitely at the next meeting of the Board.

The resignation of Miss Belle Gilcrest as treasurer was read and was received with great regret. A motion requesting Miss Gilcrest to reconsider her action was carried unanimously.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

June 11, 1902.

The Board met at Mrs. W. L. Read's Wednesday June 11th. The members of the new Board had been invited to attend the meeting and several were present. After the roll call the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary reported that the flowers ordered by the Board had been sent to Mrs. Billington.

Mrs. W. G. Burnside Rec. by Mrs. Henry Wallace
End. by " W. H. Baily

was elected to membership in the Club.

Applications for membership were read from Mrs. Emma Watson Turner, Mrs. Frank L. Morgan, Mrs. Webster Bishop, Mrs. Lou C. Martin, Mrs. Chas. W. Brown, Mrs. G. D. Ellyson, Mrs. W. J. Chapman, Mrs. R. M. Gibson, Mrs. Klingman and Mrs. A. C. Miller.

Mrs. Baily reported for Miss Gilcrest that she still desired to retire from the office of treasurer, but a motion requesting Miss Gilcrest to serve prevailed.

A letter from Miss Maish thanking the Board for offering the vacation school children a view of our pictures was read.

The discussion of a Club home for next year was opened for the new members. After considerable talk on this subject the Board adjourned to lunch with Mesdames Read, Baily and Plumb.

The Board met again Wednesday afternoon. The minutes of the morning meeting were read and the names of applicants for membership were read the second time. A motion to vote by acclamation carried and each of the ladies were elected.

Mrs. Emma Turner Watson	presented by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell
	endorsed by " Henry Plumb
" Frank L. Morgan	presented by " W. F. Mitchell
	endorsed by " Juliet E. Read
" Webster Bishop	presented by " Henry Plumb
	endorsed by " Juliet E. Read.
" Lou E. Martin	presented by " R. C. Barrett
	endorsed by " W. H. Baily
" Chas. W. Brown	presented by " S. F. Prouty
	endorsed by " W. F. Mitchell
" G. D. Ellyson	presented by Alice A. C. Baily
	endorsed by Carrie M. Hawley
" W. J. Chapman	presented by " S. F. Prouty
	endorsed by " W. F. Mitchell
" R. M. Gibson	presented by " S. F. Prouty
	endorsed by " W. H. Baily

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Mrs. Henry C. Klingman	presented by Mrs. S. F. Prouty
" A. C. Miller	endorsed by Alice A. C. Baily
	presented by Juliet E. Read
	endorsed by Jennie M. Harwood

Mrs. Plumb called up her amendment to the constitution relative to the nomination of officers at the annual election. The proposed amendment was lost.

Mrs. Burgin called up her amendment, notice of which also had been given previously, concerning letters of dismissal. Section 7, omit the word "dismissal" and insert the word privilege therein. The amendment carried.

A motion that the Club renew the lease of quarters in the Y.M.C.A. for another year prevailed.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to interview local capitalists in regard to building us a Club house. This committee was nominated from the floor. The members are Mesdames Baily, Mitchell, A. B. Cummins, Prouty, Mills, Plumb and Watrous. Mrs. Mitchell made chairman.

Mrs. Vorse invited the Board to meet with her at 2:30 P.M. June 25th.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Walker a letter of sympathy on her recent bereavement.

The name of Mrs. D. E. Perkins was proposed for membership. Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Sec. pro tem.

Board met late Wednesday June 11th.

Mrs. D. E. Perkins presented by Juliet E. Read
endorsed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell

was elected to membership.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mesdames Baily, Read and Plumb for their entertainment.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Sec. pro tem.

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June 18, 1902.

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The Board of Directors was called to order on Mrs. Prouty's veranda immediately after the adjournment of the Club meeting. Members present, Mesdames Baily, Burbank, Carter, Clapp, Clark, Cummins, Durley, Elbert, Green, Plumb, Read, Shaw, Vorse, Walker, Watrous, Witmer and Reichard.

On motion of Mrs. Walker the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Board listened to applications for membership from Mrs. E. D. Hamlin, Miss Mary B. Williams, Mrs. Henry Gray, Mrs. D. M. Finch, Mrs. Richard Belding, Mrs. A. H. Mabis, Mrs. T. A. Mansfield, Mrs. Curtis Irish.

The President then declared the Board adjourned until Wednesday the 25th with Mrs. Vorse.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Cont.

June 25, 1902.

It was voted to make an exception of Mrs. Ely and wives of other Army officers by removing the one year rule and allowing them to enter the Club upon shorter residence in the city.

Mrs. Read moves that the proper person inform Mrs. Ely of this special action in her case. Carried.

Mrs. W. F. Mitchell as Chairman of the Committee on Club house, reported having visited various capitalists and business men, who advise the Club to build its own house. The properties offered for sale and investigated by the committee, include the Collins property on Fifth St. Christy place on Pleasant, Hubbell lot on Eleventh and Locust, Witmer lot on Seventh above High. The Judge Nourse home on Fourth St. at \$8,800 and the Dr. Potter place on Pleasant St. 150ft. by 200ft. for fifteen thousand dollars and the Ankeny property at Tenth and Locust also the T. E. Brown residence.

After a general discussion it was moved "that we buy the house of Mrs. Potter". The motion lost.

Mrs. Watrous having resigned as a member of the Club house Committee, Mrs. Clapp was elected to fill the vacancy.

Upon motion the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send letters of condolence to Miss Lucy B. Chapman and Mrs. Stella B. Morse whose mothers have recently died.

During the deliberations of the Board delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Vorse and Miss Vorse.

Motion to adjourn carried at five o'clock.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Aug. 13, 1902.

Eighteen members of the Board of Directors responded to roll call at two o'clock in the Club rooms, President Bailly in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Anthony Collins	presented by	Mrs. Ansel Frankel
	endorsed	" " E.D. Burbank
" George W. Harter	presented	" " A.E. Shipley
	endorsed	" " F.O. Green
" Horace Susong	presented	" Mary Moore Findley
	endorsed	" Mary O. Everett
" A.B. Simms	presented	" " S.A. Robertson
	endorsed	" " E.H. Carter

were elected members of the Club.

Applications for membership were read from Mrs. D.L. Jewett, Miss Bonnie Jewett, Mrs. H.G. Ray, Mrs. W.H. Gaylord, Miss Bertha D. Smith. Mrs. Wallace presented applications of Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Wintrose two ladies residing in Winterset, who would attend the Club meetings once a month.

A letter was read from Mrs. J.C. Cummins tendering her resignation as President of the Women's Club for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Cummins was present and further explained her action in surrendering the office.

Upon motion of Mrs. Carter the resignation was accepted.

The resignation of Mrs. Carra F. Doyle as Rec. Secretary, was read and accepted by vote.

Board adjourned to attend the called meeting of the Club in the Auditorium.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Aug. 13, 1902.

Immediately after the Club meeting the Board was called to order by the President. Eleven members present.

Mrs. William H. Gaylord	presented by	Mary L. Gaylord
	endorsed	" Ella C. White
" D. L. Jewett	presented	" Mrs. W. H. Baily
	endorsed	" Belle M. Gilcrest
Miss Bonnie Jewett	presented	" Mrs. W. H. Baily
	endorsed	" Belle M. Gilcrest
Mrs. Hugh G. Ray	presented by	Mrs. E. H. Carter
	endorsed	" Lola B. Miller
Miss Bertha D. Smith	presented	" Lizbeth Vaupel Griffiths
	endorsed	" Olive McHenry
Mrs. J. P. Steele	presented	" Mrs. Henry Wallace
	endorsed	" " C. Howell
" John Wintrode.	presented	" " Henry Wallace
	endorsed	" " C. Howell

were made members of the Club, the two Winterset ladies being members of Federated Clubs were upon motion of Mrs. A. B. Cummins elected by acclimation.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green,

Rec. Sec.

Note (Resolution concerning Art Fund Association found in original minutes page 155.)

Oct. 1, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club was called to order at three o'clock in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, Mrs. Bally presiding.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of Aug. 13th, Mrs. T.M. Walker announced the first Art meeting and the exhibit of fine pictures to be held in the Club rooms for one week beginning October 15th.

The Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Burbank gave a report of her work for the year.

Miss Gilcrest Treasurer gave a detailed account of the Club's finances showing the total funds to be \$3638.49.

Reports were given as follows:

For Auditing Committee by Mrs. Hawley

For Art Fund Des Moines Women's Club

For Property Committee Mrs. Fairfield

For Room Committee Regular Minutes

Historians report (Copy) Mrs. Green

Pres. Bally October 1902 to May 1903 and introduced the new President Mrs. B.F. Elbert who delivered her inaugural address.

All present were Officers attend a reception in the Y.M.C.A. parlors immediately after adjournment.

President	Mrs. B.F. Elbert
First Vice President	Mrs. C.L. Watrous
Second Vice President	Mrs. F.D. Jackson
Recording Secretary	Mrs. E.D. Burbank
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. P.J. Mills
Treasurer	Miss Belle M. Gilcrest
Historian	Mrs. Henry Wallace

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For Art Fund Association Mrs. Windsor

For Property Committee Mrs. Warfield

For Room Committee Mrs. Wallace.

Historians report Mrs. Green

Pres. Baily then made a few closing remarks and introduced the new President Mrs. B.F. Elbert who delivered her inaugural address.

All present were invited to attend a reception in the Y.M.C.A. parlors immediately after adjournment.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Oct. 15, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met in Y.M.C.A. Auditorium at the usual time, President Elbert in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The President extended an invitation to the visiting D.A.R's attending the State convention to be guests of the Club at the Art Exhibit this afternoon and tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

The Art Department had charge of the program of the day. Mrs. Ernest W. Brown Chairman, in a short talk on art, and the dream of the Club in relation to art, introduced the speakers of the afternoon.

Mr. Samuel Strauss gave an address on Winslow Homer and his work.

Mr. August Biltz told of Whistler and Thaulow and Mr. C.A. Cumming talked of the Development of American Art, which subject he changed to the Development of Art in American.

A vote of thanks was given these gentlemen. The stage was elaborately decorated with American flags, plants and cut flowers. 75 visitors, 222 Club members were present. Following adjournment the Exhibit of Pictures was formally opened in the Club parlors.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Oct. 20, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at three o'clock in lecture room of Plymouth Congregational Church. Mrs. Elbert called the meeting to order and after the reading and approval of the last Club and Board meetings Mrs. Durley spoke of the invitation issued by the Club women of Des Moines, to the State Federation of Iowa to meet in Des Moines in May 1903.. She urged civic pride and Club loyalty on the part of the hostesses and told some of the plans of the City Federation for raising funds to meet expenses.

The program for the afternoon was in charge of the department of Household Economics and Education.

Mrs. Elbert introduced Mrs. Sarah Baylor Keenan who gave an address on the "Pedagogic Method of Bible Study".

Miss Eva Robinson on the "Value of Proteins or Substitutes for meat", after which the audience adjourned to another room to test substitutes for meat prepared and served by one of Miss Robinson's Classes.

Eight visitors were present.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Adjourned.

Nov. 12, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at three o'clock in Plymouth Church parlors with Mrs. Elbert in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The president made two requests of the members: that hats be removed in order not to obstruct the view of others and that where applause is given at all it be given heartily.

An informal discussion on the subject of keeping the streets clean was opened by Mrs. Henry Wallace, who read a communication from Davenport on the subject. The work of the Paper Brigade was commended and the suggestion was offered that a committee be appointed to confer with the city authorities relative to where and to whom complaints should be made, where violations of present ordinances were observed.

Dr. Lenna L. Means Chairman of the Civics and Social Economics department which had the program in charge, then introduced Rev. Marie H. Jenney who led the discussion on "Women as Citizens". This talk and the discussion it provoked, led to the adoption of a motion asking Miss Grace Ballantyne to secure a copy of the charter of the city and read it to the Club.

The subject of closing our stores Saturday evenings was brought up and resulted in the President being asked to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Executive Committee of the City Federation, which met Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Elbert named Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Rev. Marie H. Jenney and Mrs. W. J. Pratt as the members. This committee was also asked to confer with the City Federation committee about preparing petitions, asking that the stores be closed Saturday evenings, and to have them at the various ^{club meetings} for signatures.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Dec.3,1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at 2:30 P.M. Dec.3 in Plymouth Church parlors, with Mrs. Elbert in the chair.

The President reminded the members of the dollar, requested by the City Federation for expenses in entertaining the State Federation in May and stated that our Treas. Miss Gilcrest would receive the money and give receipts for it.

