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Des Moines Women's Club

Regular Minutes
(Original)

May 1904

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Officers

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| President | Mrs. J. C. Cummins |
| First Vice Pres. | Miss Belle Gilcrest |
| Second Vice Pres. | Mrs. A. B. Shaw |
| Recording Sec. | Mrs. W. F. Mitchell |
| Corresponding Sec. | Mrs. E. W. Brown |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Homer A. Miller |

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Elija Cox Mitchell
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Mrs. DuBois, wife of Senator DuBois of Idaho, who has just returned from Manilla, P.I., talked entertainingly of educational conditions on the Island.

Mrs. Cummins, the retiring President, made a strong plea for a plan to be provided for the Club's art treasures where they might be of easy access to all who wished to see them.

On receiving the gavel from Mrs. Cummins, Miss Gilcrest spoke briefly, emphasizing the necessity for a suitable and permanent place of meeting, where the pictures of the Club could be on view. She thought the Club was to be congratulated upon having assumed an undertaking, though it could not be accomplished in a day nor a year, which was worthy the Club's best energies and devotion. The encouragement of an enjoyment of art would be of far-reaching benefit to the community in which we live. To belong to the Women's Club is an act of public spirit and not of selfishness. She spoke of the loyalty and enthusiasm that has gone to make the honorable history of the past, and expressed the belief that the same spirit in the Club today would give to the coming year, its share of profit and success.

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Ediza Cox Mitchell
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-Secretary's Report-

Oct. 5th, 1904 Oct. 4th, 1905

In looking over the records of the past year we find the programs for the sixteen meetings of the Club have been of unusual interest.

As the number of departments would indicate, the subjects have been of great variety. While we have been favored with talented speakers, musicians and artists from outside of our city, the programs furnished by Club members were of high grade and instructive as well, whether ~~at~~ debate or the more quiet discussion of vital subjects.

The two valuable paintings, one by Gunier and one by Edward Lord Weeks, which have been added to the art collection, have proven the earnestness of the Des Moines Women's Club when it pledged itself to the establishment of an art collection in our City.

If the park commission, or some public spirited person would donate grounds for an art gallery, and incidentally give sufficient space for our Club House, the question which has agitated all earnest Club women, would be settled for all time. Some have become gray haired while trying to devise plans whereby a permanent home for our art collection could be secured. Were it not that "Hope springs eternal in the human breast" all efforts would have ceased, but they have not, and we will have an Art Gallery and Club house too.

The desire of the Club to have an active department of music has in a great measure been realized, in the formation of an organization, composed of the leading women singers of Des Moines, which is called the Women's Club Chorus, with Mrs. D. F. Given, Directress, Mrs. Frank Cummins at the piano. The Chorus is pledged to furnish music at all Club occasions when such music is desired, and the enthusiasm with which it has been received is assurance that it will be a

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permanent organization.

There have been many changes in, and amendments to the by-laws, which have been thoughtfully considered by the Committee appointed to do the work, and the other Board members. The Club calendar contains the by-laws and it is the duty of every Club member to become familiar with them.

There have been twenty eight meetings of the Board of Directors with an average of seventeen members present. The business affairs of the Club have been conscientiously conducted, and when one considers the number of meetings that have been held, it is evident that much time has been given to the work.

At a meeting called by the President March 22nd, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. many subjects of interest to the Club members were discussed. Aside from the serious work of the day the meeting socially was a great benefit, as it brought Club members in closer touch. We would recommend that it be made an annual feature of the Club.

The many social half hours, after the programs have been given, have been thoroughly enjoyed. The two afternoons in charge of the Social Committee, one in poor, old, dirty Yoeman Hall, which under the magic touch of the Committee was transformed into a thing of beauty, and the last meeting of the year at the attractive home of Judge and Mrs. Prouty were all that could be desired.

The total number of guests during the year were 492. The net gain in Club membership was 43.

Dec. 14th, music day, had the largest attendance. There were present 265 Club members and 107 guests. The smallest attendance was April 26th, when one of the finest programs of the year was presented. There were only 62 members and 6 guests present. The Des Moines Women's Club

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The Des Moines Woman's Club is public spirited and has used its influence in many directions for the good of the city. 18th, he

The success of the year is due to the spirit of harmony that has prevailed - and the willingness of each to do her part- a record of which we as a Club may well be proud. active the

Respectfully submitted, tained

Eliza Cox Mitchell at
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As Secretary Oct 8th 1904. I expressed the hope that through the Park Commission our Club might secure a home, and an Art Gallery in Des Moines - It has been my pleasure since to have served the Club two years as President, and to have my fondest hopes realized - in the possession of our "splendid Hoyt Sherman Place"

Eliza Cox Mitchell

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By request of the Committee in charge of Art Day, Oct. 18th, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Chamberlain was thrown open to the members of the Women's Club. The elegant home was made more attractive by the lavish use of floral decorations, and the appreciation of the courtesy was manifested by the large attendance of Club members.

Much surprise was expressed that a Des Moines home contained so many valuable works of art, and it was the general feeling that Mrs. Chamberlain had done much to quicken the sentiment for art in Des Moines, by giving the Club the rare afternoon.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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On Wednesday, Nov. 1st, the Des Moines Women's Club met at 3:00 P.M. Minutes of ^{two} previous meetings were approved as read.

The Social Economics and Civics Committee had charge of the program for the afternoon. Dr. Fuchs, Acting Chairman, stated that Mrs. Florence Kelly, who was to have been on the program, had cancelled all engagements for the Winter, but that we were fortunate in having been able to secure Dr. Isaac Loos of the State University for the speaker of the day. Dr. Loos delivered an address, "What is Sociology" which was listened to with much interest.

145 members

25 guests were present.

Club adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secretary.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1904

The Des Moines Women's Club met at 3:00 o'clock, Nov. 15th.

Minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. J. C. Cummings, delegate to the Seventh District Convention at Colfax, gave a report of the meeting.

Mrs. Webster, President of the Art Department Study class, gave a very interesting and satisfactory report of the recent art loan exhibit.

Mrs. Mills announced that the History and Literature Department had organized a study class, that "Modern Drama" would be studied, and that Mrs. Stevenson of the Des Moines College would be the leader for the present year.

The two pictures recently added to the art collection of the Club, were for the first time on exhibition at a regular meeting of the Club, and it was the expressed opinion that the Board had acted wisely in securing them. Miss Gilcrest, President, spoke of the valuable and much appreciated gift of the DeHogge picture by Mr. J. G. Moulton, and paid a tribute to the skill of Inness, the artist, and expressed her pleasure that the Club were in possession of an example of his work.

A charmingly appropriate ~~70~~ Folk Song was given by a Sextette, selected from the Women's Club Chorus, composed of Mesdames Treynor, Harbach, Ellyson, Conaway, Ely and Miss Dorr.

Mrs. Harold Howell of the Home and Education Committee, introduced Mrs. Jerome H. Raymond of Chicago, who gave an interesting lecture on "Folklore of the Russian Peasants."

There were present 219 members and 30 guests.

Club adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Elks Club House Nov. 29th at three o'clock. Minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Pleas Mills, Chairman of History and Literature Department, announced that the program for the afternoon would be given by Des Moines authors, and introduced Mr. Johnson Brigham who read a paper on "Another phase of the subject- Literature and life."

Mr. Edwin L. Sabin read a poem "Adventure", and the closing chapter of one of his late books, "When you were a boy."

Madam Stevenson gave a sketch from her book- "As Always."

Mrs. J. C. Davis was the vocalist for the afternoon, with Mrs. Everist Cathell at the piano.

There were present 135 members and 27 guests.

Meeting adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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The Des Moines Women's Club met Dec. 13th at 3:00 o'clock in Elks Club House. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Resolutions in memory of Mrs. W. K. Jones were offered by Mrs. W. L. Read, and seconded by Mrs. Parsons of the Social Economics Department, who paid a high tribute to the fine personal qualities of Mrs. Jones. The motion prevailed- that the resolution be accepted and placed upon the minutes of the Club, and a copy be sent to the family.

"Francis G. Jones was an earnest, zealous worker in the Club. She was responsive to our best and highest object, and earnestly sought opportunities to assist us to the end. It is the possession of such qualities upon which our Club depends, and owes its success.

This Club is deeply sensible to the loss it sustains in the death of Mrs. Jones, but the example of her zeal will abide with us and serve as an inspiration to continued effort."

Under the management of Mrs. D. F. Givens, musical director of the Des Moines Women's Club Chorus, a matinee was given by the members of the Chorus, with Mesdames Harbach, Blotcky and Miss Daisy Binkley taking solo parts.

Mrs. Katherine Bray Haines, who recently returned from studying abroad, gave a group of French songs. Mrs. Grace Clark-DeGraff contributed three beautiful songs. Mrs. Charles Cumming, violinist, Miss Irma Day, accompanist, and Mrs. Lydia Frank, pianist, each assisted in presenting one of the most delightful programs ever given by the Club.

There were present 253 Club members and 68 guests, making a total attendance of 321.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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Social Day, Jan. 17th, 1906. Mrs. H. L. Carrell, Vice-President.

The meeting of the Women's Club which was scheduled to meet Jan. 3rd, and postponed on account of the severity of the weather, met Dec. 5th at three o'clock in Elks Club House, with Vice-President Mrs. Carrell in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. S. F. Prouty read an interesting report of this year's meetings of the city Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Ellyson asked that letters of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Kasson and Mrs. Sims, each having lost her father.

The program was arranged by Mesdames Hawley and Miller, Chairman of Philosophy and Science Department. The general subject was "Recent discoveries in Science." The first paper was by Mrs. D. W. Finlayson. The subject, "Radio Activity."

Mrs. C. H. Brown told of the efforts that are being made to preserve the falls of Niagara, and paid a beautiful tribute to the Women's Club.

Miss Wertz subject was "How Psychology has changed teaching."

Dr. Jessie Ritchey DeFord talked of "The Philosophy of Medicine."

Miss Emma Ritchey, with Miss Irma Day at the piano, delighted the audience with three violin selections.

Mrs. DeGraff, accompanied by Miss Gladin Monroe, sang a group of Folk songs, and, by request, gave "Come where the flowers are blooming."

The Club adjourned to meet socially Jan. 17th.

There were 107 Club members and 16 guests present.

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Social Day, Jan. 17th, 1906. Mrs. H. L. Carrell, Vice-President, called the meeting to order for a brief business session. Several announcements were made, after which the afternoon was in charge of the Social Committee, with Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Mrs. M. M. Pratt, chairman. The Club Chorus appeared in three numbers, and that they were appreciated and enjoyed, was manifested by those present.

The afternoon was one of genuine sociability. The guests of honor were the Legislative women, many of them prominent Club women, and the members of the Women's Club Chorus, an organization of which the Women's Club is justly proud. The reception was in every respect one of the most delightful social functions in the history of the many brilliant social days of the Club.

There were in attendance 290.

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Jan. 31st Art Day was attended by 182 Club members and 54 guests, making a total of 236 present.

Mrs. Carrell called the meeting to order, and the minutes of two previous meetings were approved as read.

Resolutions of sympathy on the death of Mrs. Clapp, framed by a Committee composed of Mrs. Ernest Brown, Mrs. A. B. Cummins, and Mrs. J. S. Clark, were read, and unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Frank W. Bicknell, who spent two years in Argentina and Brazil, spoke of "The artistic side of South America." Much interest was added to her instructive talk by the exhibition of laces and fabrics procured during her travels in that Country.

Following Mrs. Bicknell's talk, Sig. Gilaninci gave a group of songs, which were received with enthusiasm.

Mr. Welker Given's subject, "The high art of the prairie Schooner" was one of particular interest, and all were eager to hear his comments upon the Blashfield picture, recently placed upon the walls of our State Capital.

Mrs. J. S. Clark stated that owing to the continued illness of the sister of our President, Miss Gilcrest, it would be impossible for her to perform the duties of her office, and that by request of Miss Gilcrest, Mrs. Carrell, First Vice President, had been delegated by the Board to be the acting President for the rest of the Club year.

The Board of Directors have requested the Secretary to make the following announcements:

Mrs. E. A. Shipley was elected in October to take the place upon the Board of Directors made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. W. L. Read.

When our late Board member, Mrs. Clapp, was first ill, she sent her resignation to the Board, with the request that it be accepted. Mrs. Freeman R. Conaway was named to take her place.

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The Women's Club met Wednesday, Feb. 14th, at 3:00 o'clock

with Mrs. H. L. Carrell in the chair.

After the minutes were read, corrected and approved, the

program passed into the hands of the Social Economics and Civics Committee, with Dr. Adele Fuchs, Chairman.

The Ideal Citizen was the subject for a symposium, and was

presented by the following wellknown speaker- Mrs. T. M. Walker,

The Ideal Citizen in the Home, Mrs. A. E. Shipley, The Ideal Citizen

in Society, Mr. W. O. Riddell, the Ideal Citizen in Education,

Miss Dunlap, "The Ideal Citizen in Philanthropy.

Rector Cathell closed the program with an address on

The Ideal Citizen in relation to his State.

Mrs. J. J. Seerley, President of the State Federation of

Women's Clubs, made a short talk, after which an informal reception

was held, and all present had the pleasure of meeting the officers

of the State Federation. The parlors and table were decorated with

red carnations and hearts. Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Mrs. G. D. Ellyson

presided at the tea table. A most delightful social hour was enjoyed

by the 198 ladies present. Members 175, guests 23.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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The Annual Business Meeting of the Women's Club met in Elks Club House Feb. 28th at three o'clock, with Acting President, Mrs. H. L. Carrell in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

The secretary read the names of the twenty-five members receiving the highest number of votes for the Board of Directors for the coming year. They were- Mesdames,

Carrell	Mitchell	Shipley	Ellyson	Plumb
Bicknell	Miss Gilcrest	J.S. Clark	Stevenson	Bailey
Still	E.W. Brown	Conaway	Alverson	Cowles
Cooke	Green	Durley	Watrous	Hunn
Chamberlain	Carter	Souers	Woodburn	Brigham

Mrs. Brigham stated it would be impossible for her to serve. Mrs. Nourse, having received next greatest number of votes, was declared elected to take Mrs. Brigham's place.

The Verifying Committee reported the list correct as read, and they were declared elected.

