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REPORT OF THE SOROSIS SOCIETY.

The Sorosis Society has an enrollment of twenty-nine members. The first few months of the year 1901-1902 was spent in a brief review of the work of recent authors. The remainder of the year was spent in studying the "Crisis" by Winston Churchill, and Hamlin Garland's "Main Traveled Roads". The work of the first few months, above mentioned, which consisted mostly of biographical sketches, selections, reviews and contemporary criticism, was assigned by the committee on program to different members of the Society. For the remainder of the year a reader was appointed for each meeting to read selections from the work in hand and to lead in the discussion. The plan of work in the Sorosis Society for 1902-1903 is to take up the study of James Lane Allen's works, and also of other modern writers, who shall be decided upon later. The work is conducted much the same as during the spring of 1901. The leader presents to the Society, questions and suggestions for study, on the section of the book to be discussed the following week. Some miscellaneous subjects are introduced such as lectures by members of the Faculty and musical selections.

Josephine Mangham

President

Mamie Morrell -

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SOROSIS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. - NAME.

This Society shall be known as the "Sorosis Society."

ARTICLE II.--OBJECT.

The object of this society is the general literary and social culture of its members.

Article III.--Membership.

Section I. (a) Any person not receiving, in a vote by ballot, more than two negative votes, shall be eligible to membership. (b) Any person eligible to membership shall become a member of this society by signing the constitution.

Section II. (a) The membership shall be restricted to thirty active members. (b) Members away from College temporarily shall be considered as active members.

Section III. Honorary Members.--Any person may become an honorary member of this society by a majority vote of the active members; but such person shall be subject to no tax, and shall have no vote in business affairs.

Section IV. Duties of Members.- It shall be the duty of each member to be present at every meeting of the Society and perform the duties assigned him, or give prompt notice of his inability to perform said duties.

Section V. No person shall possess active membership in this Society who shall at the same time be a member of any similar society at

this College or of any fraternity thereat.

ARTICLE IV.- OFFICERS.

Section I. (a) The business officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Janitor.

Section II. (a) The business officers shall be elected by ballot at the next to the last regular meeting of each College term, and shall hold office during the succeeding term. (b) The official term shall consist of one college term, and no member shall be allowed to hold the same office two terms in succession.

Section III. Duties of Officers.- It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; appoint a critic for each meeting; appoint all standing committees; enforce the Constitution, By-laws and rules of this Society, and perform such other duties as pertain to her office. (b) It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence, or by the appointment of the President, to perform all duties that pertain to the President's office. (c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an account of the proceedings of the Society, to keep a full record of each member's attendance, to furnish the Treasurer a copy of all resolutions authorizing drafts for funds, and perform the usual duties of a corresponding secretary. (d) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all taxes, to keep a full account of the moneys belonging to the Society, and pay out same only on orders signed by the President and Secretary; to keep an account between the Society and its members, between the Society and other corporations or individuals; to be prepared upon one week's notice to make a report of the financial condition of the Society; and to deliver to her successor in office all moneys, books or other property

in her possession belonging to the Society. (e) It shall be the duty of the Janitor to see that the society room is in good order, and to perform all such duties as usually pertain to her office.

ARTICLE V.-- COMMITTEES.

Section I. - Standing Committees. There shall be three standing committees, viz., a literary committee of three members, a membership committee of three members, and a visitor's committee of three members.

Section II. Special Committees.- There shall also be such special committees from time to time as the work of the society shall demand.

Section III. Duties of Committees.- The literary committee shall have full control of the literary exercises, and shall report at each regular meeting a program for the literary exercises for the evening two weeks from the time of the report. (b) The visitors committee shall entertain all visitors to the Society. (c) The membership committee shall duly consider and report upon the general standing and fitness of such persons as are proposed for membership. (d) It shall be the duty of the special committees to promptly perform the duties assigned them, and as soon as possible, present a written report of their work to the Society.

Article VI. - Moneys.

All moneys needed by the society shall be raised by a tax on the active members by vote of the active members.

Article VII.-Society Badge.

The Society badge may be changed at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Society.

Article VIII.-Waiving the Constitution.

By a two-thirds vote of the active members, any part of the constitution or by-laws may be waived for a time not exceeding two weeks

Article IX.- Amendments.

The Constitution or By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members, providing written notice of such amendment shall have been given onw week previous.

BY-LAWS.

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ARTICLE I.- Time and Place of Meetings.

Section I. Sessions.-- The sessions of this Society shall correspond with the College term.

Section II.- Regular and Special Meetings.- The regular meetings of the Society shall be held each Tuesday afternoon at four oclock. (b) The President of the Society may call a special meeting of the Society at any time, at the request of five members.

ARTICLE II.- QUORUM.

A majority of the active members shall constitute a quorum, but a member may meet and adjourn.

ARTICLE III.- Order of Business.

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Appoint critics for the evening.
5. Literary and social exercises.
6. Critic's report.

RECESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of active members.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Miscellaneous business.