Miss Ballantyne, in compliance with the request of the Club at the previous meeting, gave an outline of the laws governing the organization of cities, and such ordinances as were of interest to the members. An animated discussion followed in which a large number of the Club participated.

Mrs. Dawson reported for the Entertainment Committee that there was a chance of our securing Ruth McEnery Stuart in the future.

Mrs. C.E. Risser, Chairman of the History and Literature Department was then introduced. She stated that Mrs. B.F. Mitchell had prepared her paper on "The Undeveloped Resources" but that she was unable to be present and that Mrs. Keenan would read the paper.

Mrs. Mattie Locke Macomber followed with an address. Her subject was the "Ethics of History. The Club then adjourned for a cup of tea and a visit.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Dec. 10, 1902.

The Des Moines Women's Club met Dec. tenth in the Knights of Pythias Hall with President Elbert in the chair.

The Music and Drama department provided the program for the day, Mrs. Geo. A. Hallett acting as chairman and introducing those who participated in the program.

(Note) A printed program of the musical will be found in original minutes Page 72.

"Shall we build a new library building with the Club house, or place our collection in the library temporarily and build gallery later or not at all?" was the question for discussion.

A motion made by Mrs. V. J. [unclear] that we place our collection in the library temporarily was carried.

The Philosophy and Science department provided the program for the afternoon. Mrs. [unclear] acted as chairman. She explained that the speaker, Dr. Charles H. Hayes, was out of the city but would have been very fortunate to secure Dr. A. J. [unclear] to address the Club on the subject of the [unclear]. After an address Dr. Shaw gave some demonstrations with the [unclear].

Mrs. Elbert announced the [unclear] of location of the Club house. Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Mrs. H. [unclear], Mrs. [unclear], Miss Belle H. [unclear] and Mrs. [unclear].

The President also announced an invitation from Mrs. Henry Wallace of the Board of the [unclear] for the [unclear] to visit the home that week to call on one of the [unclear] of the home who would celebrate the 100th anniversary of her birth.

Club adjourned.

Signed: Cora C. Burbank,

Jan. 21st was Social day. There were seventy six guests present in addition to a large attendance of Club members.

(Note) A newspaper account of Social Day will be found on page 74 of original minutes.

Jan. 7, 1903.

The Des Moines Women's Club met in the parlors of Plymouth Congregational Church Jan. 7, at 3, P.M. Mrs. Elbert presiding.

The President reminded the members of the call for a dollar from each member of the City Federation by the Board having the meeting of the State Federation in May in charge.

Members were also reminded that the dues should be paid by Feb. first in order that they might be eligible to participate in the Annual Business meeting and election of officers.

The statement of the President that whether we would have a club house had ceased to be a question, being decided in the affirmative elicited hearty applause.

"Shall we build an Art Gallery in connection with the Club house, or place our collection in the library temporarily and build gallery later or not plan on gallery?" was the question for discussion.

A motion made by Mrs. VanSlyke that we place our collection in the library temporarily carried.

The Philosophy and Science department provided the program for the afternoon, Mrs. Berryhill acting as chairman. She explained that the speaker given in the calendar, Dr. Charles R. Keyes, was out of the city but that the dept. had been very fortunate in securing Mr. A. B. Shaw who would address the Club on the subject of the X ray. After the address Mr. Shaw gave some demonstrations with the X ray machine.

Mrs. Elbert announced the committee on location of the Club house, Mrs. E. R. Clapp, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. C. L. Watrous, Miss Belle M. Gilcrest and Mrs. Robt. Fleming.

The President also announced an invitation from Mrs. Henry Wallace of the Board of the Home for the Aged, to visit the home that week to call on one of the residents of the home who would celebrate the 100 anniversary of her birth.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

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Feb. 4, 1903.

Des Moines Women's Club met in Plymouth Church parlors Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 4 at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Elbert in the chair. The President introduced Mrs. Jenney of Syracuse who addressed the Club. She told about building the Women's Club house in Syracuse, about their trials and triumphs and the pride the whole city now takes in the house. She congratulated the women on the good prospects for a club house in the near future.

Mrs. Baily followed Mrs. Jenney, telling of the plans for the program of the meeting of the State Federation here in May and the needs of the local board for funds.

Mrs. Frank Vorse was then introduced as the chairman of the day, and she took charge of the program provided by the Art Committee.

Miss Mary McClelland addressed the Club on "Whistler as an Etcher". At the conclusion of her talk Mrs. Vorse asked that the Club extend the time of the meeting, as Mrs. Shipley could not complete her address in the time left, and this was done.

Mrs. Shipley told of "Mural Decorations in America" giving descriptions of many of the celebrated decorations in America.

There were several guests from out of town present including Mrs. Mullan of Waterloo, Mrs. Harding of Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Jenney of Syracuse, N.Y. Mrs. Wood of Cincinnati, O. Mrs. McClain of Iowa City, Mrs. Lumbard and Mrs. Dunlap. The members were invited to tarry for a visit with the guests and the speakers of the day, after the adjournment of the Club.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Feb. 18, 1903.

Des Moines Women's Club met in Plymouth Church parlors Wednesday afternoon, February 18 at 3 o'clock. After the minutes were approved, Pres. Elbert announced the verifying committee which the Board had elected: Mrs. R. C. Barrett hold over member, therefore chairman, Mrs. W. L. Read and Mrs. Webb Souers.

Announcement of the City Federation banquet was also made.

The department of Household Economics and Education provided the afternoon's program and Mrs. C. O. Perkins was introduced as chairman.

Miss Alice S. Tyler gave an address on "Some Phases of Library work". She was followed by Mrs. N. H. Weeks who described the work and aims of the Roadside Settlement. Miss Mary Carpenter of Drake University closed the program with a paper entitled "The College Woman in the Home".

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

On motion of Mrs. Elbert the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. R. C. Barrett for first vice president. On similar motion the secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. P. J. Mills for corresponding secretary. Miss Gilbert moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. R. C. Barrett for first vice president and this was done.

March 4, 1903.

Annual Business Meeting

The Des Moines Women's Club met in Plymouth Church parlors Wednesday March 4 at 3 P.M. for the annual business meeting. After approving the minutes the Club proceeded to the election of officers.

Mrs. R. C. Barrett, chairman of the verifying committee reported that her committee had verified the count of the officers and found it correct and that the ladies whose names were posted constituted the new Board of Directors.

On the informal ballot the vote for president was so nearly unanimous that the formal ballot was dispensed with and Mrs. Elbert was reelected president by acclamation.

The vote on the informal ballot resulted as follows for the other officers.

First vice president	Mrs. J. C. Cummins	40
	" C. L. Watrous	16
Second vice president	" Frank Vorse	25
	" C. L. Watrous	10
	" H. B. Hawley	7
Recording Secretary	" Ernest W. Brown	62
	" W. F. Mitchell	4
	" H. B. Hawley	4
Corresponding Secretary	" Ples J. Mills	42
	" F. W. Vorse	6
Treasurer	" Homer Miller	43
	" F. W. Vorse	6

On motion of Mrs. Watrous the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. J. C. Cummins for first vice president. On similar motion the secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. P. J. Mills for corresponding secretary.

Miss Gilcrest carried out her previously expressed determination to refuse to serve a fourth term as treasurer and asked that the vote be made unanimous for Mrs. Homer A. Miller and this was done.

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March 4, 1903.

Mrs. E. W. Brown withdrew her name from nomination for Recording Secretary and the nominees promptly followed her example. A second ballot for nomination for Rec. Sec. resulted in 57 for Mrs. C. L. Powell and 17 for Mrs. W. L. Read. These ladies also declined to allow the nomination to stand and a motion passed to postpone the election of Rec. Secretary until the special business meeting March 18.

On the formal ballot Mrs. Vorse was elected second vice president. The office of historian had been abolished by the Board so no election to this office was made.

The Club adjourned having elected the following officers.

Pres.	Mrs. B. F. Elbert
First vice pres.	" J. C. Cummins
Second "	" Frank Vorse
Corresponding Sec.	" Ples J. Mills
Treasurer	" Homer A. Miller

The election resulted as follows	
Mrs. B. F. Elbert	(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,
Miss Belle Gilchrist	" C. L. Powell
Mrs. A. H. Cummins	" Rec. Sec.
" E. H. Durley	" E. H. Carter
" Ples J. Mills	" Allen Dawson
" A. B. Vorse	" J. S. Clark
" Harry Hiegle	" Sara Vernon

The secretary then read the list of committees and urged the members to see to it that they were placed where they wished to be. Every member of the Club should be in some department.

Mrs. Berryhill spoke of the McBride lecture.

The committee on soliciting funds for the Club house made a report of progress which was encouraging in its tenor, but rather indefinite for record at present.

The Club extended the time of the meeting and Mrs. R. A. Pat-
chin made some announcements relative to the State Fed. Arts
and Crafts exhibit. The Club members were urged to leave
their names and the number of delegates they would entertain
during the State Fed. with the committee having the matter in
charge. They were also urged to pay their dollar if they had
not already done so.

Adjourned.

March, 18, 1903.

The Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 P.M. Mar. 18 in special business session.

President Elbert announced that Mrs. C.L. Powell had reconsidered her decision and would serve the Club as Recording Secretary, and that Mrs. W.L. Read had volunteered to assist her in the work. This announcement was greeted with applause.

Miss Gilcrest gave her annual report as treas.. To the usual vote of acceptance a hearty vote of thanks for her accuracy and clearness of statement was added.

Election of Delegates to the State Federation followed. The nominations were made from the floor and the elections were by acclamation.

Mrs. Mitchell declined a nomination because she had a seat in the convention as president of another club. Mrs. Watrous and Mrs. Davison also withdrew their names from nomination.

The election resulted as follows

Mrs. B.F. Elbert	her alternate	Mrs. F.W. Vorse
Miss Belle Gilcrest	" "	" C.L. Powell
Mrs. A.B. Cummins	" "	" F.W. Benninger
" E.H. Durley	" "	" E.H. Carter
" Ples J. Mills	" "	" Allen Dawson
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Adjourned.

March 19, 1903.

Thursday evening Mar. 19 at 8 P.M. the Club met in Yeoman Hall to listen to a lecture on the "City Beautiful" by Professor McBride of Iowa City.

Pres. Elbert introduced Hon. Sidney A. Foster who addressed the Club. She then introduced Mrs. J. W. Cokenower, chairman of Civics Dept. which provided the program.

Mrs. Cokenower in turn introduced Prof. McBride. The lecture was accompanied by stereoptican views. Many guests were present.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Sec.

Mrs. Macomber spoke to the Club for a few moments asking their consideration of the question of a suitable exhibit for the women's department at the St. Louis Exposition.

Definite announcement was made of the Sidney Lee lecture which is to be given Sat. evening Apr. 25 at eight o'clock in the Plymouth Congregational Church. Every member of the Club is expected to dispose of at least two tickets, either using them herself or selling them. The tickets were distributed to those in attendance and to the rest of the Club the entertainment committee will send tickets.

The History and Literature section provided the program for the afternoon and Mrs. Emerson DeFay, chairman of the day introduced the participants.

Mrs. A. B. Horne read a paper on Heinrich Ibsen and Bjornson. F. Vallade Piva followed with two solos. Miss Nellie E. Brown followed with a paper on "Modern Literary Leaders". The program closed with a solo by Miss Bracht, Supervisor of Music of the East Side Schools. The violin obligato was played by Miss Pauline Engleman.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

April 1, 1903.

The D.M.W.C. met in Plymouth Church parlors at three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, April 1 with the President in the chair.

Mrs. VanSlyke made a report for the committee having the entertainment of the State Federation meeting in May in charge. She made an urgent plea for greater hospitality, saying that places for but fifty delegates had been secured, while four hundred were expected. The committee passed a resolution asking such women as had already contributed to pay as many more dollars as they felt they could, since so many of the Club women had refused to contribute at all, and the money must be raised.

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Mrs. A.B. Morse read a paper on Heinrich Ibsen and Bjornson. F. Wallace Pike followed with two solos. Miss Mollie E. Brown followed with a paper on "Modern Literary Leaders". The program closed with a solo by Miss Brandt, Supervisor of Music of the East Side Schools. The violin obligato was played by Miss Pauline Ingleman.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

April 15, 1903.

D.M.W.C. met at three P.M. in K.P. Hall to enjoy the program provided by the Music and Drama department.

Mrs. Chas. W. Brown gave several selections on the piano, and two farces were presented, the first by Drake University students and the second by members of the Club. The very large attendance included ninety guests.