The following names were read as those elected to represent the Club at the Biennial at St. Paul:

-Delegates-	-Alternates-
Miss Gilcrest	Mrs. Stevenson
Mrs. Carrell	Plumb
Mitchell	Cooke
Shipley	Brown
Bicknell	Cummins J.C.
Bailey	Durley
Ellyson	Nourse
Cummins A.B.	Miller

Mrs. Treasurer G. D. Ellyson read her report. The Financial Committee reported the books correct, and it was adopted.

The following officers were elected to serve the Club the ensuing year:

Mrs. W. F. Mitchell,	President,
Mrs. A. E. Shipley	First Vice-President
Mrs. E. W. Brown	Second Vice-President
Mrs. C. E. Hunn	Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. D. Ellyson	Treasurer

There were 100 Club members and two guests present.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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The Club met in Elks Club House March 14th at 3:00 o'clock, with Mrs. H. L. Carrell presiding. Minutes were approved as read.

The resignation of Mrs. Aurelia Souers, who was elected Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing year, was read and accepted.

By motion of Mrs. Earnest Brown, the rules were suspended, and the Secretary instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Mrs. Conaway. Mrs. Conaway was declared elected.

Rev. Eleanor Gordon paid a very beautiful tribute to the life work of the lamented, Susan B. Anthony. Miss Gordon's closing words were- "Honor to her memory- sorrow for her death."

Mrs. Ogilvie offered the following: "I move that the Women's Club ask for a favorable action by the Judiciary Committee upon the Garst Bill in regard to Sunday theatres, and Sunday base ball, and that we favor the passage of this bill by the present legislature.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Gardner Cowles, Chairman of the Home and Education Department.

Mrs. E. D. Burbank was present, and read a paper on "The reaction from Puritanism in Education," which was followed by forty minutes of very interesting discussion. Mr. Burbank gave his instructive paper, with the understanding that he should close the discussion, an impossible stipulation for a man to make in a Women's Club, but Mr. Burbank expressed himself as being perfectly satisfied.

There were present 88 members and 11 guests.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Elks Club House March 28th at 3:00 o'clock, with Mrs. H. L. Carrell presiding. The minutes were approved as read.

The program was in charge of the History and Literature Department, with Mrs. Charles L. Powell, Chairman. Mrs. Mabelle Wagner-Shank, with Mr. Frank Nagle at the piano, gave a group of songs, of which the music of one "My Rosary" was the composition of Mr. Nagle.

Mrs. I. M. Earl gave a report of the last three meetings of the City Federation.

Mrs. Thomas T. Stevenson presented a paper on "The Modern Drama."

There were present 83 Club members and five guests.

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Elks Club House April 11th at 3:00 o'clock, with Mrs. H. L. Carrell presiding. Minutes were approved as read.

After announcements were made, the program was in charge of the Women's Club Chorus, assisted by Mrs. Charles Hardy, pianist, Mr. Arcule Sheasby, violinist, Miss Agnes Donahoe, accompanist.

Mrs. Celeste B. Given, director and chairman, very earnestly thanked the Club and Board members, for the strong support they had given the Club Chorus during the year. The solo parts in Lullaby from "Midsummer Nights Dream" were given by Miss Ila Mount and Miss Edna Tilton.

Mrs. Anna Kramer-Blotcky and Mrs. Mabelle Wagner-Shank were the special soloists for the afternoon.

Mrs. Charles S. Hardy, pianist and Mr. Arcule Sheasby, violinist, gave selections from Greig, after which the Club adjourned.

Total attendance was 241, guests 47.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Elks Club House April 25th at 3:00 o'clock, with Mrs. H. L. Carrell in the chair.

After the announcements were made, the program passed into the care of the Philosophy and Science Committee, with Mrs. H. B. Hawley Chairman.

Mrs. Anna-Kramer-Blotcky and Mrs. Katherine Bray-Haines delighted the audience with a vocal duet.

The Chairman introduced the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago, who delivered an address on "Modern Slavery", which was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Haines.

There were present 161 members, and 43 guests, making the total attendance 204.

Club adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

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The last Social Day of the Club year May 9th, 1906, was attended by 70 Club members and 34 guests, who will not soon forget the noonday picnic at beautiful Union Park. It is said the fine weather was wholly due to the persistence of the Chairman of the day, who would not give the weather man one minutes rest until he promised "Fair and warmer" weather. Two long tables placed in the pavilion were artistically decorated with lilacs, around which the happy company gathered. The program was not pre-arranged, but was a good one nevertheless. Mrs. Cummins, chairman, called upon Mesdames Durley, Bicknell and Weitz for picnic stories and experiences, to which they very appropriately responded. The luncheon concluded with the singing of "America" by the entire company, led by Miss Marie Chambers. The Committee in charge, Mesdames J. C. Cummins, M. M. Pratt, O. B. Frye and Walter McHenry are to be congratulated for the planning of one of the most delightful of our always pleasant social days.

Eliza Coe Mitchell
Secretary.

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Minutes Board of Directors
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May 1904

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Officers

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Recording Sec.	Mrs. W. F. Mitchell
Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. Ernest W. Brown
Treasurer	Mrs. Homer A. Miller

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club held a meeting in Yeoman Hall Oct. 19th. Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

It was voted to continue the scholarship to Prof. Cumming's Art School, and Roy Stancliff was rechosen to continue his work another year.

A letter from the Young Women's Christian Association asking for a contribution to the fund to purchase magazines and books was read. Through a misunderstanding the amount voted the Association last year was not sent and it was decided to double the amount of last year's contribution.

A motion carried to have Mrs. Foote give a talk on the subject of Bress before the Club Saturday Oct. 22nd., charging 35¢ admission- the door receipts to be given Mrs. Foote.

Mrs. Lichty and Mrs. Ellyson, of the entertainment committee, were present and wished information in regard to the price of seats for the opera to be given at Foster's Nov. 10th. and 11th. It was decided to reconsider at the next meeting the motion to charge 75¢ for the entire house, except the gallery.

The following names were proposed for membership:

Mrs. Harvey Ingham

Mrs. Gardner Cowles

Miss Alice Hepburn

Mrs. Ellis

Susan A Brown,

Secretary Pro Tem.

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At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club, held in Yeoman Hall Oct. 25th. at ten o'clock, there were sixteen members present. Minutes of the preceeding meeting approved as read.

Upon motion of Mrs. Walker the rules were suspended and the oral application of Mrs. Harvey Ingham and Miss Hepburn were considered. The following named persons were voted upon and elected to membership,

Mrs. Harvey Ingham, proposed by Caroline C. Burbank, endorsed by Bertha Call Shore,

Mrs. Gardner Cowles, proposed by Bertha Call Shore, endorsed by Caroline C. Burbank.

Miss Alice Hepburn, proposed by Caroline C. Burbank, endorsed by Emily M. Clifford.

Mrs. Samuel Fletcher Ellis, proposed by Mrs. Homer A Miller, endorsed by Mrs. Isaac K. Wilson.

Mrs. Douglas Fleming, proposed by Rose Frankel Rosenfield, endorsed by Edna K. Frankel.

Mrs. Frank O. Davis, proposed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, endorsed by Miss Helen Lee.

Mrs. Elbert moved that to-day, Oct. 25th., be considered the first reading of Mrs. Hardy's name. Carried.

The request of Mrs. H. B. Wyman, that she be dropped from the Club membership, was granted and the Corresponding Secretary instructed to notify her.

Mrs. F. T. Campbell and Mrs. F. L. Caldwell, on account of leaving Des Moines, asked for letters of withdrawal from the Club,

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with the privilege of reentering should they again become residents of Des Moines. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send letters complying with their request, and which would indicate they had been members in good standing in the Des Moines Women's Club.

Action upon a communication from Mrs. Lamoine Mott was deferred until the President could interview her.

On motion, Mrs. A. C. Ross's request to withdraw her membership from the Club was granted. It was voted to reinstate Miss Luella Gregory to Club membership, with payment of regular membership fee.

It was moved and carried the \$6.00 be sent to the Young Women's Christian Association as a contribution to the magazine and book fund - \$3.00 for last year and \$3.00 for the present year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Elbert it was decided to send a complimentary ticket for the year, admitting to the Club with all privileges, Miss Dunlap of the Road Side Settlement.

After a discussion in regard to the advisability of having Mrs. Twing give two lectures it was decided to have but one, entitled "Sense and Sentiment"^{in the home} which is illustrated by charts, lanterns etc. Mrs. Twing is to be entertained while in the city by the Women's Club, and to receive \$15.00 for the lecture.

Mrs. Elbert and Miss Gilcrest were appointed to secure an operator for the lantern.

Miss Brown moved the price of seats for the "First Lieutenant" entertainments at Foster's Nov 10th. and 11th. be left to the discretion of the entertainment committee and financial manager. motion prevailed.

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Mrs. Elbert's motion to limit complimentary tickets for said entertainment to News-papers carried.

Mrs. Vorse and Mrs. Ricknell were elected to represent the Women's Club at Federation luncheons during the year.

Adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
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DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met Nov. 2nd. in Yeoman Hall by request of Mrs. D. F. Given. The Board voted that Mrs. Given be allowed \$40.00 to defray expenses of Music day Dec. 14th.

Adjournd.

Eliza Lee Mitchell

Mrs. D. F. Given came before the Club with the following proposition - that a chorus be formed to be known as the chorus of the music department of the Des Moines Women's Club, a fee of \$2.00 to be charged for membership, which would not entitle members to other than the music committee privileges of the Club. Mrs. Given to receive \$30.00 for the remainder of the year for five appearances of the chorus before the Club. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Given's proposition be accepted. A committee consisting of Mrs. Walker and Miss Silvestri was appointed to take up the matter with Mrs. Given and bring the result of the meeting to the Board of Directors for final action.

Mrs. Elbert moved that Mr. Chas. Curing be empowered to select and purchase a picture for the Des Moines Women's Club at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition - carried.

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The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall Nov. 9th at two o'clock, with President Cummins in the chair, and thirteen other members were present. Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. The President reported having had an interview with Mrs. Lamion Mott which resulted in Mrs. Mott continuing her membership in the Club.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Milton Dudley be elected by acclamation to membership in the Des Moines Women's Club. Mrs. J.J. Hartenbower, who soon leaves Des Moines, was given a letter of withdrawal from the Club. The President reported the need of stationery and, by motion of Mrs. Read, the matter of purchase was left in the hands of the President and Secretaries.

Mrs. D. F. Givens came before the Club with the following proposition - that a chorus be formed to be known as the chorus of the music department of the Des Moines Women's Club, a fee of \$2.50 to be charged for membership, which would not entitle members to other than the music committee privileges of the Club. Mrs. Givens to receive \$50.00 for the remainder of the year for five appearances of the chorus before the Club. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Givens proposition be accepted. A committee consisting of Mrs. Walker and Miss Gilcrest was appointed to take up the matter with Mrs. Givens and bring the result of the meeting to the Board of Directors for final action.

Mrs. Elbert moved that Mr. Chas Cumming be empowered to select and purchase a picture for the Des Moines Women's Club at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition - Carried.

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Miss Gilcrest moved that the Curtains of the Women's Club be loaned to Mrs. Kirk Nov. 22nd. provided they were taken down and returned by Chas. Chase, and at no expense to the Club. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ellyson reported that cards for the "First Lieutenants" entertainments were being placed in windows, and that seat sales were only fairly good.

Mrs. Harry Edwin Chapin's name was proposed by Mrs. D. F. Givens and endorsed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell for membership in the Des Moines Women's Club.

Secretary.

Eliza Leox Mitchell

The following communication and resolutions were offered by Mrs. T. M. Walker.

"Since it has long been the desire of the Women's Club to have an active department of music, both instrumental and vocal, and since we believe the way is now open to establish a chorus, your committee submit the following recommendations.

Int.- That we invite the leading Women Singers of Des Moines to join an organization to be called the Women's Club Chorus- carried

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The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall Nov. 18th, at three o'clock - Mrs. Cummins, President, presiding.

Owing to continued ill health Mrs. Henry Wallace asked for a letter of withdrawal, which was granted her. It was moved and carried that a letter of sympathy be sent Mrs. Wallace.

Mrs. Clapp who has found it impossible to share in the work of the entertainment committee asked to be relieved from the position on the committee. The request was granted.

A motion by Mrs. Durley that the Board of the Des Moines Women's Club join in a protest to Senators Allison and Doliver against the qualification imposed in the clause embodied in the bill admitting to statehood Oklahoma and Indian Territories, effecting the right of suffrage, in which letter they shall protest against the word sex, being classed with illiteracy and felony, and a letter of similar character be addressed to Senator Albert J. Beverage, Chairman of the Senate Committee on territories.

The following communication and resolutions were offered by Mrs. T. M. Walker.

"Since it has long been the desire of the Women's Club to have an active department of music, both instrumental and vocal, and since we believe the way is now open to establish a chorus; your committee submit the following recommendations,

Ist.- That we invite the leading Women singers of Des Moines to join an organization to be called the Women's Club Chorus- carried

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2nd.- That the members of the Chorus shall pay an annual fee of \$2.50.- carried.

3rd. - That we employ a director, at a stipulated price, by the year to conduct and drill the Chorus ; that the Chorus will hold itself in readiness to sing upon all occasions when such music is desired by the Club, and that the Club will call upon members of the Chorus for solos when they are wanted. (This is suggested in order that there may be some extra recompense to our best singers for giving their time.) Carried.

4th. - That this vocal department be at our service on our public music days.

5th. - That the Women's Club shall furnish the hall, piano, all music needed, accompanist and any other natural expenses of the organization. - Carried."

Mrs. Hurley moved that the resolutions offered by Mrs. Walker be adopted. A motion to amend was proposed and adopted - that the resolutions be taken up, discussed and passed upon separately. - Carried.

Secretary.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

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The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met Nov. 30th. at half past four o'clock in Yeoman Hall.

Mrs. Vorse moved the Chorus membership be limited to thirty for this year. - Carried.

It was moved and carried that the Chorus membership fee for the remainder of the year be \$1.50 instead of \$2.50.

Mrs. Shaw moved that Mrs. Givens try to find a young pianist who would play for the Chorus without charge. If that could not be done that preference be given a Club member. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Walker that the music committee be granted the privilege of having programs printed for music day, Dec. 14th. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Vorse moved that Mrs. Walker and Miss Gilcrest constitute a committee to review the arrangements concerning the Women's Club Chorus. - Carried.