The Chair appoints (Signed) Caroline C. Burbank.
C. Cummins, Mrs. J. C. Hume, Mrs. Allen Dawson and Mrs. E. B. Burbank.

Mrs. Baily moved that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to send to (Note) A printed program of the afternoon will be found on page 82 of the original minutes.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins, at the request of Mrs. Jackson, invited all the Club women to attend the reception tendered the State Federation by Gov. and Mrs. Cummins on Wednesday.

Mrs. Shaw made an urgent appeal to the ladies for more homes for the hospitality committee. The response was not general but those who did respond, responded liberally.

Mrs. Allen Dawson reported for the entertainment committee. The expenses of the Sidney Lee lecture were \$121.50 \$100 for the speaker \$15 for the church \$1 for tickets leaving but \$5.50 for advertising and general expenses. The net profit to date was \$145.

The Philosophy and Science Department provided the program for the afternoon, Mrs. A. B. Shaw acting as chairman.

Dr. Laird, cornetist, opened the program with a solo. The topic for discussion was the "Philosophy of Right Living".

Dr. Adelle Fuchs discussed it from the physical side. Mrs. R. P. Dart prepared a paper which Mrs. Windsor read, on the mental side and Miss Mary A. Safford closed the discussion with a talk on the spiritual phase of the subject.

(Signed) C. C. Burbank.

Apr. 29, 1903.

D.M.W.C. met in Plymouth Church parlors at three P.M. Apr. 29, Mrs. F.D. Jackson, 2nd vice pres. presided.

Mrs. Berryhill moved that a committee be appointed to draw up resolutions of sympathy for our beloved president in her great sorrow, and that copies of the same be sent Mrs. Elbert and spread on the minutes of the Club. Carried.

The Chair appointed on this committee, Mrs. Berryhill, Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Mrs. J. C. Hume, Mrs. Allen Dawson and Mrs. E. D. Burbank.

Mrs. Baily moved that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to send to the family of Mrs. Marine, a former active member of the Club, a letter of condolence.

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(Signed) C. C. Burbank.

May 13, 1903.

The Des Moines Women's Club met Wed. May 13 at the home of Mrs. F. W. Vorse, 1606 Pleasant St. The president and two vice presidents being absent, the Club elected Mrs. J. G. Beeryhill chairman for the day. After the reading of the minutes Mrs. Beeryhill turned the time over to the Com. in charge of the program. Mrs. F. W. Vorse, as alternate for the president was chairman of the delegation to the meeting of the State Federation, and the report of these delegates constituted the program.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. P. J. Mills, Miss Belle Gilcrest and Mrs. Durley made informal reports. Mrs. W. H. Baily and Mrs. F. W. Vorse were then called. After their talks, the Club called for a few words from Mrs. T. M. Walker, who had just returned from a trip in California. She told something of club life there as she saw it.

The discussion of the Biennial then became general and was participated in by Mesdames J. C. Cummins, E. D. Burbank, A. B. Shaw, C. B. VanSlyke, Henry Wallace, J. G. Beeryhill, Clara L. Greene, Eulin McClain of Iowa City and Miss Olive McHenry.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

May 31, 1903.

A special meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was called Sunday afternoon May 31st at the Y.M.C.A. parlors to take measures toward providing relief for the sufferers from the flood which was then at its height. The attendance was small, as the street cars were stopped and the weather was inclement.

The Club voted to appropriate \$100 for the relief fund and a committee was appointed consisting of Mesdames A.B. Cummins, W.J. Pratt, E.E. Clark, W.W. Witmer and J.G. Berryhill to cooperate with the citizens committee in the relief work.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) C.C. Burbank.

Minutes of Board of Directors

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Officers

President

Mrs. E. F. Bisset

First Vice President

Mrs. C. L. Watson

Second Vice President

Mrs. F. D. Jackson

Recording Secretary

Mrs. E. C. Burbank

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. F. J. Miller

Treasurer

Mrs. Belle Gilchrist

Historian

Mrs. Henry Wallace

Sept. 3, 1902.

The Board of Directors met in the Club rooms. Minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Applications for membership were read from Miss Emelyn Hicks, Mrs. Washington Miller, Mrs. G. W. Miller, Mrs. A. M. Eggard and Mrs. D. C. Bice. In lieu of having an application blank, Mrs. Hawley presented the name of Mrs. H. H. Weeks, being endorsed by Mrs. Bice. The chair ruled to consider this the first reading.

The matter of the Civic Department bringing Prof. McBride from Iowa City to lecture before the Club on the March program of the department was brought up by Mrs. Baily and further reported and recommended by Miss Gilcrest.

A motion by Mrs. Verne that the Civic Department be allowed \$25.00 to bring Prof. McBride, was amended by Mrs. Watrous to allow additional Des Moines Women's Club expenses of stereopticon if necessary. Motion carried as amended.

The Corresponding Secretary Minutes of Board of Directors are postal cards to notify Board members (Copy) the printing committee was instructed to buy five hundred postals.

The application of September 1902 C. Stillson May 1903 withdrawal was granted. The Board then adjourned that President-elect Elbert might arrange with the incoming Board, the first meeting of the year. Officers

The Board was called to order to listen to an application for membership. President Mrs. B. F. Elbert
Adjourn First Vice President Mrs. C. L. Watrous
Second Vice President Mrs. F. D. Jackson
While Recording Secretary Mrs. E. D. Burbank
President Corresponding Secretary Mrs. P. J. Mills
business Treasurer Miss Belle Gilcrest
There Historian Mrs. Henry Wallace Board

meeting regarding Mrs. Ely, it was agreed to proceed to her election now.

Mrs. Hansen E. Ely	presented by Mrs. A. E. Cummins
Miss Emelyn Hicks	endorsed " Angie Eatten Hume
Mrs. A. M. Eggard	presented " Mrs. A. R. Ames
" D. C. Bice	endorsed " Belle M. Gilcrest
" Washington Miller	presented " Mrs. Estelle Gray
" G. W. Miller	endorsed " Alice A. C. Baily
	presented " Mrs. Estelle Gray
	endorsed " Alice A. C. Baily
	presented " Mrs. Chas. E. Bice
	endorsed " Mrs. H. B. Hawley
	presented " C. H. Patchin
	endorsed " W. H. Baily

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Sept. 3, 1902.

The Board of Directors met in the Club rooms. Minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Applications for membership were read from Miss Emelyn Hicks, Mrs. Washington Miller, Mrs. G.W. Miller, Mrs. A.M. Haggard and Mrs. D.C. Bice. In lieu of having no application blank, Mrs. Hawley presented the name of Mrs. H.H. Weeks, being endorsed by Mrs. Hume. The chair ruled to consider this the first reading.

The matter of the Civics Department bringing Prof. McBride from Iowa City to lecture before the Club on the March program of the department was brought up by Mrs. Baily and further reported and recommended by Miss Gilcrest.

A motion by Mrs. Vorse that the Civics Department be allowed \$25.00 to bring Prof. McBride, was amended by Mrs. Watrous "to allow additional money to cover expenses of stereoptican if necessary". Motion carried as amended.

The Corresponding Secretary asked for more postal cards to notify Board members. Upon motion the printing committee was instructed to buy five hundred postals.

The application of Mrs. A.C. Stilson for a letter of withdrawal was granted. The Board then adjourned that President elect Elbert might arrange with the incoming Board, the first Club meeting of the year.

The Board was called to order to listen to an application for membership from Mrs. R.M. Galbraith.

Adjourned.

While the new President was selecting her committees, President Baily again convened her Board and the following business transacted.

There having been special action taken at a previous Board meeting regarding Mrs. Ely, it was agreed to proceed to her election now.

Mrs. Hanson E. Ely	presented by	Mrs. A.B. Cummins
	endorsed "	Angie Hatton Hume
Miss Emelyn Hicks	presented "	Mrs. A.R. Amos
	endorsed "	Belle M. Gilcrest
Mrs. A.M. Haggard	presented "	Mrs. Estella Gray
	endorsed "	Alice A.C. Baily
" D.C. Bice	presented "	Mrs. Estella Gray
	endorsed "	Alice A.C. Baily
" Washington Miller	presented "	Mrs. Chas. E. Risser
	endorsed "	Mrs. H.B. Hawley
" G.W. Miller	presented "	" C.H. Patchin
	endorsed "	" W.H. Baily

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Mrs. Nathan H. Weeks	presented by Mrs. J. C. Hume
" R. M. Galbraith	endorsed " " H. B. Hawley
	presented " " Henry Wallace
	endorsed " " Henry Plumb

were elected members of the Club.

The chair announced an invitation from Mrs. Read to the Board to attend a lecture by Mr. McWhorter at the City Library at the close of the meeting.

It was moved and carried that the Board meet next Thursday at 2:30.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Sept. 3, 1902.

Mesdames Jackson, Hawley, Warfield, Powell, Prouty, Wallace, and Cummins of the incoming Board met with the hold over members of the present Board to arrange with the Pres. elect the program of the first meeting, to be held Oct. 1st.

Mrs. Walker who volunteered to confer with Mr. Johnson on the subject, reported the offer of the entire second floor of the Y.M.C.A. at the disposal of the Women's Club for opening day.

Upon motion it was decided that the retiring President receive with the new executive.

Pres. elect Elbert announced her committees. Committee for decorating reception room Mesdames Walker, Mitchell, Prouty, Read. Refreshments, Mesdames Warfield, Foster, Hawley, Harwood. Decorating stage, Mesdames J. C. Cummins, Carter, Lichty, Rawson.

(Signed) D. A. Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 11, 1902.

Thirteen members and six of the new Board were present at the meeting. After the minutes of the last sessions were read and approved the following ladies were proposed for membership. Mesdames Keenan, Dilworth, Davis, Day, Duncan, Hanger, Haas, Wyman, Finlayson, Fitzhugh, Barclay, Blanche Barclay.

President Baily stated that the Club would be obliged to hunt new quarters as these rooms had been leased by the C.C. C.C. which desired immediate possession.

Mrs. Walker spoke of the importance of this move, to the Art Department, in its correspondence with artists regarding an exhibit of pictures here, it had stated to every one that the work would be hung in the Y.M.C.A. building.

Moved by Mrs. Elbert that the Club ask the Y.M.C.A. for the use of these parlors until Nov. 1st. Carried.

After an informal discussion of possible Club quarters, and disposal of portable Club property, Mrs. Walker was delegated to interview Mr. Johnson (Y.M.C.A. Sec.) on the length of our occupancy of these rooms.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Sept. 11, 1902.

The Board of Directors was again called to order by the President.

Mrs. Walker reports being unable to find Mr. Johnson in the building, but was assured that he would appear before the Board when he should return. The twelve ladies proposed were elected to membership.

Mrs. M. R. Keenan	presented by	Mrs. Lulu T. Shepard
	endorsed "	Coro Helen V. Elbert
" Frank Duncan	presented by	Mrs. Cora L. Ross
	endorsed "	Caroline C. Burbank
" J. W. Day	presented "	Mrs. Henry Wallace
	endorsed "	" E. C. Musgarve
" Gaston C. Davis	presented "	" Virginia C. Quint
	endorsed "	" W. H. Baily
" C. H. Dilworth	presented "	" I. M. Earle
	endorsed "	" W. T. Johnston
" B. O. Hanger	presented "	Daisy A. Green
	endorsed "	Esther F. Sabin

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Mrs. Alfred Lincoln Haas	presented by Mrs. Henry Plumb
" Alexander Fitzhugh	endorsed " W.H. Baily
" D.W. Finlayson	presented " Lizbeth Vaupel Griffiths
" H.B. Wyman	endorsed " Daisy A. Green
" J.T. Barclay	presented " Florence G. Clark
Miss Blanche Barclay	endorsed " Caroline C. Burbank
	presented " Cynthia J. Hartenbower
	endorsed " Mrs. Fletcher Howard
	presented " Alice A.C. Baily
	endorsed " Daisy A. Green
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	endorsed " Daisy A. Green

Then followed a further discussion of Club rooms, it being reported that the use of the chapel of the new Congregational Church could be had every Wednesday at \$5.00.

It was moved by Mrs. Walker, and carried, that Mrs. Elbert, herself as chairman, appoint the remaining members of a committee of five to arrange for suitable meeting place for the Club. Mrs. Elbert, Mrs. W.R. Warfield, Mrs. W.L. Read, Mrs. W.F. Mitchell and Mrs. A.B. Cummins, composed the committee.

Mrs. Carter's motion "that in case we stay here until Nov. 1st the Club hold its first meeting if possible in the Congregational Church." Carried.