Mrs. May Logan Newell and Mrs. Chas. S. Hardy were elected to membership in the Club.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary

Eliza Lee Mitchell

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The Board of Des Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall Dec. 10th. at ten o'clock, Miss Gilcrest, First Vice President, presiding. Minutes were approved as read.

Miss Howell, by motion of Mrs. Burbank was given a letter of recommendation to Clubs outside of the city.

Mr. Cumming came before the Club and stated he had arranged for the purchase of a picture by Ginnier, who was a member of the Salon Jury with medals. The price paid for the picture was \$550.00. Mr. Cumming was instructed to take immediate steps to secure the picture.

Mrs. Walker moved that negotiations be entered into with Mr. Will H. Lowe for the purchase of the picture described and recommended by Mr. Cumming, also that a check of \$100.00 be sent Mr. Cumming in consideration of his work in securing pictures. This motion carried, and it was further decided to have Mr. Cumming make all arrangements and close the deal for the Lowe picture.

Mrs. Homer Miller- Treasurer - gave a report for the year up to date, which was adopted.

Miss Gilcrest stated Miss Lincoln objected to the piano in the Hall. Mrs. Walker's motion prevailed that if the piano could not be put in proper condition another be secured for Music Day Dec. 14th.

Miss Gilcrest reported for Mrs. Given that the Chorus of the Des Moines Women's Club was progressing finely, and that the leading musicians were nearly all joining.

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Mrs. E. T. Eshbaugh was elected to membership.

Members present---- Clapp, Powell, Witmer, Walker, Prouty, Shaw, Burbank, Green, Clark, Durley, Gilcrest, Mitchell.

Adjourned

Secretary

Eliza Leet Mitchell

In Yeoman Hall Dec. 14th. the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met at two o'clock. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Gilcrest stated that the City Book and Stationery Co. had asked that the picture recently purchased might be displayed in their windows. It was decided by the Board that the Club members should have the privilege of seeing it first at a meeting of the Club, then it could be placed where the public might have the pleasure of seeing it.

Mrs. Elbert called attention to the two pictures which were on exhibition in the hall.

Mrs. Elbert presented the following resolution which was unanimously endorsed by the Board; Resolved that the Des Moines Women's Club recommend to the State House Commissioners Mr. Chas. A. Cumming as one of the artists to be employed in the decoration of the state capitol building.

Miss Gilcrest spoke of the pleasure the Board felt in having Mrs. Cummins with them again. Board Adjourned.

Eliza Leet Mitchell
Secy

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At ten-thirty A. M. Jan. 4th, 1905 the Board of Directors
A meeting of the Board of the Des Moines Women's Club was
called for Jan. 4th. at four-thirty o'clock to meet Mr. Baker who
desired to arrange for the pianist, Malek, to appear before
the Club. Owing to the lateness of the season much had been
arranged for and it was not considered wise to assume so great
a responsibility.

The names of Mrs. A. A. McLaughlin and Miss Josephine Retz
were read as applicants for membership in the Des Moines Women's
Club, after which the Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secy

President Currine stated that the meeting had been called in
the interest of the Art Committee. Mrs. Walker expressed regret
that neither Mr. Ives nor Mr. Gurnsey could be secured for art
day Feb. 1st., but that Mr. French would come for \$30.00 and
entertainment. A motion that the Art Committee arrange with Mr.
French for that afternoon carried unanimously. An informal talk
followed in which Mrs. Currine, President, spoke of the great ad-
vantage that would come from having Burton Holmes with us for
four or five Saturday afternoons, when school children could at-
tend, providing it could be so arranged. Mrs. Currine read a com-
munication from Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, who is much interested in
Civil Service, asking what the Des Moines Women's Club was
doing to promote it. As this system is approved by the Board of

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At ten-thirty A. M. Jan. 6th. 1905 the Board of Directors was called to order , with 14 members present. Minutes of the previous meeting corrected and approved.

Mrs. A. A. McLaughlin and Miss Josephine Retz were elected to Club membership

The resignation of Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, whose absence from the city will make it impossible for her to do the work of a Board member, was accepted with regret.

Mrs. C. E. Rawson also presented her resignation on account of increasing duties caused by her husband's ill health. It was decided by the Board that owing to Mrs. Rawson's interest in the Club, and her efficient work, that it would be unwise to lose her from the Board of Directors at this time.

President Cummins stated that the meeting had been called in the interest of the Art Committee. Mrs. Walker expressed regret that neither Mr. Ives nor Mr. Garnsey could be secured for Art day Feb. 1st., but that Mr. French would come for \$30.00 and entertainment. A motion that the Art Committee arrange with Mr. French for that afternoon carried unanimously. An informal talk followed in which Mrs. Cummins, President, spoke of the great advantage that would come from having Burton Holmes with us for four or five Saturday afternoons, when school children could attend, providing it could be so arranged. Mrs. Cummins read a communication from Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, who is much interested in Civil Service, asking what the Des Moines Women's Club was doing to promote it . As this system is approved by the Board of

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Control it was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed to visit the Board of Control, gain information on the matter and write Mrs. Decker. The President appointed Mrs. A. B. Cummins, Mrs. Witmer, and Mrs. Powell.

The President stated the Home and Education committee was anxious to do effective work and thought Domestic Science should be taught in the grades of the Schools. A motion by Mrs. Clark that this idea be brought to the attention of the school board and superintendent by a committee named by the President prevailed. Mrs. Cummins named Mesdames Miller, Vorse and Brown to constitute this committee.

Mrs. Clark reported that objectionable pictures were on exhibition in the Street Railway waiting room, in one of the penny slot machines, and asked that the Women's Club Board use its influence to put a stop to it. After some discussion as to the best method to bring about the desired result Mrs. Alverson's motion carried,-- that Mrs. Mitchell investigate the matter and notify those in authority of the violation of the ordinance.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Carter of her election to the Board, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Durley-- Mrs. Carter having received the next highest vote at the last annual election.

Members present - Alverson, Brown, Clark, Cummins, Cummins, Mitchell
Miller, ~~Miller~~, Powell, Prouty, Rawson, Vorse, Walker, Witmer.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Eliza Lee Mitchell
Secy

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The Des Moines Women's Club Board of Directors held a meeting in Yeoman Hall at two-thirty o'clock Tuesday, Feb'y. 1st. with 21~~2~~ members present. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Wallace requested through Mrs. Miller that her name might be placed in the Club Calander, but that she might be exempt from paying dues. The matter was delayed for final action until the next meeting.

Mrs. Walker reported that Mt. Cumming would like to have the picture placed in his studio for a short time, and made a motion which carried, that he be given the privilege and that he pay the expense of removal.

Mrs. Witmer reported that the committee appointed to confer with the Board of Control had gained much information in regard to Civil Service, and read a comprehensive letter which would be forwarded to Mrs. Decker as requested.

Mrs. Mitchell, who had been appointed to take up the slot machine matter with the Street Railway Co. , read a letter from Mr. Bert Maish- Suprentendent- who thanked the Board for calling his attention to the nature of the pictures on exhibition, and said immediate steps would be taken to eliminate this objectionable feature.

The following names were proposed for membership in the Club,

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Mrs. Edna F. Miller - proposed by Mrs. Alice Bailey,

endorsed by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell

Mrs. Riddle, proposed by Mrs. Powell, endorsed by

Miss *Kyle*

Mrs. J. M. Emery - proposed by Mrs. C. E. Rawson, endorsed by

Mrs. E. H. Carter.

Miss Josephine Retz - proposed by Mrs. Homer Miller, endorsed

by Mrs. J. C. Cummins

Mrs. W. F. Smith - proposed by Mrs. C. E. Rawson, endorsed by

Mrs. Martin Flynn

Members present - Alverson, Brown, Clapp, Clark, Cummins, Cummins,

Dart, Carter, Elbert, Gilcrest, Green, Hawley, Miller, Mitchell,

Powell, Prouty, Read, Rawson, Shaw, Vorse, Walker, Witmer. 22

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Secy

The Board of Directors met at the Victoria Feb. 8th at ten o'clock, with 18 members present. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Elbert reported she had called upon Mrs. Wallace, and that it was her belief, that Mrs. Wallace would retain her membership in the Club.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Miller read her report up to date, which was accepted.

Mrs. Elbert reported for the Committee composed of Mrs. Elbert, A. B. Cummins, Windsor, appointed to confer with Mr. Cumming in regard to the Taylor picture- that the Committee was of the opinion, that the Club would be safe in buying, and that she had heard nothing but praise of it; however, Mr. Cumming had not passed upon the picture, consequently, no action was taken upon the purchase of it.

Mrs. Shaw's motion carried, that the Home and Education Committee use the necessary money to pay the expense, if any, of having President McLean for their afternoon.

Mrs. Miller reported that the Committee appointed to see Supt. Riddell and School Board had talked with Mr. Riddell, and that he was favorable to having sewing introduced into the schools, and cooking in the Lincoln school. After the full report was given it was decided to continue the Committee, with two new members, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Read, added.

Mrs. Elbert gave notice of a desired change in by-laws, to be considered at next meeting- Article Eleven.

A letter from Rev. Miss Safford was read in which she expressed her pleasure upon receiving a letter of greeting from the Club, after which Mrs. Brown's motion carried- that a receipt for Rev. Safford's

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dues for the year be sent her.

Mrs. Walker moved the Secretary be instructed to send Mrs. Wisenand a letter expressing the regret of the Club members of her inability to attend meetings, with the hope expressed that she would at no distant day be able to renew her membership in the Club.

Mrs. Cummins, President, said we were again confronted with the question- where can we hold our meetings? She stated, Mr. Henry, President of the Library Board had said he thought satisfactory arrangements could be made by which a temporary home could be had in the Library building. Mrs. Mitchell stated Mr. Garver had offered to arrange rooms in a new building, which would be satisfactory. After looking over the upper floor of the Victoria, some of the members, with the President, decided to go to the Library building and thoroughly look the situation over. The following is the list of those elected to membership; Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Emery, Mrs. Edna T. Miller, Mrs. Riddle, Miss Lillian Warren.

Board members present 18-

Alverson	Prouty	J. C. Cummins
Burbank	Walker	Read
Clapp	Clark	Vorse
Brown	Shaw	Gilcrest
Hawley	Mitchell	Dart
Elbert	Miller	Green

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secy

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At 10:00 o'clock A.M., March 3rd, the Board of Directors of the present and ensuing year met in the City Library Building, with 18 members present.

Minutes of two previous meetings read and approved.

Mrs. Walker's motion carried, that a committee of five be appointed by the President, to carefully go over the by-laws, make the changes which seem best for the Club's interests, all Board members privileged to suggest changes to the Committee. The Committee to report at the next Board meeting.

The President appointed Mesdames Burbank, Walker, Prouty, Elbert and Miss Gilcrest.

A letter was read from Mrs. Martha B. Johnson in regard to her lecture on "Parsifal", which she would be pleased to give, under the auspices of the Women's Club.

By motion of Mrs. Burbank the Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Johnson that owing to the fact that there was so much already arranged for in the way of Parsifal talks and lectures, that the Board did not consider it wise to arrange for anything further.

A letter from Mr. George Henry of the Library Board was read and discussed, containing a proposition to the Board of Directors of the Women's Club in regard to the Women's Club renting rooms in the Library building, to be used for all club purposes, after which Mr. Henry, by request of Board, appeared and answered questions propounded.

On motion after Mr. Henry left, a Committee of five was named, consisting of Mesdames Witmer, Miller, Shaw, Powell and Miss Gilcrest to prepare a proposition to be submitted to the Library Board in regard to renting the rooms specified in Mr. Henry's communication, after which the Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell Secy

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Board members present:

plumb	Clark	Prouty	Gilcrest	Carroll	Ellyson
Shaw	Powell	Elbert	Walker	Brown	Mitchell
Burbank	Alverson	Vorse	Miller	Witmer	Cummins

Edna Cox Mitchell
Secy

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The Des Moines Women's Club Board met in Yeoman Hall, March 18th.

The Board of Directors of the Women's Club met immediately after the adjournment of the Club, March 15th, at the request of the chairman of the Music Department.

Mrs. Powell's motion carried- that the music and entertainment committees have the privilege of bringing Miss Wirthland here to aid in musical entertainment which would be given in April, between the tenth and seventeenth of the month, after which the Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell-
Sec'y

Mrs. Walker's motion carried that Article VIII, Sec. 3, be left for discussion Wednesday morning, March 23rd. It was also moved and carried that Article 10 be left for further discussion until next meeting of Board.

Mrs. Miller's motion carried that Baker and Trisler be allowed to have the Club picture "Entering the Harbor" placed in their store window for the term of two weeks. It was further moved and carried that Messrs. Walker and Powell see that the picture was properly placed and marked.

Mrs. Wither read the proposition which had been arranged by the Committee to present to the Library Board. After much discussion and the legal side of the question well presented by Mrs. Powell, it was decided to wait until after the next Board meeting before presenting it to the Library Board. Messrs. Wither, Powell and Shaw were made a committee to meet with the Library Board, providing it were necessary.

Mrs. Mills reported the Committee had looked over the Standard property at 14th and High Streets, and were much pleased with the

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The Des Moines Women's Club Board met in Yoeman Hall, March 18th, 1905. President Cummins in chair.

Minutes of two previous meetings approved as read.

The name of Mrs. Frederick J. Will was proposed for membership.

Mrs. Janet D. Barrett, now of Ames, was granted a letter of withdrawal from the club.

Mrs. R. P. Dart, by motion of Miss Gilcrest, was given a letter of withdrawal and a card recommending her to other clubs.

The Board had under consideration amendments to and changes in the by-laws, which amendments and changes were referred to the Committee on By-laws, and they to report at next Board meeting.

Mrs. Walker's motion carried that Article VIII, Sec.3, be left for discussion Wednesday morning, March 23rd. It was also moved and carried that Article 10 be left for further discussion until next meeting of board.

Mrs. Miller's motion carried that Baker and Trisler be allowed to have the Club picture "Entering the Harbor" placed in their store window for the term of two weeks. It was further moved and carried that Mesdames Walker and Powell see that the picture was properly placed and marked.

Mrs. Witmer read the proposition which had been arranged by the Committee to present to the Library Board. After much discussion and the legal side of the question well presented by Mrs. Powell, it was decided to wait until after the next Boardmeeting before presenting it to the Library Board. Mesdames Witmer, Powell and Shaw were made a committee to meet with the Library Board, providing it were necessary.