Mrs. A.B. Cummins moves that the Braum photographs be loaned to the public schools of the city, until the Club occupies a permanent home. Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Read that the Pres. elect appoint a committee to make the loan and arrange matters pertaining thereto, carried. Pres. elect Elbert named as this committee Mrs. Watrous, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Mills and Miss Gilcrest.

Mrs. Read moves, that as Mr. Johnson's not in the building the matter of arranging our lease with the Y.M.C.A. management, be left with the committee of five appointed by Mrs. Elbert. Carried.

Board adjourned to meet again on Wednesday Sept. 24th.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Sept. 24, 1902.

The Board of Directors met in the Club parlors at 2:30, eleven members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer gave a report of the finances for August and September, which on motion was accepted.

Mrs. Elbert as Chairman of Committee on Club rooms, reported that the use of the Congregational Church had been secured at \$40.00 per month, with privilege of heat, janitor service, additional room, kitchen, dining room, and even the large auditorium in day time if needed.

It was moved by Mrs. Read to reconsider the motion made at last meeting in regard to holding the first Club meeting in the Congregational Church. Carried. The original motion was then lost.

Bills of \$4.40 from the Historian and \$4.90 from Rec. Sec. were allowed.

Miss Mary Avis Scott, Mrs. Wm. Corse McArthur and Mrs. Amos Hiatt were proposed for membership.

A motion prevailed that Miss Scott and Mrs. McArthur being members of Federated Clubs be elected unanimously without the use of ballots.

Mrs. Hiatt was elected by ballot, it being voted to suspend the rules and make the election formal.

Miss Mary Avis Scott	presented by Mrs. Henry Plumb
	endorsed " " W. H. Baily

Mrs. Wm. Corse McArthur	presented " " C. L. Watrous
	endorsed " " T. M. Walker

" Amos Hiatt	presented " Daisy A. Green
	endorsed " Mrs. H. E. Teachout

It was moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of placing our works of art in the Capitol building; that this committee report to the Board the result of the investigation, with suggestions for other disposal of property if any offered. Motion carried.

A motion that this Committee be appointed by the chair, prevailed.

Mrs. Baily named Mrs. Elbert, Miss Gilcrest, Mrs. Plumb and Mrs. A. B. Cummins.

It was moved that we reinstate Mrs. L. F. Andrews (i. e. make an effort to get her name in the calendar directory, now in hands of printer) and collect her dues afterwards. Carried.

The resignation from the Board of Mrs. Patchin was accepted by vote.

It was moved that the Board do not fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Patchin, at this time. Carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,
Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 1, 1902.

The Board of Directors convened in the Club parlors immediately after the close of the Club meeting, Mrs. Elbert in the chair.

Secretary Burbank called the roll and read applications for membership from Mrs. Thomas Cavanagh, Mrs. James P. Morey, Mrs. W. M. Black, Mrs. A. C. Parker.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Oct. 15, 1902.

Mrs. Elbert, the president called the Board of Directors to order at two o'clock. After roll call the following were elected to membership in the Club. Mesdames Thomas Cavanagh, J. P. Morey, W. M. Black, A. C. Parker. Miss Mary A. Sabin of Ames was proposed by Mrs. Wallace and being a member of a Federated Club was voted in by acclamation. It was voted to reinstate Mrs. T. F. Stevenson to membership upon payment of the regular initiation fee.

A motion that we sell the Club carpets for what we can get for them carried as well as a motion to put in charge of the property committee the examining the carpets, fixing the price and selling the same.

Mrs. Elbert reported the safe removal of the Club's works of art to the State Capitol.

It was reported that the Talbot lot on 8th and Pleasant Streets was offered the Club for \$10,000.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 12, 1902.

The Board of Directors met in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. at four o'clock Tuesday Oct. 21, Mrs. Elbert presiding.

After roll call Mrs. Sarah Wharton Moore and Mrs. David F. Witter were elected to membership in the Club.

After the transacting of this business there was a meeting of the Board, the Art Fund Association and the Art Department to discuss the matter of buying one of the pictures now on exhibition in the Club rooms. One member of the Art Fund Ass'n. Mrs. Strauss, was present and twelve members of the Art Dept. including those who are members of the Board. The discussion was general and elicited a strong sentiment in favor of both Club house and pictures.

A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed by the President to study the matter and report to the Board of Directors the advisability of buying a picture.

Meeting adjourned at five thirty.

(Signed) Daisy Ankeny Green.

Sec. pro tem.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green.

Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

Oct. 23, 1902.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Women's Club was called Thursday Oct. 23 at 3 o'clock in the Club parlors to take final action on the matter of buying a picture. Sixteen were present, President Elbert in the chair.

The committee of five appointed for this purpose reported having held several hours deliberation and recommend the purchase of Winslow Homer's "High Cliff" at \$2700.00. Also submitted the following plan that one half be paid from the Club treasury and the remainder be raised by contribution of people outside the Club, Mr. Strauss offering \$100.00. After a general discussion a motion was made and seconded "that we buy the "High Cliff" by Winslow Homer". The motion lost unanimously. Upon motion the price of the Club room carpets was fixed at \$25.00 and Mr. Johnson of the Y.M.C.A. given the first opportunity to accept bargain.

Mrs. Prouty offered five dollars for the wicker lounge which it was voted to accept. Mrs. Prouty's offer to store the camp chairs was accepted.

Following a proposition by Mrs. Mills it was voted to store the Club chairs in the office of the White Line Transfer Co.

Mrs. Hawley offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved That the President and Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club hereby express their deep appreciation of the work and enterprise of Mrs. Ernest W. Brown, Mrs. T. M. Walker and Mrs. F. W. Webster and the Art Department for bringing to Des Moines the finest exhibition of pictures ever brought into the state.

And be it resolved that the thanks of the Board of Directors individually and collectively in this manner be given.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Daisy A. Green,

Sec. pro tem.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 12, 1902.

Board was called to order by President Elbert at two P.M. in lecture room of Plymouth Congregational Church. Minutes of two previous meetings read and approved. The following applications for membership were read.

Mrs. Sarah M. Vernon	676 14th St.
" C.L. Caldwell	1453 Woodland Ave.
" John Mardis	1101 19th St.
" O.R. Patrick	1805 W. Grand Ave.
" T.F. Cook	1531 High St.
" J.M. Pierce	

Miss Gilcrest reported that our changed quarters required a change in our insurance policy and a motion that the policy be re-written and insurance placed only on the Braum photographs and the works of art in the Capitol carried.

A motion carried ordering the Club Memorabilia placed in a fire proof vault. Mrs. Baily was appointed to superintend this work.

Mrs. Hawley presented a proposition from Mr. Hurlburt relative to an entertainment to be given in the Auditorium, which was taken under advisement.

Mrs. H.L. Spice, who has moved to Detroit, was granted a letter of withdrawal and the Cor. Sec. was directed to write a letter of sympathy in her illness, also.

Mrs. C.A. Doyle was granted a letter of withdrawal and the Board sent her its good wishes in her work.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 25, 1902.

The Board met at Mrs. Elbert's home Nov. 25 at 3 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Reichard reported to the Board the plans of the Music and Drama Committee for the meeting Dec. 10. A motion that the Board pay the expenses of Music Day program carried.

Mrs. Wallace presented a verbal bill from the Civics Committee which was referred back to the committee to be itemized and written.

The following ladies were elected to membership in the Club.

Mrs. Sarah M. Vernon 676 14th St. proposed by Mrs. M. J. Sweet
endorsed " Calista H. Patch.
in

" O. R. Patrick 1805 W. Grand Ave.

proposed by Mrs. Alice A. C. Baily
endorsed " Caroline C. Burbank

" John Mardis 1101 19th St.

proposed by Mrs. Henry Wallace
endorsed " Carrie A. Howell

" T. F. Cook 1531 High St.

proposed by Alice A. C. Baily
endorsed " Caroline C. Burbank

" C. L. Caldwell 1453 Woodland Ave.

proposed by Martha Symonds
endorsed " Nettie W. Lichty

The Club Board then proceeded to discuss the Club House proposition. It was expressed as almost the unanimously opinion of the Board that we keep to the plan previously adopted to form a joint stock company, shares to be twenty five dollars each.

A motion that \$10000.00 be subscribed before anything is paid. Carried.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell and Mrs. C. E. Rawson were appointed to supervise the soliciting of funds.

It was moved and carried that no old house be purchased with a view to using the house as a Club house.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Dec. 3, 1902.

Board met Wed. Dec. 3. The application of Mrs. R. B. Turner was read for the first time.

The entertainment committee was authorized to negotiate with Ruth McEnery Stuart and engage her if they thought best. Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Dec. 10, 1902.

At a short meeting of the Board held after the Club meeting Mrs. R. B. Turner and Mrs. H. B. Springer were elected.

Mrs. R. B. Turner presented by Mrs. C. L. Watrous

endorsed " Helen V. Elbert

" H. B. Springer presented by Mrs. O. H. Davison

endorsed " Jas. S. Clark

After accepting the Treasurer's report the Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Note. (Financial statement of Art Com. will be found in original minutes page 171.)

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 7, 1903.

Plymouth Church Parlors

Board met at two o'clock, Mrs. Elbert presiding.

A letter of privilege was granted Miss Cora Chase.

The applications for membership of Miss Perkins and Mrs. H.P. Galley were read for the first time.

A communication from Y.W.C.A. was read and the usual subscription of three dollars for a magazine for use in their rooms was ordered.

A communication from the Revere Women's Club asking for the donation of a handkerchief for their handkerchief bazar was read. A motion that a committee of one be appointed to secure a handkerchief was lost.

The President having received an offer of five dollars for our chandeliers as motion carried, that they be sold for that amount.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to draw up resolutions of sympathy for Mrs. Holmes in her recent bereavement. Mrs. J.S. Clark undertook to express to Mrs. Holmes the sympathy of the Club.

A letter of condolence to Mrs. A.R. Amos, on the loss of her father was also ordered.

A report of the receipts and expenditures of the Art Exhibit was read by Miss Gilcrest accepted and placed on file.

Motion carried that the Board allow the Social Committee with the President at the helm to do as they think best about Social day as to meeting in the afternoon or evening and as to place.

A motion carried that the report of the committee elected last year by the Board to solicit subscriptions to the Club house be accepted and the committee be discharged.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank.

Des Moines Women's Club

Jan. 22, 1903.

Board met after the Club meeting. The following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. H. P. Galley presented by
Mrs. D. F. Witter

Miss Elizabeth Perkins presented by Caroline C. Burbank
endorsed Emily M. Clifford.

The following names of applicants for membership were read for the first time.

Mrs. Paul Jones

" J. M. McNamara 964 21st St.

" E. F. Baily 1129 20th St.

" C. P. Myers 1128 20th St.

" D. Y. Carahan 3 Rawson Blk 8th and Locust St.

" Geo. M. VanEvera 645 18th St.

" M. E. Sherman The Victoria

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 4, 1903.

Board met Feb. 4 at 2 P.M. in Plymouth Church parlors. After approving minutes of two previous meetings, the Board elected the following members.

Mrs. E. F. Baily	(Clara Sisson)	1129 W. 20 St.	
	Rec. Caroline C. Burbank	End. Emily M. Clifford	
"	G. M. VanEvera	(Katherine)	645 18th St.
	Rec. Caroline C. Burbank	End. Mrs. W. F. Mitchell	
"	Paul Jones	(Lulu B. Calhoun)	25th St.
	Rec. Mrs. S. F. Prouty	End. Mrs. Henry Wallace	
"	Charles Philip Myers	(Bess Crary)	1128 W. 20th
	Rec. Mrs. E. D. Burbank	End. Mrs. E. M. Clifford	
"	D. Y. Carnahan	(Josephine)	Rawson Block.
	Rec. Mrs. Geo. W. Ogilvie	End. Mrs. W. F. Mitchell	
"	J. M. McNamara		964 21st St.
	Rec. Mrs. L. C. Kurtz	End. Mrs. B. F. Elbert	
"	M. E. Sherman	(Anna Spencer)	The Victoria
	Rec. Mrs. S. F. Prouty	End. Mrs. E. D. Burbank	

The applications of the following ladies were given the first reading

Mrs. R. H. Delmege	1615 Arlington Ave.
" Milton Storer	Sixth Ave.
" W. R. Prouty	The Savery
" B. F. Carroll	

Mrs. Kate F. Kelsey was granted a letter of privilege.

The Board ordered the Treasurer to return to Mrs. C. W. Doyle the dues paid at the time her letter of withdrawal was granted, with an explanation that since she had not enjoyed the privileges of the Club this year and withdrew for such good reasons, the Club did not desire to keep the fee.

The treasurer made her report which was accepted. She also reported a proposed reinvestment of \$1000 at 5%, well secured and \$500 with it.

Mrs. Burbank gave notice of an amendment to Art. 9 Sec. 5.

Mrs. Baily moved that a type-written copy of the preliminary plans upon which Mrs. Mitchell and her committee worked in securing stock for a club house be placed upon record and also a statement of the amount of stock pledged.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 14, 1903.

Board met at home of Miss Gilcrest at 3 P.M. Feb. 14.
Minutes of previous meetings corrected and approved.

The following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. R.H. Delmege (Mary Taylor) 1615 Arlington Ave.

Rec. by Mrs. S.F. Prouty End. by Mrs. B.F. Elbert

Mrs. Milton Storer 16 Sixth Ave.

Rec. by Mrs. W.H. Bailly End. by Mrs. W.H. Harwood

Mrs. W.R. Prouty The Savery

Rec. Mrs. C.L. Watrous End. Mrs. B.F. Elbert

Mrs. B.F. Carroll (Jennie Dodson) 1448 W. 8th St.

Rec. by Mrs. S.F. Prouty End. by Mrs. B.F. Elbert

The application of Mrs. C.B. Wright 1136 22nd St. was given the first reading.

The Board elected the following verifying committee, Mrs. R.C. Barrett, hold over member Mrs. W.L. Read and Mrs. Webb Souers.

Mrs. Allan Dawson, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was present to report to the Board an opportunity to secure Nordica, Edward De Reszke and the Metropolitan Opera Co. orchestra for an entertainment May 16.

It was moved and carried that the Women's Club take from Dr. Bartlett the contract for the Nordica DeReszki concert if it prove satisfactory and pay Dr. Bartlett for the same \$200 of the ^{first} profits.

Moved that the Froebel Association be invited to attend Prof. McBride's lecture provided they share the work and expense. The motion prevailed.

A motion that this lecture be given in the evening provided satisfactory arrangements could be made, also carried.

The amendment offered at a previous meeting that where no choice of President is made from the Board, any member of the Club who has served three years on the Board, may be eligible to election to Presidency, lost.

It was moved and carried that the action of the finance committee (in regard to loan reported Feb. 4) be endorsed.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. B.F. Kaufman.

Mrs. T.M. Walker's resignation from the chairmanship of the Art Fund Committee, was announced.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

Feb. 18, 1903.

At a brief meeting of the Board called before the Club meeting Feb. 18 Mrs. C.B. Wright was elected to membership.

Mrs. C.B. Wright (Marietta Lewis) 1136 22nd St.

Rec. Mrs. John Briar End. Mrs. O.O. Smith.

Mrs. Emerson DePuy, chairman for the day the Literature and History department gives the program, was present and asked instructions concerning having music on that day. A motion prevailed that five dollars be allowed the dept. for music.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. Frank Morgan of Indianapolis.

Moved and carried that any lady coming into the Club after the first of May, shall be considered a member without further payment for the next Club year.

Mrs. F.W. Fowler's resignation from the Board was accepted with regret.

Adjourned.

Board met at 2:30 P.M. same day and place and adopted amendments to Art. I of Bylaws abolishing office of historian.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 4, 1903.

The Board met in Plymouth Church at 1:30 March 4.

The applications of Mrs. Gershom H. Hill and Mrs. W. S. Brown were read for the first time.

Mrs. W. H. Baily reported that Mrs. Milton Storer had changed her mind about joining the Club after considering the possibilities of being asked to participate in the program.

It was moved and carried that the meeting at which the Civics Committee provide the program, be held in the evening of March 19 at Yoeman Hall.

A motion that an open business meeting be held at the usual Club hour on March 18 carried.

It was moved and carried that the office of historian be abolished. This motion was practically a motion to amend Article 1 Sec. 3 of the Bylaws by striking out the words, "an historian".

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. Frank Morgan of Indianapolis.

Moved and carried that any lady coming into the Club after the first of May, shall be considered a member without further payment for the next Club year.

Mrs. F. W. Fowler's resignation from the Board was accepted with regret.

Adjourned.

Board met at 2:30 P.M. same day and place and adopted amendment to Sec. 1 Art. 111 of Bylaws, abolishing office of historian.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Des Moines Women's Club

March 18, 1903.

Board met at two o'clock Mar. 18 in Plymouth Church parlors.

The following ladies were elected to membership

Mrs. Gershom H. Hill (Louise B.F.) 790 19th St.

Proposed by Mrs. E.D. Burbank. Endorsed by Mrs. L.J. Kasson

Mrs. Walter S. Brown (Grace Miller) 2141 Grand Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. E.D. Burbank. Endorsed by Mrs. Homer A. Miller.

The names of Mrs. Charles Bond and Mrs. Byron S. Henry were read, the rules suspended and the names given their second reading at once. Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Henry were elected.

The Board granted letters of withdrawal to Mrs. A.B. Marshall and Mrs. J.A. Jackson.

Notice to amend Sec. 9 Article 7 of the Bylaws by striking out the words "upon application" and "and" and inserting the sentence "Any women may become an associate member by the payment of ten (\$10.00) dollars annual dues, coming into the Club by the regular rules of membership" and the words "all associate members". The section will then read

"Any member, after three years active service may be transferred to the associate membership list by the payment of seven dollars annual dues. Any woman may become an associate member by the payment of ten dollars annual dues, coming into the Club according to the regular rules of membership".

All associate members shall be entitled to attend all general meetings; shall be exempt from work and fines; shall not be eligible to office and shall be debarred from voting".

The subject of supplying funds and entertainment for the State Federation was discussed at some length. Every member of the Board present agreed to entertain delegates.

The Board voted to engage Mr. Sidney Lee for a lecture on Apr. 24 and to charge fifty cents admission except to students forming clubs of 20 should be admitted at 35cts.

Des Moines Women's Club

April 15, 1903.

Board met in Knights of Pythias Hall before the Club meeting.

First reading of the application of Mrs. Sherman Irish.

Letters of withdrawal were granted Mrs. James Wilson and Miss Luella Gregory, both ladies expecting to be absent from the city for some time.

A motion that the chair appoint a committee to attend to the hospitality extended by the members of the Women's Club to the delegates to the State Federation. Carried. Chair named Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Risser and Miss Gilcrest.

Mrs. Rosenfield was present for the Art department. She stated that the department had decided to study modern illustrators and their methods and wanted to know what backing the Board would give them in bringing a lecturer and exhibition here.

The motion carried that the Art Department be encouraged in their investigations.

President Elbert gave notice of a change in the Bylaws amending Section 1 Article 4 substituting the word "Home" for "Household Economics".

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

April 29, 1903.

Board met after the Club meeting Apr. 29 Second vice president Mrs. F. D. Jackson in the chair.

The following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. Sherman Irish (J.S.) 924 Charles St.

Proposed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell Endorsed Mrs. S. F. Prouty

Mrs. W. A. Spurrier (Mary B.) 745 18th St.

Proposed Mrs. Florence M. Breeden endorsed Miss Belle Gilcrest

Mrs. M. M. Pratt (M.A.) Portwell Flats

Proposed Mrs. J. C. Cummins endorsed Mrs. E. D. Burbank

Mrs. Charles M. Friedburg (Anna Madeline) The Alegre

Proposed Amanda R. Carter endorsed Cora C. Cummins

Mrs. James W. Pierce

Proposed by Mrs. W. H. Baily endorsed Mrs. W. F. Mitchell

The Board decided to dispense with social features^{at} the last meeting of the year May 15 and to make it simply a business meeting to receive reports from the delegates to the Biennial.

The Secretary was instructed to act with the Social Committee in making arrangements for this meeting.

The resignation of Miss Jenny from the Board of Directors 1903 -04 was accepted. Mrs. J. S. Clark succeeds her on the Board.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Caroline C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

May 16, 1903.

The D.M.W.C. Board met at the home of Mrs. Mills at 10 A.M. May 16, Mrs. Baily presiding.

The reports of the treasurer and badge committees were accepted.

At the request of the treasurer the Rec. Sec. was instructed to O.K. Bills until fall.

The amendment to Sec. 1 Art. 4 changing the name of the Household Economics and Education dep't to Home and Education was adopted.

Mrs. Elbert's resignation from the presidency was read, but the Board did not accept it.

A communication from the Pioneer Club of Atoba, was read asking for help to build a library building for the new and poor city in which the club is located. The Treasurer was instructed to send five dollars to help in this worthy cause.

Finance Committee was instructed to invest the \$550 Mrs. Mills reported according to its own judgment.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. H. Parlin Porter.

A committee consisting of Mesdames Mills, Mitchell and J.C. Cummins, was appointed to look up the matter of a place of meeting for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Henry Wallace to prepare cards of explanation to attach to the pictures in the art collection in lieu of a catalogue.

Adjourned.

(Signed) C.C. Burbank,

Rec. Sec.

Oct. 7, 1903.

The opening meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club for 1903-04 was held in Yeoman Hall Oct. 7. The meeting was called to order at three P.M. with President Elbert in the chair. 120 members and 5 visitors were present. In the absence of both retiring and acting secretaries Mrs. F.L. Read acted as Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of May 16 were read and approved, also the minutes of the called meeting on May 31st.

This being officers' day, Mrs. Elbert made a short address which was followed by reports from the retiring officers; Treasurer Gilcrest, Sec. Burbank, Historian Wallace.

A report was given by a representative of each of the following departments: Des Moines Women's Club, Art, Music and Education, Social, Economics and Civics, History and Literature, Philosophy and Science.

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After a short talk by new treasurer Mrs. Homer Miller the meeting adjourned to enjoy a social hour. Refreshments were served.

October 1903

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Officers

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Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

Mrs. B.F. Elbert
Mrs. J.C. Cummins
Mrs. F.W. Vorse
Mrs. C.L. Powell
Mrs. P.J. Mills
Mrs. Homer A. Miller

Oct. 7, 1903.

The opening meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club for 1903-04 was held in Yeoman Hall Oct. 7. The meeting was called to order at three P.M. with President Elbert in the chair.

126 members and 6 visitors were present. In the absence of both retiring and acting secretaries Mrs. W. L. Read acted as Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of May 16 were read and approved, also the minutes of the called meeting on May 31st.

This being officers day, Mrs. Elbert made a short address which was followed by reports from the retiring officers; Treasurer Gilcrest, Sec. Burbank, Historian Wallace.

A report was given by a representative of each of the following departments, Art Fund, Property, Art, Home and Education, Social, Economics and Civics, History and Literature, Philosophy and Science.

After a short talk from our new treasurer Mrs. Homer Miller the meeting adjourned to enjoy a social hour. Refreshments were served by the Board members.

(Signed) Juliet E. Read,

Sec. pro tem.

(Signed) Blanche Bay Powell,

Rec Sec.

Oct. 21, 1903.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in Yeoman Hall Oct. 21 '03 Vice Pres. Cummins in the chair 111 members and 21 visitors were present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Watrous moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Isaac W. Akin for the picture presented by her to the Club. Carried.

The following announcements were made: The meeting of the study class of the History and Literature Departments with Mrs. Frisbie as leader, for Thursday at 10 o'clock of weeks alternating with Club week. The meeting of the study class of the Dept. of Home and Education Oct. 30th at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Perkins leader.

The lecture of Mr. William I. Crane for Nov. 4 was announced by Mrs. Burbank.

The Art Com. provided the program for the afternoon, Mrs. Rosenfield as chairman read a letter from Mr. Samuel Strauss expressing his regrets at not being able to give the paper planned for the day. After the vocal numbers rendered by Miss Grace Jones Mrs. A. E. Shipley gave an address on "Modern Illustrators and their methods. Mrs. W. W. Witmer spoke of the "Richmond, Indiana Arts and Crafts exhibit". Mrs. Macomber told "How to Strengthen the Art ~~Talent~~ ^{interest} in Des Moines. A spirited discussion followed.

Mrs. Walker moved a vote of thanks be sent to Miss Jones. Carried.

Adjourned
(Signed) Blanche Hay Powell,

Rec Sec.

Nov. 4, 1903.

Des Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall Auditorium at 3 P.M. November 4th.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were approved President Elbert announced that the programs of the Department of Home and Education were ready for distribution.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins announced the subject of the Study Class of the Department of History and Literature.

The Department of Home and Education had charge of the program of the day. Mrs. Eugene Burbank as chairman of the committee invited the members of the Club and their guests to remain for a social hour at the close of the lecture.

She then introduced Mr. White who rendered two instrumental selections. She then introduced Mr. William Crane of Marshalltown who spoke on "The Educative Value of Interpretive Reading".