Mrs. Mills reported the Committee had looked over the Sheuerman property at 14th and High Streets, and were much pleased with the

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arrangement of the house and size of lot. The Committee was instructed to make further investigations and report at next Board meeting.

Eliza Cox Mitchell - Secy

Twenty members of the Board of Directors of the Women's Club met in Yoeman Hall, March 22nd at ten oclock. As the Club was to have an all day session, many Club members were in the Auditorium.

The President invited them to be present at the Board meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Cummins, President, announced a concert for Friday evening, April 14th, under the auspices of the Music and Entertainment Committees. By motion of Mrs. Elbert all arrangements for concert were left in the hands of the two committees named.

By request of the City teachers, and a desire upon the part of the President and Board members to have Prof. Rett E. Olmstead deliver a lecture on birds before the children of Des Moines, it was decided to have the Entertainment Committee arrange for his coming, if possible.

Mrs. Witmer, Chairman of Library Committee, reported she had talked with Mr. Henry, and that he had said the incoming Board would ratify all previous contracts, he thought, and that enough insurance could be added to the Club property to replace woodwork should a fire occur. Many arguments in favor of the library were made, and just as many opposing the signing of a contract.

Mrs. Clapp reported for the Sheuerman place Committee, composed of Mesdames Mills, Clapp, Alverson and Clark, that the price asked was \$13,000.00. The house was large and well built. After much discussion it was decided only an architect could tell whether necessary changes could be made, and the matter was left fur further discussion.

Lunch was announced and a pleasant social time was much enjoyed.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secy

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A Board meeting was held March 25th, at 1:30 o'clock.

A letter from Mr. S. Seymore Thomas in New York was read, stating there was a painting for sale by Edwin Lord Weeks, which he could procure for the Club for \$5000.00.

A motion carried that Mrs. Windsor telegraph Mr. Thomas that we were favorably considering the offer, and request a photograph of the picture.

The meeting closed after an informal discussion.

Susan Brown,

Secy. pro-tem.

By motion of Mrs. Mitchell, the Treasurer and Finance Committee were instructed to arrange for the purchase of the picture.

The Board requested Mrs. Windsor to send telegram stating that the Club would buy the picture.

Mrs. Brown's motion carried that the Chair appoint a committee to receive the picture, Messrs. Windsor, Walker, Mills and S. Cummins constitute the Committee.

Mrs. Cummins reported the cost for lunch served Club Day was \$31.10. that Chase Bros. donated the 10 cents to make even change.

Members of Board present:

Windsor	Walker
Mills	Miller
Foxall	Winters
Clark	Carter
Proctor	Brown
Cilbertson	Mitchell
Alverson	Clark
Shaw	Cummins

Meeting closed.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secy.

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Sixteen members were present at a Board meeting in Yoeman Hall, March 29th, at two o'clock.

The minutes were read and approved.

The by-laws prepared and adopted by the Women's Club Chorus were presented for the approval of the Board, which was granted, after some necessary additions to, and a few slight changes in them were made.

Mrs. Miller, Treasurer, reported \$969.92 in Art Fund treasury.

Mrs. Windsor was present and read letters which she had received from S. Seymore Thomas in regard to the Edward Lord Weeks picture.

Mrs. A. B. Cummin's motion carried that the Club purchase the picture.

By motion of Mrs. Mitchell, the treasurer and finance committee were instructed to arrange for the purchase of the picture.

The Board requested Mrs. Windsor to send telegram stating that the Club would buy the picture.

Mrs. Brown's motion carried that the Chair appoint a committee to receive the picture. Mesdames Windsor, Walker, Mills and A. B. Cummins constitute the Committee.

Mrs. Cummins reported the cost for lunch served Club Day was \$21.19, and that Chase Bros. donated the 19 cents to make even change.

Members of Board present:

Cummins	Walker
Mills	Miller
Powell	Witmer
Clapp	Carter
Prouty	Brown
Gilcrest	Mitchell
Alverson	Clark
Shaw	Cummins.

Meeting closed.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Sec'y

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The Board of Directors of the Women's Club met at ten o'clock April 8th with 16 members present.

Mrs. Miller's motion carried- that Miss McLoney be allowed \$10.00 to pay for the lecture given by Prof. Duflos.

Mrs. Hawley moved that the rules be suspended, and the names of Mrs. Welker Given and Mrs. D. M. Johnson, be considered as read for the first time as applicants for Club membership. Motion carried.

Mrs. Frederick J. Will was elected to Club membership.

Mrs. B. F. Elbert, by request of Mrs. James, asked for the endorsement of the Board of Directors of the proposition which has been made to the Park Commissioners, to purchase for park purposes the properties lying between Fourth and Fifth and Chestnut and Park Streets. The matter was discussed but no action taken.

The motion was lost that the proposition prepared by Library Committee, be presented to the Library Board.

Mrs. Miller, Chairman of the Sheuerman property Committee, brought diagram of house for inspection, and reported that the architects of the building had said it was so well built that all changes could be made which would make it desirable for a Club house, and with said changes, the seating capacity of Auditorium would be at least 450.

A motion to adjourn and go in a body to look at the Sheuerman property, carried.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secy

Members present:

J. C. Cummins
A. B. Cummins
E. R. Clapp
P. J. Mills
B. F. Elbert
F. O. Green
Homer Miller
W. F. Mitchell

Chas. Powell
E. D. Burbank
S. F. Prouty
W. W. Witmer
E. W. Brown
H. B. Hawley
H. Alverson
T. M. Walker

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At one o'clock on Wednesday, April 12th, the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Yoeman Hall, Vice-President Gilcrest presiding, until the arrival of President Cummins.

The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Mesdames D. M. Johnson, A. N. Odenheimer, Welker Given, H. L. Ware, Miss Harriet Ankeny, were elected to Club membership.

Those whose names were proposed were: Mesdames Frank T. Morris, E. S. Frank, E. R. Mason, W. A. Graham, Jasen Haines.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved \$1000.00 more be added to the insurance of Club properties. Motion carried.

Mrs. Elbert moved that Mrs. Dr. Dickenson be reinstated to Club membership. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walker's motion prevailed that if we buy the Sheuerman property, we do it with the understanding that we place the Club pictures in the Club house.

Mrs. Walker moved we make an offer of \$8000.00 for the Sheuerman property.

Board members present:

Brown,	Miller
Burbank	Mills
Cummins	Mitchell
Cummins	Powell
Elbert	Prouty
Gilcrest	Read
Green	Shaw
Hawley	Vorse
Witmer	Walker

Club Adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell Secy

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The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Yoeman Hall April 26th at two o'clock, with Vice-President Gilcrest in the chair.

Minutes were read and approved.

Six new members elected and sixteen new names proposed for membership.

Mrs. Mills reported the Sheuerman heirs had refused or ignored the offer made by the Committee for the Board.

Mrs. Walker moved the Committee call upon Mr. Sheuerman and see what was the lowest price the property could be bought for. (Carried)

The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Mrs. A. B. Shaw, who soon leaves Des Moines for Pasadena, Cal. to make her future home.

Mrs. Burbank's motion prevailed- that Mrs. Shaw's resignation be accepted with sincere regret.

Mrs. Ellyson having received the highest number of votes at last year's election, will fill the unexpected term of Mrs. Shaw's office.

Miss Blanch Barclay asked that her name be left out of the next year's calendar, as she did not expect to be able to attend the Club meetings.

Mrs. Prouty's motion carried, that May 24th be the date for the closing social day, and that the delegates from the Federation at Waterloo give their reports, and that a vice-president be elected to take the place made vacant by Mrs. Shaw's removal from the City.

Miss Gilcrest read a communication from A. G. Field, offering the property at 1323--13th St. for sale to the Des Moines Women's Club.

Mrs. Mitchell reported that an agent for the Strauss home on High Street had requested her to state to the Board that the property was in the market, and it was decided to have Mrs. Mills call upon

the agent and get price, and if best, look at the property.

Board adjourned.

Eliza Lee Mitchell
Secy

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The outgoing and incoming Board of Directors of the Women's Club met May 22nd at the home of the President, Mrs. J. C. Cummins.

Minutes read and approved.

There were 27 new members elected, the rules being suspended in the case of Mrs. McLeod, who had not lived in the city one year.

A motion carried that the Board endorse the plan of the Social Committee for the picnic to be held at the home of Mrs. Prouty May 24th.

It was asked of the Women's Club to give approval and co-operate with the Gas Company in keeping three rooms open for public inspection some time in June, in the Y.M.C.A. Building. A Motion carried to that effect.

Mrs. Ellyson read a report of the music committee, which was accepted with the instruction that the papers be turned over to the Treasurer for filing.

The Board endorsed the plan of the Art Department to have an art exhibition in the Fall, with instructions to make investigations and report to the Board.

After refreshments and a social half hour, the Board adjourned.

Susan Brown,

Sec'y Pro-tem.

Eliza Lane Mitchell
Sec'y

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June 30th, 1905, the Board meeting was at the home of Miss Gilcrest, with President Cummins in chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Cummins read a letter from J. H. Windsor offering for sale the property at 820 Sixth Ave., owned by Elizabeth Hunt. After general discussion, Mrs. Burbank's motion that the proposition be accepted, lost, and Mrs. Mitchell was requested to write Mr. Windsor the decision of the Board.

Treasurer Mrs. Miller read her report, which was accepted.

President Mrs. Cummins read a letter from Mrs. S. S. Still, Chairman of Entertainment Committee for Social Day at the Prouty home, stating all bills had been paid and that the expense was \$66.21.

Mrs. Walker moved that a note of thanks be sent Mrs. Prouty showing the Board's appreciation of the hospitality extended the Club members and their friends. Mrs. Walker further moved the names of Mrs. Clara Lacy Green and Dr. Lena Means be put in next year's Club calendar, and that a complimentary membership be given Mrs. Weeks because of the great help she had been to the Club. Both motions prevailed.

Miss Gilcrest, Mesdames Hawley and Walker were appointed a committee to secure a place of meeting for the club the coming year.

Miss Gilcrest's invitation to the Board members to remain after adjournment, for refreshment and a social time, was accepted, and was much enjoyed.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secy

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

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The Board of Directors of the Women's Club met in the Hotel Chamberlain, Aug. 12th at nine o'clock, A.M., with President Cummins in the chair.

Mrs. Vorse reported for Mrs. Howell, that Mrs. Raymond of Chicago could be secured to deliver her lecture on "Italian Child Life" with stereoptican views. The probable cost would be \$25.00.

Miss Gilcrest's motion carried that Mrs. Howell be empowered to arrange with Mrs. Raymond.

Miss Gilcrest reported the Room Committee had found the Elks Club rooms quite attractive, but did not know whether they could be rented or not. The Unitarian Church could be rented for \$50.00 per month for eight months, and free use for the Summer months.

Yoeman Hall had been cleaned and better janitor service promised.

Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Hardy.

The incoming President and Secretary were instructed to order stationery.

Mrs. Elbert reported for Art Committee that Mr. Young would secure picture of the best American artist, and that the total expense of having him would probably be between three and four hundred dollars. After much discussion Mrs. Carters moved that the Art Committee be empowered to go ahead and arrange with Mr. Young for the exhibit. Motion lost.

Miss Gilcrest moved the Art Committee be instructed to communicate with Mr. Young and offer to furnish a place for Art exhibit and watchman, Club to use its influence to make the lecture and exhibit a success. Mr. Young to receive door receipts of exhibit and proceeds of lecture.
(Carried)

Mrs. Mills reported that Mr. Sanford had called upon her and offered the Sheuerman property to the Club for \$ 12,000.00, that a mortgage of

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\$7000.00 was upon the property and must be arranged for, that all the time desired by the Club would be given in which to make payments.

Mrs. Witmer's motion that we accept the proposition was lost.

Eliza Cox Mitchell-
Sec'y

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The Board met in Elks Club House Sept. 12th, at eleven o'clock, with fourteen members present.

Minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Miss Gilcrest reported the Executive Committee had relieved the Art Committee from further correspondence with Mr. Young in regard to art exhibit, and the matter had been dropped.

The President, Mrs. Cummins, reported flowers had been sent Mrs. Elbert from the Club, as an expression of love and sympathy. That it was necessary to give the order to the florist without delay, and that time could not be taken for a Board meeting. After consulting with Miss Gilcrest the order was given. The Board sanctioned this action.

By motion of Mrs. Walker, the corresponding secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mrs. Elbert expressing the sympathy of the Board.

Letters were also sent to Mrs. F. P. McKay, who lost her mother during the Summer and to Maj. Patton, who recently lost his wife.

The Board decided not to accept the letter of resignation of Mrs. W. L. Read, until further consideration.

Miss Gilcrest reported the Committee appointed to select a place of meeting for the Club the coming year, after careful investigation and consideration, were in favor of the Elks Club house, but it was the desire of the Committee that every member present should give free expression of their opinion in regard to it. Miss Gilcrest reported that the small rooms could be used at any time, free of charge, if previous notice was sent to the custodian. That the price for each Club meeting for exclusive use of third floor would be twenty dollars. Two dollars per hundred would be charged for chairs not already in room.

After discussion, a rising vote upheld the Committee in its opinion.

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Board members present:

Alverson,
Burbank
Bicknel
Brown
J. C. Cummins
Ellyson
Green
Gilcrest

Hunn
Miller
Mitchell
Witmer
Watrous
Walker

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Board adjourned.

- Eliza Cox Mitchell -
Sec'y

Officers

President
First Vice-Pres.
Second Vice-Pres.
Recording Sec.
Corresponding Sec.
Treasurer

Miss Belle Gilcrest
Mrs. H. L. Carroll
Mrs. J. S. Clark
Mrs. M. W. Mitchell
Mrs. Ernest Brown
Mrs. C. D. Ellyson

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The opening meeting of the Des Moines Women's Club, known as officer's day, was held Oct. 5th. 1904 in Yeoman Hall.

Mrs. Margaret Weber, chairman of music for the day, presented Mrs. Grace Clark DeGraff who gave three vocal numbers accompanied by Mrs. F. O. Davis on the piano.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The annual reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted.

Mrs. Elbert, the retiring President, gave an address, every sentence of which was so rich in feeling and thought that it should, if possible, have been given to the press so all readers could have been benefitted by it.

Mrs. Elbert introduced Mrs. J. C. Cummins, our President, who very happily placed the success of the Club largely upon the loyalty and work of its entire membership.