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Nov. 18, 1903.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was called to order by the president at 3 o'clock Nov. 18th in the auditorium of the Yeoman. 105 members and 17 guests were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

President Elbert read the Art Scholarship contract and announced that Mr. Roy Slancliff had been awarded the scholarship for the year.

The president announced that the Social Economics and Civics Department had their programs ready for distribution.

Mrs. Rosenfield announced that the members of the Art Study Class were invited to the home of Mrs. Joel Chamberlain on Wednesday November 11.

Mrs. Hume announced the Oberamegau Lecture to be given by Miss Perkins Dec. 6.

The Social Economics Department provided the program for the afternoon. Mrs. S. F. Prouty as Chairman introduced Miss Simkoke who gave a piano number.

The general subject of the afternoon was "Dependent and Delinquent Children". Mrs. Harold Parsons spoke on "Child Labor". Mrs. Macomber, Mrs. W. H. Baily and Mr. A. L. Urlick taking part in the general discussion.

Mrs. Isaac Hillis read a paper on the Juvenile Court. Mrs. Durley led in the discussion.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. A. B. Shaw--

Resolved: that the members of the D. M. W. C. having strongly at heart the condition of the dependent children of the state of Iowa, and particularly in Des Moines, and believing that a juvenile court law similar to that of Illinois and a law regulating child labor are essential to the best care and training of such children do hereby pledge themselves to assist by their sympathy and influence the passage of such laws by the next General Assembly of Iowa. Carried.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Dec. 2, 1903.

Regular meeting of Des Moines Women's Club was called to order by the President at 3 o'clock Dec. 2nd in the Auditorium of the Yeoman. 130 members and 13 guests were present.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the following announcements were made: The lecture of Prof. Ross of Drake University on Fri. Dec. 11 on "Bacteria, a Friend and Foe" before the Study Class of the Department of Home and Education: A Juvenile Court Symposium at the Y.M.C.A. Parlors on Dec. 10 under the auspices of the Iowa Congress of Mothers.

It was also announced that the "Afternoon of Spanish Song" would be given on Saturday Dec. 12 instead of Wednesday Dec. 16.

The History and Literature Departments had charge of the program. Mrs. Emily M. Clifford chairman of the day introduced the Rev. F.W. Hodgdon who spoke on "The Spirit and Influence of New England".

The afternoon closed with three vocal numbers by Mrs. Grace Clark DeGraff.

The ladies were asked to remain to meet Mrs. Frisbie, Mrs. Hodgdon and Mrs. Briggs guests of the Club.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

(Note: A printed program of this meeting can be found on page 33 of the original minutes.)

Dec. 12, 1903.

The second meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club for December was held in the Auditorium of the Yeoman on Saturday Dec. 12 instead of Wednesday Dec. 16 as given in the calendar.

President Elbert presided. The attendance of 172 members and 137 guests bespoke the interest the women of the city had in the attraction of the afternoon.

President Elbert announced the lecture of Prof. McBride of the State University on the Botany of Shakespeare to be given before the Club on January 6th.

Miss Chapman called attention to the Art Exhibit of work to be sent to the St. Louis Exposition at the Irving Building on Dec. 28-29-30th.

Miss Margaret Weber Chairman of the Department of Music and Drama introduced Senora Tibbits who gave a very interesting and artistic Spanish ^{song} recital. Her accompanist Miss Irma Day deserves great credit for her efficient work.

At the close of the recital all the ladies were invited to remain to meet Senora Tibbits and enjoy a social hour. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Music and Drama Committee.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

(Note) A printed program of this recital can be found on page 93 of the original minutes.

Jan. 6, 1904.

Regular meeting of D.M.W.C. was held in Yeoman Auditorium Jan. 6, '04 at 3 P.M. 128 members and 22 guests were present.

Mrs. Alverson spoke of the lecture to be given on Art Day by Mr. French.

Miss Kostomlatsky Chairman of the afternoon then introduced Prof. Thomas H. McBride of the State University who gave a lecture on the Botany of Shakespeare.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Jan. 20, 1904.

Regular meeting of Club was held in Yeoman Auditorium. 89 members and 29 guests braved the storm to enjoy social day. Mrs. J. C. Cummins Vice Pres. assisted the hostesses, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. W. L. ^{Brown} ~~Read~~, Mrs. Henry Hirsch and Mrs. W. J. Pratt in receiving the guests and members of the Club. Miss Cunningham of London delightfully entertained the ladies for an hour with vocal music.

The Social Com. served refreshments in the banquet hall.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Feb. 3, 1904.

Regular meeting of D.M.W.C. was held in the Yeoman Auditorium Feb. 3 '04. 145 members and 119 guests were present.

President Elbert urged upon the ladies the necessity of signing the Juvenile Court petition.

She then introduced Mrs. Alverson Chairman of the Art Department who in turn introduced Mr. Wm. R. French of the Art Institute of Chicago who lectured on the "Wit and Humor of the Crayon".

Attention was called by the President to the water color work done by the pupils of the Des Moines public schools.

An informal reception was held at the close of the program.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Feb. 17, 1904.

Meeting of the D.M.W.C. was held in Yeoman Auditorium Feb. 17, '04 at 3 P.M. President Elbert presiding.

The President spoke of the loss which the Club felt keenly, in the taking away of Miss Olive McHenry.

Miss Gilcrest moved that the President appoint a committee of three to express in a more formal way the profound grief of the Club.

Miss Belle Gilcrest, Miss Cordelia Kyle and Mrs. J. C. Cummins were named.

Mrs. Weeks introduced Mrs. Maria Purdey Peck who gave a very able paper on "Our Debt to Thomas Jefferson".

Miss Brenton's pupils rendered three songs in a very delightful way.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

March 2, 1904.

The Annual Business meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in the Auditorium of the Yeoman at 3 P.M. March 2nd.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of the Committee on Resolutions to express the loss of the Club in the death of Olive McHenry was read and accepted.

The Annual report of the Treasurer Mrs. Homer Miller was read and accepted.

The Auditing Com. Miss Gilcrest, Mrs. Benninger and Mrs. Sours reported that they had audited the books and found the report as read correct.

The Verifying Com. reported that they had verified the count of the officers and found that the ladies whose names appeared on board would constitute the new Board of Directors.

Mrs. Durley moved the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Elbert as President of the Club. Carried.

Mrs. Elbert positively declined the honor.

On the informal ballot the vote resulted as follows:

President	Mrs. J. C. Cummins	42
	Miss Belle Gilcrest	32
First Vice President	Mrs. J. C. Cummins	11
	Miss Belle Gilcrest	8
Rec. Secretary	Mrs. C. L. Powell	58
	" Eugene Burbank	5
Cor. Secretary	Mrs. Ples Mills	28
	" Eugene Burbank	7
Treasurer	Mrs. Homer Miller	79
	" W. F. Mitchell	3

Mrs. Clapp moved the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. J. C. Cummins for President. Carried.

In the same manner Miss Belle Gilcrest was elected First Vice President.

Mrs. Ples Mills moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Homer Miller for Treasurer. Carried.

Mrs. A. B. Shaw was elected Sec. V. P.

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March 2, 1904.

Mrs. Ples Mills withdrew her name as candidate for Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Ernest Brown was unanimously elected to fill that office.

Mrs. Chas. L. Powell was elected Recording Secretary by unanimous ballot.

The Club adjourned having elected the following officers:

President	Mrs. J. C. Cummins
First Vice Pres.	Miss Belle Gilcrest
Second Vice Pres.	Mrs. A. B. Shaw
Recording Sec.	" C. L. Powell
Corresponding Sec.	" Ernest Brown
Treasurer	" Homer Miller

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

March 16, 1904.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 P.M. March 16th in the Auditorium of the Yeoman. 107 members and 6 guests were present in spite of the inclement weather.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

President Elbert explained to the Club the character of the entertainment to be given by the Entertainment Com. in Our Circle Hall on March 23&24. Mrs. J. C. Cummins Mrs. T. M. Walker and Mrs. Carter each spoke of particular features of the entertainment.

President Elbert then introduced Mrs. Fletcher Howard Chairman of the Social Economics and Civics Department who took charge of the meeting.

After a piano number by Miss Maude Spinney Dr. Adele Fuchs was introduced. She gave a very able paper on "City Government in General and Des Moines in Particular".

An interesting general discussion followed.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

The Evening was both a social and a financial success. Mrs. Ballard Chairman for the afternoon introduced Dr. Storms Pres. of Iowa State College who spoke on "Some Characteristics of the Poetry of the Bible".

George Carson Kirk gave three vocal numbers.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

March 30, 1904.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was called to order at 3 P.M. March 30th in Yeoman Auditorium, 82 members and 10 guests were present.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved the Club proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Federation to be held in St. Louis May 17th.

The following delegates and alternates were elected by acclamation the President being chairman by virtue of her office.

Delegate	Alternate
Mrs. B. F. Elbert	Mrs. Frank Vorse
" Chas. L. Powell	" E. H. Carter
" S. F. Prouty	" E. D. Burbank
" W. H. Baily	" G. D. Ellyson

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Com. be empowered to arrange the matter of alternates and that the alternates be considered interchangeable. Carried.

Very interesting reports of the Kermis were given by Mrs. E. H. Carter and Mrs. T. M. Walker of the Entertainment Com. and by the chairman of the different departments.

Mrs. James Windsor read the correspondence with the Record Harold pertaining to the unfortunate article which appeared in that paper.

The Kermis was both a social and a financial success.

Mrs. Ballard Chairman for the afternoon introduced Dr. Storms Pres. of Iowa State College who spoke on "Some Characteristics of the Poetry of the Bible".

George Carson Kirk gave three vocal numbers.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Balnche H. Powell,

Sec.

April 13, 1904.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in the Yeoman Auditorium Wednesday at 3 P.M. April 13, 1904 members and 67 visitors were present.

President Elbert spoke of the new field of effort for the Club, the Board having decided to edit the Des Moines Daily News on Wednesday May 11.

An announcement was made of the lecture on Fashion to be given by Madam Mortimer on Saturday April 16 under the auspices of the Club.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Pres. elect announced the temporary chairmen of the departments for the coming year.

Mrs. G. D. Ellyson	Music and Drama
" F. W. Benninger	Social Economics and Civics
" J. B. Hatton	Home and Education
" J. S. Clark	Art
" J. Edward Mershon	History and Literature
" O. H. Robinson	Science
" Ples Mills	Social

Department of Music and Drama furnished the afternoons entertainment. Mrs. Charles Brown the chairman of the afternoon introduced Mrs. Raymond Brown of New York who gave a very fine illustrated lecture on Parsifal.

At the close of the lecture the Club enjoyed a social hour which was given in honor of Mrs. Raymond Brown.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

April 20, 1904.

A special meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was called to order by the President at 3 P.M. April 20th in Yeoman Auditorium to consider plans for furthering the work on Daily News Day.

Before taking up the special work Mrs. W. W. Witmer moved that the Club have Mr. Ives purchase a fine picture for the Club with the Art Fund money. Motion was carried.

President Elbert then asked Mrs. Mitchell the Chairman of the Com. on Recommendations for Daily News Day to give the report of that com.

Mr. Kellogg of the Daily News was present and gave many useful and timely suggestions to the Club.

Many members of the Club added to the enthusiasm of the meeting by their helpful suggestions.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

April 27, 1904.

The regular meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in the Auditorium of the Yeoman Building at 3 P.M. April 27th, 132 members and 20 guests were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Walker announced to the members of the Art Department that Mrs. E. A. Shipley invited the members of that department to meet at her home on Wednesday May 4th at 10 A.M. to hear a lecture on the Evolution of the Poster by Mrs. C. B. Atkins. At the close of the lecture they were invited to remain for luncheon with Mrs. Shipley and to review her collection of art.

President Elbert spoke of the social feature of the Daily News Day on May 11.

Mrs. Rosewell P. Dart Chairman of the Philosophy and Science Department took charge of the meeting and introduced Mrs. Margaret Weber who gave two vocal selections from Shakespeare.

Mrs. Dart then introduced Mrs. H. B. Hawley who read a paper on the "Philosophy of Shakespeare written by Mrs. James G. Berryhill who was out of the city.

Club adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

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Rec. Sec.

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Treasurer

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Mrs. J. G. Campion

Mrs. E. J. Varco

Mrs. C. L. Powell

Mrs. P. C. Mills

Mrs. Homer A. Miller

Oct. 7, 1903.