Mrs. Alice G. Fletcher, President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was a guest and talked enthusiastically of the organization.

Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Fannie Wilkin Ryan sang a series of Tuscan Folk Songs.

Mrs. Cummins announced a board meeting to be held immediately after the adjournment of the Club meeting, and an informal reception at which the Club members and guests were received by Madams Elbert, Cummins and Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown extended an invitation to all present to attend the opening of Hotel Chamberlain.

142 members and 14 guests present.

Elisa Cox Mitchell - Rec Sec

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The Des Moines Women's Club met Oct. 19th in Yeoman Hall.

Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

Two delegates - Mrs. W. L. Read and Mrs. S. F. Prouty - were elected to represent the Club at the first annual meeting of the Seventh District of the Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at Nevada Oct. 27th. and 28th.

The corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. O. R. Patrick.

The program was in charge of the Art Committee and the chairman, Mrs. Shipley, gave a talk on Japanese Art. A collection of rare prints were on exhibition and an explanation of them was given by Mrs. W. T. Johnston. After the program refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Susan A Brown,

Secretary Pro Tem

Eliza Cox Mitchell

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On Nov. 2nd at three o'clock the Des Moines Women's Club held a meeting in Yeoman Hall, Mrs. Cummins, President, presiding. There were 156 members and 17 guests present.

The following announcements were made: Mrs. Lichty, chairman of the entertainment committee, gave an encouraging report of the progress made in the preparation for the First Lieutenants entertainments, to be given Nov. 10th and 11th., and urged all members to attend. Mrs. Cummins also made a strong appeal for the support of the Club in this undertaking. The President asked that all hats be removed, and that this custom prevail during the Club year.

The President told of the meeting of the Seventh District Convention of Women's Clubs at Nevada at which there were seventy delegates present and much interest manifested. After the reading of the notices the meeting was given over to the social economics department.

The Chairman, Mrs. Edith Payne Parsons, announced the subject for the day would be "Paragraphs in Preventative Philanthropy", and introduced Mrs. S. F. Prouty as the first speaker. She gave a paper entitled "Our Boys" which was supplemented by talks from Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Durly, after which the West High School Glee Club, a well balanced and carefully trained club of young men, delighted the audience with several good vocal numbers.

Following the singing Mrs. W. L. Read opened the discussion of "What to do with our girls". Dr. Fosness and Miss Morton, to whom, upon motion, time was extended, joined in the discussion. The President stated that Mr. Chas Cumming had sent an invitation to the members of the Club to visit his studio in the City Library Building the afternoon and evening of Nov. 12th.

At the request of Mrs. Given a Board meeting was held immediately after adjournment of the Club. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Secretary

Elisa Cox Mitchell

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall Nov. 16th. at three o'clock, Mrs. Cummins, President, presiding. 152 members and 45 guests were present. Minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Cummins announced that the Board of Directors had authorized Mr. Chas. Cumming, who would be assisted by Mr. Halsy Ives, to select and purchase a picture for the Des Moines Women's Club at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

It was announced that all of the meetings of the Philosophy and Science study class would be held at the Social Settlement House until otherwise notified.

Miss Gilcrest reported for the entertainment committee that the net profits of the two "First Lieutenants" evenings amounted to \$193.65. Miss Gilcrest's report was accepted.

Mrs. Clapp moved a vote of thanks be given the musician, the members of the entertainment committee and all others who assisted in the work. ÷ Motion prevailed.

The President introduced Mrs. Emma Moffett Tyng who gave an interesting lecture on "Sense and Sentiment in the Home."

An important Board meeting was called for Friday afternoon Nov. 18th. at three o'clock.

At the conclusion of the lecture a reception was given in honor of the distinguished guest, and the Club members and friends given an opportunity to meet Mrs. Tyng.

Olivia Cox Mitchell
Secy

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In Yeoman Hall at 3 o'clock Nov. 30th. the Des Moines Women's Club was called to order by First Vice President, Miss Gilcrest. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. There were 103 members and 5 guests present.

Mrs. A. B. Shaw presented resolutions of sympathy for our President in her recent great sorrow, which were unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Morse and Miss McLoney, Chairman of the History and Literature class had charge of the program.

Mrs. Thomas F. Cook read a paper on "Russia and Russians" Mrs. B. F. Carroll followed with a paper on "The language and literature of the Russians"

Mrs. E. T. Eshbaugh was elected to Club membership at the last meeting of the Board.

Meeting Adjourned

Secretary

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Wednesday Dec. 14th. 1904 at three o'clock in Yeoman Hall the Des Moines Women's Club met with 263 members and 107 guests present.

Dr. Fuchs called attention to two pictures on exhibition, the work of Margaret Taylor, an artist who was well and favorably known in Berlin as a portrait painter.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Elbert and unanimously endorsed by the Club; Resolved that the Des Moines Women's Club recommend to the State House Commission Mr. Chas.

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The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Elbert, and unanimously endorsed by the Club: "Resolved that the D.M.W.C. recommend to the State House Commission, Mr. Charles Cummings as one of the artists to be employed in the decoration of the State Capitol building."

Mrs. J. H. Windsor and Mrs. A. B. Shaw paid very high tribute to Mr. Cumming as an artist, one who was worthy the place among America's most honored painters.

Mrs. Geo. Watkins, Vice-President of the Illinois Federation, was present, and gave an interesting talk along civic lines.

Mrs. Allen Peabody, head of the vocal department of the Detroit Conservatory of Music was a guest of the Club.

Mrs. D. F. Givens, Chairman of Music Committee, had arranged for the afternoon one of the most delightful and educational programs in the history of the Club. Miss Elsie Lincoln furnished the program, and prefaced each number with an interpretation. From the simple Folk song the audience was carried along to the wonderful Aria from Hamlet, which seemed the climax of the afternoon of song. The appreciation was manifested by the enthusiastic applause which followed each number, and Miss Lincoln was given a vote of thanks. Miss Irena Day was at the piano.

After the close of the program the members and guests remained for a cup of tea and a social half hour.

Eliza Cox Mitchell - Secy

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On Jan 4th. 1905 the Des. Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall, the President presiding. There were 104 members and 10 guests present. Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Mitchell reported that the picture "Entering the Harbor", by Ginnier, recently purchased by the Club, would be delivered as soon as Mr. Cumming had completed arrangements whereby it would be exempt from duty. The President read the following from a New Year card she had received which expressed her wish for all present,

"Good luck to you my friend
And may success attend you the whole year through.
What ere you plan to do - or enterprise pursue
Good luck to you."

Mrs. Miller, Treasurer, reported that she had received but \$69.00 dues from the Club members, but in spite of this a loan of \$500.00 had been made. The President made an earnest appeal to the members to pay their dues immediately and thus save the trouble of writing and sending cards calling attention to the non-payment of dues.

Dr. Fosness, Chairman of Philosophy and Science committee had charge of the program of which current topics proved an interesting feature, and were lead by Mesdames Bailey, Witmer, Windsor and Rev. Eleanor Gordon. Mrs. H. B. Hawley gave the paper of the afternoon, her subject being "Gems", their formation, history and legends..

Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved, and it was carried, that letters of sympathy be sent Mrs. Durley and Mrs. Mershon. It was also decided to send a letter of greeting to Rev. Miss Safford, after which the Club adjourned.

Eliza Leox Mitchell
Secy

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The 200 Club members and 39 guests who attended the reception in Yeoman Hall Jan. 18th. could but have been surprised at the transformation of the club and banquet rooms - usually so unattractive, now made pleasing under the skilful management of the chairman of the social committee, assisted by the members of the committee. The banquet hall was particularly attractive. The table decorations were in white and green - a beautiful basket of white hyacinths and ferns formed the center decoration and ropes of smilax extended to the corners of the table. Graham's orchestra played during the afternoon, and an interesting collection of Copley prints, loaned by the Baker-Trisler Co., were thoroughly enjoyed. It was in reality a social function, each Club member feeling her responsibility as hostess. The desire seemed to prevail, that the "Stranger within the gates" should know the object of the afternoon's entertainment was to promote a fraternal feeling, without which no organization can flourish, but with which much good can be accomplished.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Yeoman Hall Feb. 1st. 1905. The knowledge that Mr. French was to give a talk on the "Value of the line" was the means of filling the house to overflowing. 178 members and 133 guests present.

Mrs. C. E. Hunn, chairman of the day, introduced Mr. French who gave a wonderfully interesting afternoon and proved the value of the line by the skilful use of charcoal and chalk, at the same time delivering a charming and conversational lecture, full of instruction and with an occasional touch of humor which was much enjoyed. A delightful feature of the afternoon was the stereoptican pictures- the work of celebrated sculptors, Mr. French giving their value from an artistic standpoint.

It was the pleasure of the Club to see ~~for~~ the first time the new acquisition to the art collection, the picture "Entering the Harbor" by Ginnier. Mr. Chas Cumming was requested to tell something of the picture and its maker. Mr. Cumming stated the picture was undoubtedly a scene from the Zuyderzee and that it would grow in value, as the artist, though young, had received many honors and was acknowledged as a painter of much merit. The President announced that the picture would be in Mr. Cumming's art Studio for a few weeks, where Mr. Cumming would be glad to give all information desired in regard to it.

Club adjourned

Secretary

Eliza Cox Mitchell

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

The Des Moines Women's Club was called to order in Yoeman Hall,
Feb. 15th at 3:00 o'clock.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Women's Club Chorus in its first appearance, under the
splendid leadership of Mrs. D. F. Givens, was received with an applause
which proved the appreciation of the audience.

After the announcements were made, Mrs. I. L. Hillis, Chairman of
the Home and Education Committee for the day, introduced Prof. Frederick
Bolton, Dean of Education of the State University, who addressed the
Club on "Vulnerable points in our Public Schools," after which Mrs. Hillis
extended an invitation to all present to call at her home in the evening,
from seven until nine o'clock, to meet Prof. Bolton.

Mrs. W. L. Read's motion carried, that the Des Moines Women's Club
send twenty-five dollars to the Associated Charities, to be used
for the purchase of coal.

Meeting adjourned.

Club members present 135, Visitors 28.

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Mrs. A. B. Shaw,	1st Vice President,
Mrs. J. S. Clark,	2nd Vice President,
Mrs. W. P. Mitchell,	Recording Secretary,
Mrs. Ernest W. Brown,	Corresponding Secretary,
Mrs. S. A. Elyson,	Treasurer,

Members present 25, Guests 2.

Meeting adjourned

Eliza Cox Mitchell

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The Annual business meeting of the Women's Club was held March 1st, 1905 at 3:00 o'clock in Yoeman Hall.

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Homer Miller, Treasurer, gave a report of the preceding five months, showing the total funds of the club to be \$8622.16. Finance Committee reported the statement correct, and it was adopted.

The Secretary reported there had been 83 votes cast for the election of members to serve on the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and read the names of the 25 receiving the greatest number of votes. The verifying committee reported the list, as read, correct, and they were declared elected.

Mrs. Hussy, by request of Secretary Ward of the Commercial Exchange, extended an invitation to the Club members to call at the Exchange rooms, where they could see the bell, designed for the cruiser "Des Moines".

The number of votes cast for the election of officers were 87. On the informal ballot for President, Mrs. J. C. Cummins received 80 votes, Miss Gilcrest 4, Mrs. Mitchell 3, Mrs. Rawson 2. Mrs. Cummins expressed her appreciation, but regretted her condition of health would not permit her to accept the presidency for another year.

The rules, by motion of Mrs. Clapp, were suspended, and Miss Belle Gilcrest was elected president by acclamation.

On motion, the rules were further suspended and the following named persons elected to office, by acclamation:

Mrs. A. B. Shaw,	1st Vice President,
Mrs. J. S. Clark	2nd Vice President,
Mrs. W. F. Mitchell,	Recording Secretary,
Mrs. Earnest W. Brown,	Corresponding Secretary,
Mrs. G. D. Ellyson,	Treasurer.

Members present 95, Guests 2.

Meeting adjourned

Eliza Cox Mitchell

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Yoeman Hall, March 5th, 1905, at 3:00 o'clock. Members present 113, guests 24.

The minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Powell's motion carried, that letters of sympathy be sent Mrs. Fletcher Howard, the death of whose husband had recently occurred, and Mrs. C. E. Rawson who has recently lost her father.

The program was in charge of the social economies and civic committee- with Dr. Adele Fuchs as chairman, who stated the question to be debated was- "Resolved that the open shop is preferable to the closed." Mrs. J. C. Hume and Mrs. W. L. Read were for the affirmative, Miss Dunlap and Rev. Eleanor Gorden for the negative. The judges- Miss Kyte, Mrs. Witmer and Mrs. G. F. Cook voted two for the affirmative and one for the negative.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins read a letter from Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, President of general federation, asking for information in regard to what extent civil service rules were carried out in the State of Iowa. The report from the committee appointed to make investigations, composed of Mesdames Cummins, Witmer and Powell, was so fine Mrs. Decker requested the privilege of printing it in the "Federation Bulletin."

Delegates for the Biennial at Waterloo were voted for, and a committee appointed to count the votes, and report at the next Club meeting, after which the club adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Sec'y

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The Des Moines Women's Club held an all day session March 22nd. Lunch was served at one o'clock to 125 club members, after which President Cummins called the meeting to order.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Given spoke enthusiastically of the work of the Women's Club Chorus, and promised a concert of artistic quality for April 14th, under the auspices of the entertainment and music committee.

Mrs. Cummins announced a lecture would be given by Mr. Relt Olmstead, the wellknown bird lecturer, if satisfactory arrangements could be made by the entertainment committee.

The greater part of the afternoon was given over to the discussion as to whether the Club should enter into contract with the Library Board for three years, for the use of rooms in the City Library Building for Club purposes. By motion of Mrs. Carter a vote was taken, which resulted in 24 votes for Library, 31 against.

Mrs. Clapp reported for the Sheuerman place Committee, composed of Mesdames Mills, Clapp, Alverson and Clark, that the price asked was \$13,000.00, the house large and well built, the grounds large enough for Art Gallery, or any addition to be made to house that might seem necessary. After much discussion it was decided an architect would have to ascertain whether necessary changes could be made in house, and the matter was left for discussion at another meeting.

Club adjourned.

Eliza Lee Mitchell
Sec'y

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One hundred eighteen club members and 11 guests were present at the club meeting, March 29th, at three o'clock, in Yoeman Hall.

Music was furnished by the members of Club Chorus, including a quartette, composed of Mesdames Hurst, Emmons, Harsh and Harbach. Two solos were given by Mrs. Anna Kramer-Blotcky.

Minutes were approved as read.

The President stated the price of tickets for the concert April 18th at Congregational Church, would be fifty cents for all parts of the house- no reserved seats.

The purchase by the Club of a picture by Edwin Lord Weeks, was announced. The price paid was \$1500, which was considered only a third of the value of the picture.

Miss Ella McLoney, Chairman of History and Literature Department, introduced Mr. L. Duflos, who gave a talk upon "Distinguished Women in French Literature," after which the club adjourned.

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Yoeman Hall, April 12th.

The minutes of preceding meeting were approved, as read.

Mrs. Windsor read extracts from letters received from S. Seymore Thomas, who spoke in highest praise of the valuable picture by Edward Lord Weeks, recently purchased by the Club.

The pictures belonging to the Club, including the two purchased this year, are hung in the Governor's rooms at the State Capitol. An invitation was extended to all present to call in the afternoon, April 15th, when they would have the privilege of seeing them.

The program for the afternoon was in charge of the Music Committee, Mrs. D. F. Given, Chairman.

With the exception of the violin numbers, which were skillfully given by Mr. Arcule Sheasby, the entire program was furnished by the members of the Club Chorus. Those taking the solo parts were Mesdames Margaret Weber, Lawrence DeGraff, Mabelle Wagner-Shank and Miss Sloan. Mrs. Frank Cummins supported the singers with fine accompaniments.

Mrs. Cummins, President, invited the members of the Club Chorus and the music department to her home Monday, the 17th, to meet Miss Wirthlin of St. Louis, the soloist of the Women's Club concert, to be given Wednesday night, April 18th, at Congregational Church.

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Letter read by Mrs Windsor

Edwin Lord Weeks has for years been recognized as the greatest painter of oriental subjects. He died last year, and his pictures have been dispersed, and are already being sought in this country by collectors, who were indifferent to him while he lived and one is not surprised that already the value of his work has very much increased.

Weeks had an international reputation, his pictures being owned by Emperor William, King Leopold, and in the Museums of the Luxembourg, Vienna, Berlin, Metropolitan, New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and in hosts of private collections. He died in Paris, where he had lived most of his life except when traveling in Persia and India.

What seems to me a golden opportunity has come up, if you ladies are willing to take advantage of it. If you want a real work of art and are not merely looking for something pretty, this is an unusual opportunity that you ought not to let pass. I have at my disposal one of the finest works of Edwin Lord Weeks. A museum picture because of its size. It is 65 inches high by 98 inches long. It was painted in his very best period. It is much superior to the one in the Metropolitan Museum as a work of Art, being a more recent canvas. I remember seeing the picture in the Salon, where the artists were unanimous in declaring it one of the best pictures of the year. This particular picture was one of a group which obtained for him a medal of the first class at Munich in 1897.

This medal is considered the highest honor in Germany. This is one of his finest pictures in color. I do not think he produced in his life time six other canvases equal to it from an artistic standpoint. The more I see it the more I think of it.

Mr. Weeks was remarkable for his faithful interpretation of what he saw, both by brush and pen. He held all the highest honors in Europe, being Chevalier of the Legion of Honor in France, an officer of the Order of St. Michael in Bavaria and holder of all the highest medals at the Salons of Paris, Munich, Vienna, etc. He wrote many magazine articles on India, Persia and Morocco and several books, the most important being "From the Black Sea through India and Persia", a record of the journey begun with the late Theodore Childs. Owing to Child's death in Persia, Weeks had to do the writing as well as the illustrating, "A Treatise on Moorish Art and Architecture, etc".

His fame as an orientalist was his alone, for he had no rival, and is not likely to have for a long time to come. He is as great in his line as Whistler was in his. I stake my whole artistic reputation on this being an unusual opportunity for Des Moines.

Notes from letter of S. Seymour Thomas, Artist,
Paris, France. 1905

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The Des Moines Women's Club met in Yoeman Hall, April 26th, at three o'clock, Mrs. A. B. Shaw presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Mrs. S. F. Prouty, Chairman of Entertainment Committee for closing social day, announced a social afternoon at her home May 24th. Each Club member was privileged to bring a guest, and requested to bring lunch for herself and guest.

Mrs. Norman Lichty who reported for the Club concert which was given April 18th, said, from an artistic standpoint the concert was a great success, that the expense of giving the concert was \$183.72 and the net profit was \$34.77.

The program for the afternoon was in charge of the Philosophy and Science Committee, with Mrs. W. W. Witmer, Chairman. The subject was "Reason as a factor in the development of Religion," and was discussed by Rev. Elenor Gorden, Mrs. A. B. Shaw, Mrs. Martin Flynn, Mrs. J. S. Clark, Mrs. W. W. Witmer and Rev. Mary Safford.

The program was ^{an} intensely interesting one, and made a delightful one for the closing of the Club year.

Club members present 62, guests 6.

Eliza Leox Mitchell

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May 24th, 1905, the closing Social Day of the Des Moines Women's Club was held in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Prouty. Mrs. S. S. Still and Mrs. Prouty were Chairmen of the day, and had arranged for the entertainment of the members and guests to be upon the spacious lawn, but near the time for the meeting, from the clouds which had hid the sun all day, the rain began to pour and it was necessary to have the meeting in the house, which was filled with enthusiastic Club members and friends.

President Cummins called the meeting to order, and the minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary read the report made by Prof. Charles A. Cumming of the Club scholarship in the Cumming School of Art, which was thoroughly satisfactory.

Interesting reports were then given by the delegates who attended the state Federation meeting at Waterloo, and then came the election of a Vice-President, made necessary by the removal from the city of Mrs. A. B. Shaw. The popular vote was for Mrs. H. L. Carroll, who was declared elected.

After the business of the day was finished, Club women and guests were served a delicious picnic dinner from the long tables spread upon the commodious porch, and a happy social hour followed.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Sec'y

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DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

Wednesday Oct. 5th. the Des Moines Women's Club *board*
held a short session at the request of the chairman of the
entertainment committee and decided upon Foster's opera house
Nov. 10th. and 11th. as the most desirable place for Mrs.
Grayson's "First Lieutenants" to be given.

Adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Rec Sec'y

President
First Vice-Pres.
Second Vice-Pres.
Recording Sec.
Corresponding Sec.
Treasurer

Mrs. Belle Gilcrest
Mrs. H. L. Carroll
Mrs. J. S. Clark
Mrs. F. F. Mitchell
Mrs. Ernest Brown
Mrs. G. D. Elliott

Des Moines Women's Club

Minutes Board of Directors
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Officers

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Mrs.J.S.Clark
Mrs.W.F.Mitchell
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DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

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Miss Gilcrest very pleasantly entertained the Board of Directors, the Standing Committee and heads of departments Sept. 28th at Elks Club House. It was a happy thought to give so many Club members the opportunity of first seeing our new Club home under such pleasing conditions.

A Board meeting was called at 3:00 o'clock at which the guests of the afternoon were invited. Miss Gilcrest, Vice-President, presided, until Mrs. Cummins, President, came.

After the reading of the minutes Mrs. Hawley, Chairman of a Committee composed of Mesdames Hawley, Vorse and Walker, appointed to arrange for securing chairs either by buying or renting, made a report. After some discussion it was decided by the Board that the Committee act upon its own judgment in the matter.

The names of Miss Catherine Capron and Miss Laura Estell Ellis were read as applicants for Club membership.

Mrs. Woodburn of the Art Committee came before the Board asking if it were the desire of the Board to have a lecture for Art Day, Oct. 8th. A motion was made in favor of this, which was lost.

The matter of Club stationery came up for consideration again, and, as before, the President and Secretaries were instructed to purchase.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Board adjourned.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1905-

The Board met in Elks Club House Oct. 10th at 10:00 o'clock with seventeen members present. Minutes approved as read.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a calendar and a letter to Miss Deslie Dille who has removed from Des Moines to Minneapolis.

The resignation of Mrs. Keenan was accepted with regret.

Miss Catherine Capron and Miss Laura Ellis and Miss Risser were elected to Club membership, and Dr. Ritchie DeFord, who was formerly a member of the Club, was again made a member by payment of Club dues.

Ten names were read as applicants for Club membership.

By motion of Mrs. J. C. Cummins the Board adjourned in order to take action upon the names at a meeting to be called later in the forenoon.

The Board came to order at eleven o'clock and the Secretary called the roll.

Mrs. Walker reported for the Club scholarship in the Cumming School of Art that Roy Stancliff could not accept the scholarship this year, and that on account of instructions received from the School of Art he was enabled to earn \$15.00 per week. It was further stated that Mr. Cumming recommends first of all Miss Kate Bartlett for the scholarship as she shows great promise.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins motion carried- that the scholarship be offered Miss Bartlett, and, that if she declined to accept the honor, Mrs. Walker be empowered to select someone.

Mrs. Cummins moved the Board meetings to be held Wednesday mornings, alternating with regular Club day. Motion carried.

Mrs. Carter asked that the motion be reconsidered, and, that the Thursday morning be the time of meeting. A Rising vote decided for Thursday morning.

By motion of Mrs. Walker a number of names were presented from which two could be selected to represent the Club at the Des Moines Federation meetings.

The resignation from the Board of Mrs. W. L. Read was accepted, and Mrs. Shipley elected to take her place.

Mrs. Walker asked to be excused from the Committee appointed to arrange for the purchase or hiring of chairs. Mrs. C. E. Hunn was appointed to take the place of Mrs. Walker.

The Board proceeded to act upon the names presented at previous meeting. Those elected were Miss Beeson, Miss Cora Brotherton, Miss Mary Whitcomb, Miss Josephine Taylor, Mesdames Brown, Hanson, Slade and Sperry.

Mrs. Brown stated Mr. Moulton of Chicago would be willing to bring a fine large exhibit, and would bear all expenses, except that of transportation.

Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secretary.

Alverson
Bicknell
Brown
Burbank
Carrell
Carter

J. C. Cummins
Ellyson
Gilcrest
Hunn
Mitchell
Plumb

Rawson
Stevenson
Vorse
Walker
Watrous

1905

The Women's Club Board met at Art Exhibit rooms Oct. 19th at 10:00 o'clock with twelve members present. Minutes read and approved.

The request of Mrs. Freda Ables that her name be dropped from the Club membership, was granted.

Mrs. E. L. Rines and Mrs. W. H. DeFord were elected to Club membership, and the following names were presented; Mrs. A. P. Stoner, proposed by Mrs. McNamara, endorsed by Mrs. Eberheart; Miss Dessa Thompson proposed by Mrs. S. S. Spaulding, endorsed by Clara Funston; Mrs. A. B. Steer.

Mrs. Vorse reported for Chair Committee that they considered Harbach chairs the best and cheapest- \$7.50 per dozen price.

Mrs. Cummins moved that the Committee be instructed to buy ten dozen chairs. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Vorse motion carried that the action of the Committee in charge of the Club pictures be sustained by the Board.

Mrs. Brown's motion prevailed- that a catalogue of the pictures of the Art Loan Exhibit be printed and sold for ten cents each.

Mrs. Vorse moved that the programs be printed without the help of advertisements. Carried.

Mrs. J. C. Cummin's motion carried- that a banner marked "Women's Club Free Art Exhibit" be stretched from the Art Exhibit to the opposite side of the street.

Mrs. Hunn moved Mr. Cumming be allowed to arrange for boards to be placed in building for the support of pictures. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that the Art Committee be instructed to accept the offer of Mr. French of four pictures for the Art Exhibit.

Mrs. Vorse moved Miss Gilcrest and Mrs. J. C. Cummins be the delegates who would be entertained at the 7th District Convention. Twenty names were mentioned from which delegates should be selected by the President and Secretary.

Mrs. Vorse motion carried- that the Exhibit be kept open ten days and evenings, including Sunday afternoon (and evening).

Report of Treasurer was read and accepted.

Mrs. Cummins moved the Secretary be instructed to secure the Traveling Art Col. from Chicago Art Co. for the January Social Day.

Board members present:

Brown	Mitchell
Burbank	Plumb
J. C. Cummins	Shipley
Ellyson	Stevenson
Gilcrest	Vorse
Hunn	Miller

Eliza Cox Mitchell

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

Board met at Elks Club House Oct. 26th, 1905 at ten o'clock. Twenty-one members present.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. E. B. Steere, Mrs. A. P. Stoner and Miss Dessa Thompson were elected to Club membership. The name of Mrs. John P. Montrose was proposed by Mrs. E. H. Carter and endorsed by Mrs. C. B. Atkins and Mrs. C. L. Watrous. Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved that the rules be suspended in the case of Mrs. Montrose, and her name be acted upon at the present meeting. The motion carried, and Mrs. Montrose was declared elected.

It was decided that the treasurer was the proper person to send club calendars to all new members.

Miss Gilcrest reported that owing to the sudden death of the daughter of Mrs. Kelley she could not keep her engagement for social economies and Civics Day. That Prof. Loos of Iowa City had been asked to come, but that he had not been heard from. And that the President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs had been invited to be present; however, nothing definite was known in regard to the program for the day.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved that the action of the Board in regard to the selection of delegates for the 7th District Convention at Colfax be reconsidered. Carried.

Mrs. Webster reported for the Art Exhibit.

The proposition made by Mr. Ricketts to the Club for the purchase of the Inness picture was freely discussed. Mrs. Clark moved the Club buy the picture.

Mrs. Vorse moved the motion be laid upon the table and taken up for action at next meeting.

A meeting was called for Saturday morning, Oct. 28th, 10:00 o'clock.

Board adjourned,

Eliza Cox Mitchell,

Secretary.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1905-

The Board of Directors met at Elks Club House Oct. 28th at 10:00 o'clock. Seventeen members present. Minutes read and approved.

The President read a letter from Prof. Loos of Iowa City stating he would lecture before the Women's Club November 1st for the sum of \$15.00.

Mrs. Burbank moved that the President appoint the delegates to the 7th District Convention at Colfax. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Hunn that the Club buy a picture. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A motion to buy the Inness picture on exhibition at the Art Loan Exhibit was made by Mrs. Miller. After discussion Mrs. Miller moved to lay the motion on the tablet. Carried.

A motion carried that the President or Committee appointed by her should communicate by telephone with Mr. French of the Chicago Art Institute. Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Mrs. Webster were appointed.