The D.M.W.C. Board met in the parlors of Yeoman's Hall Oct. 7, 1903 at 8 P.M. Vice Pres. Cummins in the chair, 14 members were present. The minutes of the meeting held May 10th were read and approved.

Applications for membership were received from the following ladies viz. Mesdames Hark, Hark, Beyer, Quimby, Moore, Brown, Faith and Miss Hopper.

Letters of withdrawal were requested by Mrs. D. J. Witter and Mrs. Allen Dawson. Granted.

A letter of dismissal was requested by Mrs. W. D. Skinner. Granted.

Club adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock Oct. 14th at Yeoman's Hall.

Des Moines Women's Club

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Mrs. B. F. Elbert
Mrs. J. C. Cummins
Mrs. F. W. Vorse
Mrs. C. L. Powell
Mrs. P. J. Mills
Mrs. Homer A. Miller

Oct. 7, 1903.

The D.M.W.C. Board met in the parlors of Yeoman's Hall Oct. 7, 1903 at 5 P.M. Vice Pres. Cummins in the chair, 14 members were present. The minutes of the meeting held May 16th were read and approved.

Applications for membership were received from the following ladies viz. Mesdames Hunn, Harsh, Beyler, Quimby, Moore, Smouse, Faeth and Miss Hopper.

Letters of withdrawal were requested by Mrs. D.W. Witter and Mrs. Allen Dawson. Granted.

A letter of dismissal was requested by Mrs. W.D. Skinner. Granted.

Club adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock Oct. 14th at Yeoman's Hall.

(Signed) Juliet E. Read,

Sec. pro tem.

(Signed) Blanche B. Powell,

Res. Sec.

Oct. 14, 1903.

Board of D.M.W.C. met in Yeoman's Hall on October 14, 1903.
Minutes of Oct. 7 read and approved.

Letters of withdrawal were granted Miss Mary Sabin.

Letter of privilege was granted Mrs. D. B. Lyons.

The following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. Annette Quimby (A.L.) 1118 19th St.

Proposed by Mrs. W. M. Black endorsed by Mrs. B. F. Elbert

Mrs. Charles Elmer Hunn (Nellie N.) 1302 8th St.

Proposed by Mrs. E. S. Burgin endorsed by Mrs. I. M. Earle

Mrs. Geo. E. Moore 682 15th St.

Proposed by Mrs. R. C. Barrett endorsed by Mrs. A. B. Shaw

Mrs. Edward O. Faeth (Maude Perry) 1308 6th Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. E. D. Samson endorsed by Edith Gould Fosnes

Mrs. A. L. Smouse (Ada Hawkins) 704 19th St.

Proposed by Mrs. E. D. Burbank endorsed by Mrs. F. E. V. Shore

Mrs. Nora Babbett Harsh 1323 9th St.

Proposed by Mrs. H. B. Hawley endorsed by Mrs. Chas. A. Cumming

Miss Alice E. Hopper 3716 3rd St.

Proposed by Mrs. James S. Clark endorsed by Mrs. Curtis Irish

Mrs. Barton B. Beyler (Katherine Gray) 1531 High

Proposed by Mrs. W. H. Baily endorsed by Mrs. F. S. Prouty

Board instructed the Art Committee to bring Brann Photos.
from the Capitol and place them in Auditorium of Yeoman Hall.

Board voted to appropriate \$10 annually for dues of Prof.
Charles A. Cummings in that Art Fund Association.

Moved and carried that the Club give a scholarship in the
Art School of Prof. Cumming.

President Elbert, Mrs. T. M. Walker and Mrs. P. B. Durley were
empowered to confer with Prof. Cummings in regard to the Art
Scholarship idea.

A motion by Mrs. A. B. Cummins to continue the work of the
new Club house was carried.

Moved and carried that a letter be sent to Mrs. Isaac W.
Aiken expressing the Board's appreciation of her gift to the
Club and inviting her to be present at the regular Club meet-
ing October 21st.

Moved and carried that the President and Secretary consult
Mr. Powell with regard to the legality of the Club using its
funds for purchasing stock.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

Nov. 4, 1903.

Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in parlor of Yeoman Hall at 2 P.M. Nov. 4, President Elbert in the chair. 20 members were present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Applications for membership were read from Mrs. Celeste Given, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Desse B. Dille and Mrs. James Helmer Zearing.

Mrs. Warfield's letter of resignation was read and accepted.

Moved and carried a letter of withdrawal be granted Mrs. Warfield.

Prof. Cumming appeared before the Board at the request of the Scholarship Com. to confer about the best plan of carrying out Art Scholarship idea.

Moved the Art Scholarship Com. be authorized to do what seemed best in view of contract proposed by Prof. Cumming's. Carried.

Moved Art Scholarship Com. be empowered to act through^{out} the year.

Moved the Board endorse any arrangements the Music and Drama Com. and the President may make to obtain Mrs. Gertrude Foster Brown. Carried.

Moved and carried that letters of condolence be sent to Mrs. Beyler, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Gaylord and a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Fowler.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Rec. Sec.

Nov. 18, 1903.

The Board of the Des Moines Women's Club were called to order by Pres. Elbert at 2 P.M. in Yeoman Hall, 18 members responding to roll call.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. Joseph Gardner, who expects to be out of the city.

The following new members were elected.

Miss Desse B. Dille 1341 W. 8th St.

Proposed by Mrs. Gaston C. Davis endorsed by Mrs. Walter McHenry

Mrs. James Helmer Zearing 38 & Grand.

Proposed by Mrs. Roswell P. Dart endorsed by Mrs. Sidney Foster

Mrs. Pless Mills gave notice of a change in Article XI Section 1 of the By laws.

> Mrs. Walker moved that the president appoint a delegate from the Club to the City Federation to report to the Club. If at any time the delegate cannot attend she shall notify the president who shall appoint a substitute.

The Scholarship contract with Prof. Cumming was read and approved.

The Art Scholarship Com. gave notice that Mr. Roy Stauchliff had been awarded the scholarship in the Cumming School of Art for the year.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

> President Elbert gave notice of change in Article IV Section I of the By-Laws.

Nov. 28, 1903.

The Board of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the dining room of Yeoman Hall at 10 A.M. November 28 '03. Twelve members present.

A letter of withdrawal was granted to Mrs. Washington Miller, Long Beach, Cal.

On motion of Mrs. A.B. Cummins the Bylaw was waived and the following members were elected by acclimation.

Mrs. Celeste Givens

Proposed by Mrs. S.F. Prouty endorsed by Mrs. W.E. Mitchell

Mrs. Margaret H. Bradley 1710 7th St.

Proposed by Mrs. S.F. Prouty endorsed by Mrs. W.H. Bailly

Moved and carried that Mrs. Margaret Weber, Chirman of Music and Drama Com. be instructed to obtain Senora Fibbits to give an "Afternoon of Spanish Song" on Dec. 16.

Moved that a reception be given by the ladies of the Music and Drama Com. for Senora Fibbits at the close of the program. Carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

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Dec. 2, 1903.

The Board of D.M.W.C. met in parlor of Yeoman at 2:15 P.M. Wednesday Dec. 2nd President Elbert in the chair. 18 members were present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The names of Mrs. C.A. McCune and Miss Clara Funston were presented for membership.

Mrs. Durley moved that the date of Music Day be changed from Wednesday December 16th to Saturday Dec. 12th in order to secure Senora Tibbits. Carried.

The president announced that she had appointed Miss Belle Gilcrest to represent the Club at the meetings of the City Federation.

Mrs. Hume's resignation from the Board was read and accepted.

Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Plumb, and Mrs. VanSlyke each having the same number of votes in the spring election it was moved and carried that the names be taken alphabetically.

Mrs. Harwood was declared elected.

Moved and carried that the Corresponding Sec. make out and send two tickets and a calendar to each member of the Art Fund Association.

Moved to reconsider the motion. Carried.

A new motion was passed empowering the President of the Art Fund Association to send two tickets and a calendar to each member of the Art Fund Association.

Moved and carried that the President appoint three as a committee to reconstruct the By Law pertaining to Letters of Privilege.

Miss Belle Gilcrest, Mrs. Clapp and Mrs. C.L. Watrous were appointed.

A letter of privilege was granted to Mrs. Hugh G. Ray.

The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

Mrs. Mills moved that Article XI of the Bylaws be changed to read Visitors may be admitted to any regular meeting of the Club on payment of 25 cts. or more as may be decided upon by the Board.

Mrs. Mills withdrew her motion to amend Article XI of the By laws.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Dec. 16, 1903.

The Board of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 o'clock Dec. 16 in the dining room of Yeoman. 15 members answered to roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following names were read for the first time. Mrs. Augusta T. Vorse, Mrs. C. B. McNerny, Mrs. Belle Dewey Carey, Mrs. Minnie A. McDougal.

The following ladies were elected to membership.

Miss Clara Funston 811 High St.

Proposed by Mrs. S. F. Prouty endorsed by Mrs. Sidney Foster

Mrs. C. A. McCune 1951 Arlington Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. S. F. Prouty endorsed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell

Mrs. T. M. Walker moved that the tickets be given to the Art Fund Association for admission to all entertainments given by the Club. Carried.

Mrs. W. H. Baily moved that the Club continue their subscription of \$3.00 for a periodical to the Y. W. C. A. Carried.

After an animated discussion by all members present on the Club house problem the Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Jan. 7, 1904.

Board of D.M.W.C. met at the home of the President, Mrs. Elbert at 2 P.M. Jan. 7. 19 members answered to roll call.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

First reading of applications for membership Mesdames Struthers, Dodd and Baker.

Election of the following members:

Mrs. Augusta T. Vorse 728 17th St.

Proposed by Mrs. Clifford endorsed by Mrs. Burbank

Mrs. C.B. McNerny (Josie) 1225 7th St.

Proposed by Mrs. I.M. Earle endorsed by Mrs. Mitchell

Mrs. J.L. Carey (Belle Dewey) 714 7th St.

Proposed by Mrs. J.L. Gaylord endorsed by Mrs. Sabin.

Mrs. Minnie McDougal (W.G.) The Portwell

Proposed by Mrs. W.B. Martin endorsed by Mrs. W.H. Baily

Moved and carried that in Article 1V Sec. 1 of the By laws the word Drama be omitted and the department be known as the "Department of Music".

Moved ^{and carried} that the Art Dept. be instructed to close their contract with Mr. French for Art Day.

Moved by Mrs. Baily that a committee of seven be elected by the Board to proceed with the business of furthering the Club House project. Carried.

Moved that each member of the Board send the president a signed list of names for this committee. Carried.

Moved and carried that Miss Gilcrest and Mrs. J.S. Clark act as a verifying com. to assist the President and Cor. Sec. in counting the votes Jan. 11th.

Moved and carried a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Henry Wallace.

Moved and carried that Art. XI be changed to read Visitors may be admitted to any regular meeting of the Club on payment of 25cts or such amount as may be decided upon by the Board, due notice having been given.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Feb. 3, 1904.

Board met in Yeoman Hall 1:45 P.M. Feb. 3rd President Elbert presiding. 19 present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Letters of withdrawal granted to Mrs. Albert B. Storms, Mrs. C.O. Nourse, Mrs. W. Guy Burnside, Miss Emeline Hicks, Mrs. M.J. Sweet, Mrs. W.D. Skinner.

First reading of applications for membership, Mrs. James C. Davis, Mrs. Will Maish, Mrs. J. Needham, Mrs. J.K. Wilson, Mrs. C.H. Brown, Mrs. A.M. Kirk.

Members elected

Mrs. A.D. Struthers (Margaret) 1524 6th Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. Robey endorsed by Mrs. Carrell

Mrs. West Dodd 1900 7th St.

Proposed by Mrs. Robey endorsed by Mrs. Henry Wallace

Mrs. C.E. Baker 1134 6th Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. Winifred Shaw endorsed by Mrs. W.H. Bailly

Moved and carried that the Treasurer be instructed to send dues to the State Federation and the General Federation.

President gave notice of a change in Sec. 5 Art. 1X of the By Laws.

Moved and carried that expense of delegates to the General Federation be discussed informally.

Adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Feb. 10, 1904.

Board met in Yeoman Hall Feb. 10th at 2:30 P.M.

President Elbert presided, 17 members present.

Mrs. Evelyn Foot was proposed for membership also Mrs. F. O. Evans.

Following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. James C. Davis (Louisa P.) 1623 Center St.

Proposed by Mrs. Homer Miller endorsed by Mrs. Powell

Mrs. J. K. Wilson (Nellie R.) 40th and Grand Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. Miller endorsed by Mrs. Hawley

Mrs. C. H. Brown (Lucelia S.) 13 and Park Lane

Mrs. A. M. Kirk

Shoreham

Proposed by Mrs. Durley endorsed by Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Will Maish

Mrs. Webb Souers, Mrs. Thomas Cook and Mrs. Emerson DePuy were elected as a verifying committee.