The application for membership of Mrs. Leonora Carpenter was read.

Mrs. Cummins moved that the President appoint a committee at the next Board meeting to see the Library Board and see what the cost would be of furnishing the art room in the library. Carried.

Mrs. Miller moved the stock certificates be discontinued. Carried.

Mrs. Webster stated that Mr. O'Brien had offered a marine picture by Richards to the Club for \$850.00.

Board adjourned to meet Monday at four o'clock.

Susan A. Brown,

Secretary, Pro-tem.

Board members present:

Watrous	Carrell	Walker
Green	Bicknell	Hunn
Plumb	Burbank	Stevenson
Brown	Gilcrest	Shipley
Vorse	Clark	Miller
Carter	J. C. Cummins	

-Delegates-

Miss Gilcrest
J. C. Cummins
W. E. Odell
Wm. Woodburn
Gardner Cowles
Welker Given
E. H. Carter

-Alternates-

H. Howell
G. D. Ellyson
W. E. Clifford
Howard Clark
Harvey Ingham
I. K. Wilson
T. F. Hargis

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1905-

The Board was called to order Oct. 30th at four o'clock.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Sixteen members were present.

Mrs. Leonora Carpenter, proposed by Mrs. J. C. Cummins, endorsed by Mrs. Homer Miller, was elected to membership.

President named Mesdames Cummins, Carrell and Miller to constitute committee to look after the library matter.

Mrs. Brown moved the motion to buy the Inness picture be laid upon the table- and Mrs. Miller moved the percentage upon the sale of the Inness picture, bought by the Proteous Club, be given the Proteous Club. Carried.

President announced a meeting of the Board for Wednesday Nov. 1st at 2:15 o'clock.

Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Sec'y

Bicknell	Ellyson	Mitchell
Brown	Gilcrest	Plumb
Burbank	Green	Shipley
Carrell	Hunn	Stevenson
Clark	Miller	Walker
J.C. Cummins		

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1906—

The Board Meeting Nov. 1st at quarter past two o'clock was attended by nineteen members. Minutes approved as read.

Mrs. Hatton's letter of withdrawal from the Club was read and accepted, and the secretary instructed to notify her and express regret.

Mrs. Burbank moved the motion to buy the Inness picture be taken from the table. Carried.

Upon motion, a ballot was cast to decide whether the Board should buy the Inness picture. There were seven in favor and eight opposed.

Meeting adjourned.

Bicknell,

Walker

Brown

Carter

Hunn

Stevenson

Watrous

Carrell

Miller

J.C. Cummins

Shipley,

Ellyson

Plumb

Burbank

Green

Vorse

Gilcrest

Mitchell

Alverson

Eliza Cox Mitchell
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DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1905

On Thursday, Nov. 9th at 10:00 o'clock the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met with fourteen members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A letter from Mrs. Clapp was read, thanking the Board for flowers sent her during her recent serious illness. Also a letter of resignation from the Board from Mrs. Clapp, which was accepted and secretary instructed to notify her, and express the regret of the Board that she could not longer serve as a member.

Dr. Adelle Fuchs, having received the greatest number of votes was named at last Club election to fill the place made vacant by Mrs. Clapp's resignation, and the secretary instructed to notify Dr. Fuchs.

Mrs. Walker reported that Miss Kate Bartlett was delighted to accept the Women's Club scholarship in the Cumming's School of Art. Mrs. Walker was requested to write Miss Bartlett that, at the close of the year, the Club would be pleased to receive a sketch from her to be placed with other work which might come from the free scholarship of the Women's Club.

Mrs. Hunn of the Chair Committee reported that the chairs would be overlooked and put in order.

By motion, the treasurer was requested to write a letter thanking Messrs. Witmer & Kauffman who gave to the Club the percentage due them on the insurance on the French and Obrian pictures.

Mr. Ricketts, who is in charge of the Inness picture, came before the Board and read letters from Mr. Cross and Mr. Moulton in praise of the picture, both men pronouncing it an "Inness"- "With Inness at his best".

The motion prevailed that the library Committee arrange, if possible, to have the frieze owned by the Club hung in a suitable place in Library building.

Treasurer gave a report which was accepted.

It was moved and carried that the Board accept the use of piano according to contract.

By motion of Mrs. Shipley, a straw vote to buy the Inness picture was taken, which showed 14 in favor of buying, 2 opposed, 1 blank ballot.

Mrs. Plumb made the following motion: "I move that we accept Mr. Rickett's proposition with regard to the purchase of the Inness picture and the presentation of the DeHogge. The motion carried, 14 in favor and 1 opposed.

The following applications for membership were read, to be voted upon at next Board meeting:

Miss Alice Williams (Prop. Mrs. C. L. Watrous
End. Mrs. D. G. Edmundson

Miss Minnie Smure (Prop. Sarah M. Loring
(End. Sarah W. Clark

Mrs. W. O. Waldron (Prop. Mrs. Shipley
(End. Mrs. Read

Mrs. J. C. Thornburg (Prop. Mrs. Shipley
(End. Mrs. Burbank

Mrs. Lewis Schooler (Prop. Mrs. Lera Horton
Miss Blanch Schooler (End. Mrs. Mitchell
Miss Elva Schooler (

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Those sending proxy vote in favor of the purchase of picture were:

Mrs. Carter,
Mrs. Clark
Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Brown

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Members Present:

Alverson	Mitchell
Burbank	Plumb
Cook	Rawson
Ellyson	Stevenson
Gilcrest	Vorse
Green	Walker
Hunn	Shipley

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

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The Board of Directors, and Chairman of the departments of the Women's Club met Nov. 15th at a quarter past two o'clock. Minutes of previous Board meeting were read, and, by request, the names of those who voted by proxy for the purchase of the Inness picture were inserted in minutes.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Gardner Cowles, Chairman of Home and Education Committee, request the Library Board to furnish a sufficient number for distribution at the next meeting of the Club- of duplicate copies of the "Parents' purchasing list of books for Children's home reading" that were given to the delegates at the 7th district convention at Colfax by Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Nourse, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, expressed the opinion that a Kermis would be of benefit to the Club financially and socially.

Mrs. Burbank's motion carried- That the Kermis be held on or about the 14th of February. Mrs. Mitchell moved the secretary be instructed to write Mr. Moulton a letter thanking him for the beautiful DeHogge picture recently presented by him to the Club. Carried.

By motion it was decided to place the Inness and DeHogge pictures, for a time, in Prof. Cummings rooms in library building, and to have them insured.

The following named persons were elected to Club membership:

Miss Alice Williams	Mrs. Lewis Schooler
Miss Minnie Snure	Miss Elva Schooler
Mrs. W. O. Waldron	Miss Blanch Schooler
Mrs. J. C. Thornburg	

The following applications were read: Mrs. Howard Hedrick, Mrs. John Blair, Mrs. M. A. Scanlan, Mrs. Blatner, Mrs. Ralph McCune, Mrs. Kell, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Dunlap.

Twenty-two members present.

Club adjourned.

Elena Cox Mitchell

List of Board members present:

Carroll,	Vorse,	Witmer,	Hunn,	Rawson,	Cummins
Alverson	Stevenson	Burbank	Brown,	Ellyson	Mitchell
Shipley	Witmer	Cummins	Cook	Walker	Gilcrest
	Watrous	Conaway.			Miller

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DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1905-

The Board of Directors met Nov. 27th at 3:30 with fourteen members present. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Burbank's motion- that \$3.00 be given the Y.W.C.A. for the purchasing of magazines for reading room carried.

Trustees of the Steinway Piano, property of the Women's Guild, gave a report which was referred back to Mrs. Hunn to see Mrs. Henry and to learn if the understanding of the Board is the same as that of the Guild Committee in regard to it.

Mrs. Homer Miller moved the President appoint a committee of two to arrange for a table to be placed at the door Club Day. Mrs. Hunn and Mrs. Vorse were named to comprise this Committee.

Mrs. Walker moved the secretary send a letter to sympathy to Mrs. J. S. Clark. Carried.

Mrs. Burbank moved that the Entertainment Committee secure Jack London for an entertainment if satisfactory arrangements can be made. Carried.

It was moved that Mrs. Walker and one other person go to Newton and see Mr. London, and, if possible, have him give an entertainment for the Women's Club. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. G. Moulton.

A letter from Miss Bartlett, expressing her appreciation of the benefit of the free scholarship given by the Club to the Cummings School of Art was read.

By motion, Mrs. Schofield was granted a letter of withdrawal from the Women's Club.

Mrs. Walker moved Miss Dunlap of the Social Settlement House be sent a complimentary card of membership.

By motion of Mrs. Hunn the rules were suspended and the following named persons were elected by one vote to Club membership:

Mrs. Howard Hedrick (Mrs. Brigham
(Mrs. Harwood

Mrs. M. A. Scanlan (Miss Gregory
(Mrs. Klingman

Mrs. Lawson Darling (Mrs. Witmer
(Mrs. Cumming

Mrs. Philip Kell (Mrs. Witmer
(Mrs. Cumming

Mrs. Alex. L. Blattner (Mrs. Stattler
(Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Ralph McCune (Mrs. Baily
(Mrs. Florence Clark

Board members present:

Brown	Mitchell
Burbank	Rawson
Cook	Stevenson
Ellyson	Walker
Gilcrest	Conaway
Miller	Watrous
Hunn	Plumb

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Sec'y

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

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The Board met immediately after the Club meeting Dec. 13th, and the following named persons were elected to Club membership:

Mrs. Francis B. Chase, Mrs. Geo. E. Logan, Mrs. Ella Ford Miller, Mrs. Geo. E. King, Mrs. Morris Samish.

Miss Chambers, a former member of the Club, requested that she might again become a member by payment of dues. Request was granted—after which the Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary

Members present:

Carter	Mitchell
Cook	Walker
Cummins J.C.	Watrous
Cummins A.B.	Witmer
Ellyson	Gilcrest
Miller	

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

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Mrs. H. L. Carrell, 1st Vice-President, called the Board to order in Elks Club House Dec. 27th at 10:00 o'clock with eleven members present. Minutes of two previous meetings read and approved.

Mrs. D. F. Given, Chairman of Music Department was present, and stated it was the desire of the Department to have Mr. Herbert Witherspoon of New York in concert either the 7th or 8th of March, and that his price was \$200.00 for one entertainment.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved that he be secured, and that the Board pledge to do all within its power to assist the entertainment and Music Committees in making the Witherspoon Concert a success. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mitchell moved the Committees in charge be empowered to appoint all Committees necessary to carry on the work. Motion carried.

A letter of resignation from the Board from Mrs. Burbank was read. Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved Mrs. Burbank be requested to continue a member of the Board until her removal from the City made it necessary for her to resign.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mrs. John Blair was elected to membership, and the application of Mrs. Mary M. Cook, proposed by Mrs. Ely and endorsed by Mrs. G. D. Ellyson, was read.

Mrs. J. S. Clark's motion prevailed- that the Witherspoon Concert be given in place of the Kermis.

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The Board met Jan. 11th with Mrs. H. L. Carrellin the chair. Minutes were approved as read. There were twelve members present. Secretary read a contract sent by Mr. Witherspoon's manager for the Board to sign. After some discussion it was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed to secure a contract which would in every way protect the Women's Club from unnecessary expense or trouble.

Mesdames Carrell, Given and Nourse were to constitute the Committee.

Mrs. Burbank's motion prevailed- that the art exhibit sent out by the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs be placed in charge of Art Committee, with instructions to hang in suitable place without expense to Club.

Mrs. Vorse moved we pledge \$100.00 for the public baths and laundry of the Settlement House. Carried.

Mrs. Miller moved a committee of three be appointed to select committees to arrange for lunches.

Mrs. Conaway reported, for Music Department and submitted rules or by-laws for approval, which would govern the membership of Women's Club chorus, and asked that another name might be given the Chorus.

It was moved and carried that the consideration, of by-laws be deferred until the next meeting.

Mrs. Walker moved that names for chorus be submitted in the order of their popularity with members of chorus. Carried.

A letter of resignation from the Presidency of the Women's Club from Miss Gilcrest was read. It was moved and carried that this letter be laid upon the table.

Mrs. Mitchell moved the Philosophy and Science Committee be allowed necessary expenses for their next Club Day. Carried.

Mrs. C. C. Cook was elected to membership and, by unanimous vote, Mrs. W. L. Shepard was reinstated.

Board members present 12:

Brown	Mitchell
Burbank	Rawson
Carrell	Shipley
Conaway	Stevenson
Cook	Walker
Miller	Vorse

Club adjourned,

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secretary.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1906

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met Jan. 17th at fifteen minutes of three o'clock. Mrs. T. F. Cook stated that the Board and Chairmen of various Committees of the State Federation of Women's Clubs would meet in Des Moines Feb. 14th, which date was Women's Club Day, and that she thought it would be a pleasant courtesy to extend them an invitation to be the guests of the Club and tender them an informal reception.

Mrs. A. B. Cummins' motion prevailed- that the Board and Chairman be extended an invitation to be the guests of the Club Feb. 14th.

Mrs. Mitchell moved the professional Women's League be given the use of the Club's chairs for their meeting in Elks Club House Jan. 26th. Carried.

Miss Louisa Baily's name was before the Board for reinstatement. Mrs. A. B. Cummins moved Miss Baily be elected without the use of ballot. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brown stated she had been requested by Miss Gilcrest to say to the Board that she was willing to retain her office, but that for the present Mrs. H. L. Carrell, Vice-President, would perform the duties of the office, and, she hoped later on she could again resume her duties.

There were fourteen members present.

Board adjourned.

Eliza C. Mitchell
Secretary.

Alverson
Brown
Cummins A.B.
Cummins J.C.
Cook
Hunn
Mitchell

Rawson
Stevenson
Vorse
Conaway
Walker
Plumb
Carrell

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

Board met in Elks Club House Jan. 27th, 1906 at 10:00 o'clock with seventeen members present. Minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Walter G. Reed's request, that she be dropped from Club membership, was granted, and the secretary instructed to write her and express regret.

Mrs. E. H. Carter's motion carried- that we reconsider the motion in regard to having the luncheon. Mrs. Carter moved that the luncheon be given. Lost.

Mrs. B. W. Walker of 1629 Arlington Ave., proposed by Mrs. Delmage, endorsed by Mrs. Duncan, was elected a member of the Club.