Moved and carried that the Club send the accredited number of delegates to the General Federation but that the expenses of no delegate be paid.

Moved a com. prepare a collection of photographs to represent the work of the Club at the Universal Exposition at St. Louis.

Moved that Sec. 5 Art. 1X of the ByLaws be changed to read "Officers shall be elected by the Club from the Board elect or those who have served on the Board for three years.

Carried.

Moved a reconsideration of question. Carried.

Moved to amend. Carried.

Mrs. Cummins moved the withdrawal of amendment. Carried.

Board adjourned to meet Feb. 27th.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Feb. 27, 1904.

Board met at 10 A.M. Saturday Feb. 27, 12 members present.

Following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. F. O. Evans 709 15th St.

Proposed by Mrs. Sidney Foster endorsed by Mrs. Jackson

Mrs. Evelyn Foot Savery

Proposed by Mrs. C. E. Rawson endorsed Mrs. Miller

Mrs. J. Needham (Laura) 1412 E. Grand.

Proposed by Mrs. A. C. Ross endorsed by Mrs. Thomas Young

Motion to change By Laws Sec. 5 Art. 1X to read Officers shall be elected from the Board elect at the Annual Meeting or from those who have served on the Board was carried.

Moved that the entertainment committee be empowered to complete arrangements for the entertainment to be given March 23 & 24. Carried.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

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March 16, 1904.

Board of Directors of the D.M.W.C. met in the Yeoman Building at 1:45 P.M. March 16. Fifteen members were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter of withdrawal was granted to Mrs. F.P. Woodmansee who will move to Milwaukee.

Elected to membership:

Mrs. Chas. Scott Hunter (Bertha Knight) 1151 13th St.

Proposed by Mrs. Durley endorsed by Mrs. Powell

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send letters of sympathy to Mrs. C.H. Dilworth and Mrs. W.W. Wheeler.

Mrs. Durley moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Entertainment Committee as to prices for admission to the Kermis.

Motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Durley.

Miss Gilcrest moved we charge 35 cts. for luncheon to be given March 23rd & 24th. Motion lost.

Moved we charge 50 cts. for luncheon. Carried.

Moved that we issue nontransferable club membership tickets for One dollar for the season of the Kermis. Carried.

Mrs. Walker of the Entertainment Com. was empowered to appoint Press Com. to attend to advertising.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

April 6, 1904.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 P.M. April 6. 14 members were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Miss Lillian Lambert.

President Elbert gave notice of changes in By laws Section 2 Article 3 of Bylaw pertaining to the Board of Directors and Article X of bylaw pertaining to the Art Fund Association.

Miss Gilcrest reported on the matter of the change in the bylaw pertaining to Letter of Privilege and Letter of Withdrawal.

A motion to drop Section 7 of Article VII was carried.

Mr. Kellogg of the Daily News appeared before the Board and proposed to the Board that the Club consider the matter of editing the Daily News for one day, the profits to be used to further the work of building the Art Gallery and Club House.

No action was taken on the proposition, but a meeting was called for Saturday 10 A.M. to consider the matter.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

April 9, 1904.

Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 10 A.M. in Yeoman Auditorium.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. James P. Morey.

Moved and carried that the Board drop Article X of the by-laws.

Moved that Sec. 2 Article 111 be changed to read Any member of the Board of Directors having served three consecutive years is ineligible to election for a term of two years.

Moved and carried that the Club edit the Des Moines Daily News for one day, which day shall be May 11.

It was decided to call a special meeting of the Club on Wednesday April 20th to consider Daily News Day.

A working com. of seven was appointed to recommend members of the Club for special work on Daily News Day. The following ladies constituted the committee, Mrs. Durley, Mrs. S. F. Prouty, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Mrs. Chas. L. Powell, Mrs. T. M. Walker, Mrs. W. L. Read.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

April 20, 1904.

The Board of directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 P.M. April 20th, 13 members were present.

A letter of withdrawal was granted Mrs. Chas. Howell.

Three ladies were proposed for membership Mrs. F.L. Miner, Mrs. I.M. Treynor, Mrs. Ella McKune.

Mrs. J.C. Cummins gave notice of change in Section 5 Article VI of the by laws.

Moved and carried that the proof readers be given two assistants on Daily News Day. Mrs. Hugh Welpton and Mrs. Billington were appointed.

Moved and carried that Mr. Gray's offer of the use of four leaves for Daily News Day be accepted.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Ballard be elected chairman of the floral com. and that she choose her own committee.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

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Sec.

April 27, 1904.

Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 2 P.M. Wednesday April 27. Fifteen members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following names were proposed for membership: Mrs. Margaret G. Hamilton, Mrs. J. W. Howell, Mrs. Lowell Chamberlain, Miss I. Chamberlain, Mrs. Ella Morris, Mrs. Arthur Reynolds, Mrs. John F. Riggs.

The following ladies were elected to membership.

Mrs. F. L. Miner (Bessie L.) 1250 9th St.

Proposed Mrs. Walter McHenry endorsed Mrs. E. F. Baily

Mrs. I. M. Treynor (Catherine E.) 1704 6th Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. A. B. Shaw endorsed by Mrs. R. P. Dart

Mrs. Ella M. McKune 1704 6th Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. A. B. Shaw endorsed by Mrs. R. P. Dart

The Board decided to serve luncheon on Daily News Day at 25cts per plate. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Grefe were asked to take charge of the work.

It was decided to have the white carnation as club flower. This department was put under the control of Mrs. S. F. Prouty and Mrs. W. E. Ballard.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

May 5, 1904.

Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in club room of News Arcade at 10 A.M. May 5th 16 members were present.

The following new members were elected to membership:

Mrs. John J. Hamilton (Margaret G.) 1908 7th St.
Proposed by Mrs. Ella H. Durley endorsed by Mrs. B. F. Elbert
Mrs. J. W. Howell (Anna) 2021 Grand Ave.
Proposed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell endorsed by Miss Gilcrest
Mrs. Lowell Chamberlain (Kate) 2160 Grand Ave.
Proposed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell endorsed by Mrs. Ella Durley
Mrs. Ella Morris (Fred H.) 911 8th St.
Proposed by Mrs. Chas. T. Hewitt endorsed by Mrs. B. F. Elbert
Mrs. Arthur Reynolds (Bertha G.) Ridge Road
Propose by Mrs. Chas. L. Powell endorsed by Mrs. Elbert
Mrs. John F. Riggs (Cora J.) 1001 20th St.
Proposed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell endorsed by Mrs. John Briar
Miss Izanna Chamberlain 1200 6th Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell endorsed by Mrs. W. W. Witmer
Letters of withdrawal were granted Mrs. Celeste Patchin,^{Mrs. Webster Bishop}
Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Chas. Myers, Mrs. Ed. McVey.^{Mrs. S. Peas.}

It was moved and carried that an informal note be sent to all members who should leave the Club for any reason with dues paid.

Mrs. Homer Miller Treasurer, gave a report of funds on hand.

It was moved and carried that the matter of a loan be left to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Chas. L. Powell the Recording Secretary handed in her resignation. The resignation was accepted and Mrs. F. O. Green was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins, the president elect, spoke of her plans for the coming year, emphasizing the work to be allotted to the vice presidents.

The following names were proposed for membership:

Mrs. J. W. Jenny, Mrs. Clinton Nourse, Mrs. Tacitus Hussey, Mrs. William Wilcoxon, Mrs. Ely Simons Hunn, Mrs. Harry Blackburn, Mrs. Chas Bishop.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

May 16, 1904.

Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 P.M. May 16th in the club room of the News Arcade. Eighteen members were present.

The names of Mrs.D.W.Dickinson, Miss Lucy Lewis and Miss Ala Brenton were proposed for membership.

It was moved and carried that the Board wave the by-laws and vote upon these names without the usual interim.

The following ladies were then elected to membership.

Mrs.J.W.Jenny (May) Third and Saylor Ave.
Proposed by Mrs.Morse endorsed by Mrs.Powell
Mrs.Clinton Nourse (Elizabeth B.) North Twentieth St.
Proposed by Mrs.T.M.Walker endorsed by Mrs.Elbert
Mrs.Tacitus Hussey (Jennie) 762 Ninth St.
Proposed by Mrs.Elbert endorsed by Mrs.Powell
Mrs.William Wilcoxon (Ada C.) 2829 Ridge Road
Proposed by Mrs.Powell endorsed by Mrs.Elbert
Mrs.Ely Simons Hunn (Louie) 1308 Eighth St.
Proposed by Mrs.C.E.Hunn endorsed by Mrs.Durley
Mrs.Harry Blackburn (Mella) 1219 Seventh St.
Proposed by Mrs.Homer Miller endorsed by Mrs.Powell
Mrs.Chas.Bishop (Alice L.) 2830 Ridge Road
Proposed by Mrs.Powell endorsed by Mrs.Elbert
Miss Lucy C.Lewis 1310 Seventh St.
Proposed by Mrs.Morse endorsed by Mrs.Hunn
Miss Ala Brenton 1310 Seventh St.
Proposed by Mrs.Stella B.Morse endorsed by Mrs.Marshall
Mrs.D.W.Dickenson (Lena S.) 1815 Center St.
Proposed by Mrs.A.B.Cummins endorsed by Mrs.J.C.Cummins
Mrs.Geo.Ragsdale (E.M.) Suite 71 The Iliad
Proposed by Mrs.S.F.Prouty endorsed by Mrs.J.C.Cummins
Mrs.Jerry Sullivan (Martha G.) 752 Sixteenth St.
Proposed by Mrs.Henry Wallace endorsed by Miss Fleming

The resignation of Mrs.Frank O.Green was accepted.

Moved that Mrs.Elbert, Mrs.A.B.Cummins and Mrs.James H. Windsor be appointed a committee to confer with Mr.Ives with reference to a picture to be purchased with the money belonging to the Art Fund. Carried.

Moved that the price of said picture be kept within (\$1000) One Thousand Dollars. Carried.

Cont.

May 16, 1904.

Moved and carried that the Executive Com. of the new and old Boards be empowered to act with Mr. Ives if the matter should come up during July or August.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Homer Miller be made a delegate to the St. Louis meeting of the Federated Clubs.

Mrs. James H. Windsor was also elected delegate to the St. Louis Convention.

The Chairman of the Art Fund Association was instructed to send notices to all members of the Art Fund Association. After a long conference with the Park Com. the Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

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June 8, 1904.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3 o'clock June 8th in the club room of the News Arcade. Eleven members were present.

The names of Mrs. W.S. Regur and Miss Loretta H. Blake were proposed for membership. It was moved and carried that the Board waive the by-laws and elect the ladies without the usual interim in order to have the names placed in the calendar.

Elected to membership:

Mrs. W.S. Regur (Jenny F.) 27th & Grand Ave.

Proposed by Mrs. Powellb endorsed by Mrs. Homer Miller

Miss Loretta Blake Clifton Heights

Proposed by Miss Bertha Smith endorsed by Mrs. Frank D. Jackson.

The Art Com. appointed to purchase a picture at St. Louis Exposition, reported through Mrs. A.B. Cummins that the time for purchasing a picture would be in the fall.

Miss Belle Gilcrest reported that the Daily News Fund would net (\$2090) Two Thousand and Ninety Dollars.

Mrs. W.L. Read gave notice of a change in the by-laws.

Mrs. W.F. Mitchell was unanimously elected Recording Secretary.

It was decided that all correspondence must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary.

It was moved and carried to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Fred Simons.

Board adjourned.

(Signed) Blanche H. Powell,

Sec.

Aug. 16, 1904.

An informal meeting of the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Elbert, the President on August sixteenth at 3 P.M. 11 members were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The time was spent in an informal discussion concerning the best method of securing a location for the Club House and Art Gallery.

Mrs. Mitchell moved that the President appoint a com. of three to present a written statement to the Park Commissioners giving reasons why the "Brown Property" should be secured for a public park, and state the price decided upon and the terms of payment at which said property can be purchased. Also to assure the Park Commissioners that the Club would improve the present house and build and maintain a Public Art Gallery addition to said house if such purchase should be made and such arrangements could be made. ~~made~~. Carried.

The President appointed Mrs. T.M. Walker, Mrs. W.F. Mitchell and Miss Belle Gilcrest to constitute ^{said} ~~such~~ committee.

Board adjourned.

(Signed)