Miss Gilcrest, President, expressed great regret that the continued illness of her sister would make it impossible for her to continue the duties of the office, and thought in justice to the Club, Mrs. Carrell and herself, it should be made known that the First Vice-President, Mrs. Carrell, would for the rest of the year be the acting President.

Mrs. J. S. Clark's motion prevailed- that Mrs. Carrell be made acting President for the rest of the Club year, and that a statement to that effect be made to the Club at the meeting Jan. 31st.

It was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of Mrs. E. R. Clapp. Committee to report at the Club meeting, and a copy of the resolutions sent to the family of Mrs. Clapp. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. J. S. Clark were named to compose the Committee.

It was moved and carried that the money (\$100.00) which was subscribed for assisting in equipping the public baths and laundry at the Social Settlement House be taken from the Club treasury at such time as it was needed.

Board adjourned.

Eliya Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

The Board met Feb. 8th ¹⁹⁰⁶ with Mrs. H. L. Carrell presiding and twelve members present. Minutes were approved as read.

The amendments to by-laws governing the Club Chorus, by motion of Mrs. Conaway, were considered one at a time.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins moved the annual dues be made \$1.50 instead of \$2.50 the present dues. Motion lost. Art. 4 reads "That the annual dues for the Chorus members shall be \$2.50 and shall be paid according to the by-laws of the Women's Club, which entitles the member to all the privileges of the Music Department." Members of the Women's Club who are eligible may become members of the chorus without the payment of extra dues. (The addition to by-law) also attendance at all open Club days. All other by-laws presented were accepted by the Board. Mrs. Cummins reported total expense of last Social Day, Jan. 17th, was \$52.45.

Mrs. Cummins read letter from Mrs. Geo. Henry, giving the estimate of expense of finishing Art room at library \$1000.00. It was moved by Mrs. Walker that the report be accepted and action deferred until another meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Hunn's motion lost- That Mr. Olmstead be asked to come to Des Moines to give his bird lecture. Moved the matter be referred to Home and Education Committee for investigation and discussion.

Mrs. Vorse's motion carried- that the ballots for election of officers at the annual business meeting be counted in a room apart from the Auditorium.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secretary

Board members present:

Brown	Mitchell
Carrell	Shipley
J. C. Cummins	Walker
Ellyson	Burbank
Hunn	Carter
Conaway	Gilcrest
	Vorse.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

The Board met in Elks Club House March 1st¹⁹⁰⁶ at 10:00 o'clock with Mrs. Carrell presiding. Minutes were approved as read.

By motion the dues of the City and National Federation were ordered paid. A letter from Mrs. Foote Morrell, offering to give a program before the Club was read, and it was decided that there would be no time for it this Club year. A motion by Mrs. Alverson carried, that the secretary write a letter to Mrs. Morrell expressing the appreciation of the Board.

The applications for membership of Mesdames Waterbury and Cragan were read, and Mrs. Van Hoesen elected to Club membership.

Mrs. Shipley's motion carried that the matter of expense of programs for the Witherspoon Concert be left to Mrs. Ellyson.

It was moved by Mrs. Walker that Mrs. Stevenson be paid for her work in the History and Literature Department.

Mrs. Cummins motion prevailed that the two weeks which elapsed between the Club's scholarship in the Cummins School of Art be allowed Mr. Cummins. Board adjourned for a short recess, after which it was called to order and Mesdames Waterbury and Cragan elected to Club membership.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

There were present:

Alverson

Hunn

Brown

Mitchell

Carrell

Shipley

Cummins

Walker

Ellyson

Witmer

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1906.

Board met March 23rd at 10:00 o'clock with Mrs. H. L. Carrell in the chair. Minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Nourse reported for the entertainment Committee that the net profit from the Witherspoon Concert was \$24.35.

Mrs. Mitchell moved a vote of thanks be given the Committee in charge of Concert, including Mrs. Benninger and Club Chorus also. Motion carried.

Mrs. Powell, Chairman of History and Literature Department, was, by motion, given an appropriation of \$15.00 to defray expenses for Club Day, March 28th.

Miss Gilcrest's motion carried that a Committee be appointed to meet with Mrs. Given and arrange terms for the coming year, and submit them to the Board at the next meeting.

Mrs. Cook's motion prevailed that Mrs. Given be allowed \$10.00 for payment of soloist next music day.

Mrs. Walker moved that the matter of an afternoon to be given by D. C. Glascoff, Secretary of the Associated Charities, be referred to the Civic's Committee, as a suggestion of the Board, to be used for the first meeting of the ensuing year. Motion carried.

Two changes in by-laws were suggested and discussed, and it was finally decided to have the chair appoint a Committee to revise the by-laws and report at last meeting of the Board before year-book goes to print.

Mesdames Cook, Walker, Carter were named.

Miss Gilcrest moved that women coming into the Club as late as the first of May shall be relieved from paying dues the following Club year.

By motion of Miss Gilcrest the Chairman was authorized to sign papers sent by the General Federation of Women's Clubs to be forwarded to Senators Alverson and Dolliver, and Congressman Hull of this district, asking Congress to make an appropriation for the investigation into the industrial conditions of women and children.

Board adjourned,

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secretary.

Carrell
Carter
Conaway
Clark
Cook
Gilcrest

Hunn
Mitchell
Plumb
Vorse
Walker
Witmer

1906

The Board met in Elks Club House Thursday, April 19th, at 10:00 o'clock with Mrs. Carrell in chair, and sixteen members present. Minutes were read, corrected and approved. Letters were read from Mrs. H. H. Swinton of Carrington, N. D. and from Mrs. Rose L. Harris of Chickasha, I. T., asking for the donation of books to aid in the making of libraries in those places. The following motion was made by Miss Gilcrest and approved by the Board:

Moved that in response to the request for books from Carrington, N. D. and Chickasha, I. T. donations be asked from the Club, and books received, be sent by freight, and that the Home and Education Committee be asked to take charge of the matter.

Mrs. W. T. Johnston, President Elect of the Art Department, asked that \$2.00 might be given the Department to be used as membership fee in the "American Civic Association." By motion of Mrs. Conaway the request was granted. It was further moved and carried that the members individually be urged to become members of the Association.

Mrs. Homer Miller of the Finance Committee made a report, which was accepted. A proposition from Mr. W. W. Witmer, offering property North of Savary House for Club purposes, was read, and by motion of Mrs. J. C. Cummins the following committee was appointed to look at rooms and report to Board: Mesdames Mitchell, Carrell, A. B. Cummins, Miss Vorse and Miss Gilcrest. Miss Gilcrest declined to serve and Mrs. J. C. Cummins was appointed to take her place.

Letters of resignation from the Club were read from Mesdames, Reichard, Blackburn, Collins and Miss Retz, and the secretary instructed to write letter expressing the regret of the Board.

The following names were proposed for membership: Mesdames Jacob L. Scheuerman, Henry E. Elliott, Wm. Bowen, J. G. Grundy, Bertha McCall, Miss McClelland and Mrs. Strauss.

A change in Art. 4, Sec. 2 was proposed by Mrs. Walker and adopted by the Board. The section, as adopted, reads: The Departments shall meet the Wednesday following the annual meeting to elect officers and arrange work for following year.

Other changes in by-laws were read, and were left for final action until the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee appointed to meet with Mrs. Given and receive her proposition for the ensuing year were ready to report, but for lack of time the matter was held over to be taken up at next meeting.

Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell Secretary.

Brown,
Carrell,
Clark,
Cook,
Cummins,
Cummins,
Ellyson,
Gilcrest,

Hunn,
Miller,
Mitchell,
Plumb,
Stevenson,
Vorse,
Walker,
Conaway.

1908

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met in Elks Club House May 2nd at ten o'clock, with sixteen members present, and Mrs. Carrell presiding. Minutes were approved as read.

The names of applicants for membership read at last meeting were voted upon, and all elected. The following applications were read, to be voted upon at next meeting:

Mrs. George B. Frick,
Mrs. John T. Mulvaney,
Mrs. M. Strauss,
Mrs. Walter P. Saunders,
Emily M. Fike, D.O.
Mrs. Henry Elliott.

Mrs. Walter Scholes and Mrs. Ada C. Wilcoxon asked that their names be left out of the next year Club calendar. Request was granted.

A motion by Mrs. Walker carried that the Board have date in calendar for monthly meeting, dates to be arranged by program committee.

Before considering Mrs. Given's proposition to the Club, it was moved and carried that Mrs. Ellyson, Treasurer, prepare for the inspection of the Board an itemized list of expenses and receipts of Music Department, including soloists, accompanists, and expense of all music used by chorus, piano tuner &c. This motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was carried, after which President Carrell called a meeting to act upon the names proposed for membership at previous meeting. The following persons were elected:

Mrs. George B. Frick (Prop. by Mrs. Homer Miller
(End. by Mrs. H. L. Carrell)

Emily M. Fike D.O. (Prop. Mrs. Hawley
(End. Mrs. Miller)

Mrs. John T. Mulvaney (Prop. Mrs. Hawley
(End. Mrs. Miller)

Mrs. Walter P. Saunders (Prop. Mrs. Nellie Hunn
(End. Mrs. Louise Hunn)

Mrs. M. Strauss (Prop. Mrs. Mitchell
(End. Mrs. Prouty)

The meeting then adjourned to go the Marquardt Block to look at the portion of building offered for Club House purposes.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

The following is a list of the changes in and amendments to the by-laws, prepared by Committee and endorsed by the Board:

-BY-LAWS-

It was moved and seconded that Sec.2 Art.4 be amended by substituting the following paragraph:

These departments shall meet the Wednesday following the Annual meeting to elect officers, and arrange work for ensuing year. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that Sec.4 Art.9 be placed under the head of Departments.

On Motion Sec.2 Art 8. was amended by striking out the words February and inserting the word December.

It was moved and seconded that Sec.2 Art 8. be further amended by striking out the following:

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

1905-

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines Women's Club met May 10th at 10:00 o'clock in the Unitarian Church, with fourteen members present. Mrs. Carrell called the meeting to order, and the minutes were read, corrected and accepted.

Mrs. Watrous, in consideration of the doubt as to whether she could attend the Board meetings regularly next year, tendered her resignation from the Board. Mrs. Ellyson moved her resignation be accepted with regret. There was but one opinion and that was that Mrs. Watrous resignation was not to be accepted, so the motion was lost.

By request at previous meeting of the Board, the treasurer prepared and read a report of the various expenses for the maintenance of the music chorus for the present year, which were \$177.73.

The proposition made by Mrs. Given, director of the Women's Club Chorus, was read and discussed.

A motion by Mrs. W. W. Witmer prevailed- that we accept the financial part of contract as furnished by Mrs. Given, and the necessary changes be made by the Committee, to be submitted to the Board for final action.

Miss Ada McClelland, proposed by Mrs. T. M. Walker, endorsed by Miss Belle Gilcrest, was elected to Club membership.

It was moved by Mrs. Ellyson that the matter of securing the artists for Club Concert be left with the Entertainment Committee.

It was decided by the Board that something should be paid for use of Elks Club House for Board meetings, in May. The amount left to the decision of the President and Treasurer.

Club adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary

Members present:

Alverson
Brown
Carrell
Conaway
Clark
Cook
Ellyson

Gilcrest
Hunn
Miller
Mitchell
Vorse
Watrous
Witmer

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

Board met at 10:30 o'clock May 31st with twelve members present, Mrs. Carrell presiding. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Clark's motion carried that the chairs belonging to the Club be sold immediately, if possible. If not disposed of until Fall, that they belong to the Settlement House for the Summer.

Mrs. Cummins moved the President appoint a Committee of two to look after the chairs.

Mrs. Walker reported for Miss Bartlett that she had been a faithful pupil of the Cumming School of Art and had done good work, and recommended Miss Louise Orwig for the next appointment.

Mrs. Hunn moved the scholarship be continued and Miss Orwig be appointed for the place. Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that a regular order of business for the board be placed in calendar.

Miss Gilcrest tendered her resignation from the Board. After some discussion a vote was taken, which was unanimous, for Miss Gilcrest to continue upon the Board.

Mrs. Hunn moved the History and Literature Department be authorized to procure the services of Mrs. Stevenson for the year as leader. Motion carried.

By vote of the Board Mrs. Given was given the privilege of giving one of her Music Day programs in the evening of the date named in Club calendar instead of the afternoon.

The motion prevailed that all bills incurred in getting out Club calendar for 1906-1907 be paid by executive committee.

It was moved and carried that the Shriners Temple be the place of meeting for next Club year.

Club adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell
Secretary.

Board members present:

Carrell	Witmer	Gilcrest
Watrous	Walker	A.B. Cummins
Hunn	Stevenson	Clark
Conaway	Mitchell	Vorse

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

In the death of Mrs. E. R. Clapp the Des Moines Women's Club loses an honored member and former president, one who has endeared herself to the Club by the integrity and earnestness of her life.

Be it resolved, that we bear in grateful remembrance the enthusiasm, ardor and generosity which she brought to the Club; that we honor her devotion to its highest objects; that we recognize the benefits of her wise counsel and faithful work; that we cherish the memory of her splendid womanhood.

Resolved, that we extend our sympathy to the family, with the hope they may receive comfort from Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the Club's records and a copy sent to the family.

(Mrs. Ernest Brown,

Committee (Mrs. A. B. Cummins,

(Mrs. J. S. Clark.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB

The Board met June 13th, 1906, at the house of acting President, Mrs. H. L. Carrell, at 12:30. A delicious lunch was served and a most delightful social time enjoyed by twenty-eight members, including those of the incoming Board.

Miss Gilcrest called the meeting to order at 2:30. Minutes was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. After some discussion of the report of the Chair Committee, Mrs. Walker moved the matter be referred back to Committee with recommendation we accept the offer of Settlement House. Carried.

Mrs. Carrell requested the Board to order the \$100.00 due the Federation for Settlement House be paid immediately. It was so ordered and the order duly signed.

Mrs. Mitchell, by request of the President, named Mrs. Carrell, Mrs. Ellyson and Mrs. Nourse for Committee to act with Shriners and architect in regard to placing conveniences for Women's Club use.

Mesdames Bicknell, Cook and Plumb gave very interesting reports of the meeting of the General Federation at St. Paul, after which the Board adjourned.

Eliza Cox Mitchell

Secretary.

Mrs. Given's contract was considered and unchanged, the way I remember it.

