

N.N. Club Minutes
and
Diary of an Unknown Person

Minutes of the “N.N. Club”

June 26th 1865

Monday Evening

The first meeting was held at the house of Miss Wheeler—Members present

Mr. Edwin Sullivan

Miss Nelly Wheeler married*

“ John Wheeler

“ Belle Brooks

“ Louis Cox (dead)*

Annie Jones

“ Charles Jones (married K. Davenport)*

Cephise Kearney

“ George Lynn ! J. Blandy)*

Sally Kearney

Katie Bowen married*

Mr. Edwin Sullivan took the chair. The object of the Society was stated to be the procuring amusement in a rational manner; its character to be strictly moral and not too sober.

Several names suitable for this Society were suggested, but the Members coming to no agreement, the subject was laid over for next meeting. Two learned quotations from the Chairman regarding this question were highly appreciated, particularly one in the Greek tongue.

The Society to elect the following officers—

For President

Mr. Edwin Sullivan

V “

Miss Nelly Wheeler

Secretary

Mr. Louis Cox

Treasurer

Miss Katy Bowen

Sergeant at Arms

Mr. Leverett Leggett

The following was a Committee appointed to prepare the draft of a Constitution to be subjected to the action of the Club at the next meeting.

*Transcriber's note: These words appear to be later additions and are in a different ink.

Mr. Louis Cox, Mr. Edwin Sullivan, Miss Sally Kearney.

The following program for next meeting's proceedings was adopted by unanimous vote.

The meeting shall be opened by a piece of

Instrumental Music -- by Miss Bowen

Reading of Minutes of last Meeting " Secretary

Recitation " Miss Nelly Wheeler

Transcriber's note: This page is written in pencil. It appears to be written hurriedly and some words are not legible.

Nov. 15th

Rise 7 ½ dress 8. Hang up clothing put bed to air, clean, breakfast 9 - Put rooms in order -
Plants 10 Read solid 10 ½ Write 11 ½ Work 12 - Sew 1 ½ dinner 2 [indecipherable written over
word] 3 ½ [indecipherable written over word] 4 Sew 4 ½ go out return and rest 6 - Sew 6 ½
Talk etc. 7 Supper 7 ½ Read 8 - Sew 9 - Anything 10 - Sits bath and bed 10 ½

[indecipherable 2 letters] -

same 11 ½ Work 12 Lie down 1 - Any 1 ½ dinner 2 dress 3 Sew 4 ½ Same -

Pray - watch [indecipherable word] - don't worry -

Sits bath, sponge bath, bathe breasts

No meat - no stimulants, light supper -

Nov. 18 - ~~Two flannel skirts~~ - G's cut out underclothes & night shirts

Nov. 25 Nightgowns, slips & skirts. Mrs. T - F. - Z - J - P - M

Write Sallie J.L.C. Minutes, 2

Rise 7 ½ Dress 8 Order 8 ½ Breakfast 9 Order 10 Solid 10 ½ Bath 11-15 Machine 11. ¼ . Int.
 11 ½ Read 2 – Sew 3 Order 3 ½ Write 4 ½ [indecipherable crossed out phrase] Go out 5 ½.
 Rest 6. Sew 7 – Supper 7 ½ Read 8 Sew 9 Read 10. Bathe etc—

Wrapper G's drawers 2 pairs, 1 undershirt 2 nightshirt Short gowns, ruffles on cases

7 ½ to 10 ½ = 15 hrs.		Monday Dec. 16	Write 1. Re-Sew 3. flannel.
1 ½ meals		25	&waist
1 ½ dress and baths			½ white skirt. Upper drawer
3 sew	clothes basket	Tues.	Write 1.R. Sew 3 flannel, ½ same
1 write		20	
1 nap	Washstand	Wednes	" " " " "
1 interruptions	G's drawer	Thurs. 20	" R. " 1 skirt [indecipherable word] nightgown
order	" desk.	Friday 20	" R " " " " "
1 go out			
1 read solid	Lower drawer	Sat 20	" Ma " " " Finish "
1 light			
½ sewing machine			

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Monday 18 Write D.L.C. flannel –
 Tues. 15 " Sallie R. "
 Wednes. 15 " Marie H. "
 Thurs. 15 " same Lightbox
 Friday 10 same "
 Saturday 10 same "

George – badge & slippers

Sarah [indecipherable word]

Beccie hk kfs -- & fawn

Jim Cigar case & lighter holder

Kenny Book “ ”

Mrs A – Gloves or

Allie A – dress with [indecipherable word] Tie

Allie H – Lubin

Maurine Clock

Charlie Vest

[indecipherable 3 letter name beginning with P] dress _____ kitchen

Jessie “

Phillip T –

John “

Mrs. T –

Monday [indecipherable character] 5 –

Tues. Diapers E.E.E.

Wednes “ Aunt L

Thurs ‘ Geo.

Friday

G's flannel drawers 1 Jan 7 hours. 2nd Jan

“ “ 2nd 7 “

“ “ shirt “ 6 hours

4 infant shirt waist “ 6 “

1 short gown “ 3 ‘

1 “ “ “ 3 ‘

Diapers

bandages

pillow cases

[indecipherable word] “

Calls 0877

Mrs. Wyeth

Miss [indecipherable name] Davis

“ McKinney

“ [indecipherable name beginning with G]

“ Lyon

“ Donovan both

“ Allen

“ [indecipherable name beginning with Toms]

“ [indecipherable name beginning with B]

Smith

Kay

[indecipherable name beginning with K]

Monday Evening 24th July 1865

At Miss Wheeler's House –

Members present at Roll Call.

Pres. Sullivan	Miss Cephise Kearney
Vice Pres Wheeler	Miss Libby Young
Miss Brooks	Miss Ellis
Capt Hull	& Miss Sally Kearney –

Mr. George Lynn came quite late. As his mother was out of town, he presented his own excuse, "sickness among the babies" –which was readily accepted.

Miss A. Jones being absent Miss Brooks was appointed to preside at the piano—

Reading of the "minute" by the Secretary—

The President then recited a very original and appropriate Poem in blank verse. In the first few lines he did the subject up Brown; then presented it in a nutshell, showing the Club a Kernel, Hull, which we, who have picked nuts know how hard it is to do. In fact, he presented so fine a Literary Gem as emanating from the Club that the Secretary thinks she speaks the opinion of the Members when she pronounces it worthy of the attentive hearing which they granted it. It being the nature of Clubs generally to dash brains out, it is all the more satisfactory to know that the famous "N.N." has such widely different direction, & may without equal execution, be equally striking in another way—

Miss Wheeler, bringing an acceptable excuse for failure to prepare a prosy selection, & expressing her desire to add in any other way to the amusement of the Club, she was requested to sing "Come into the Garden Maud" which she did, in a manner highly creditable—Miss Cephise Kearney read a selection from the "Vicar of Wakefield", in which occurred a word she could not pronounce, but its being in an unknown tongue, her ignorance was warmly commended by all the Members present, the Treasurer being "non compos mentis"-- Capt. Hull read the well known & always to be admired poem beginning "When freedom from her rocky heights, a selection most appropriate to be rendered by one who had "fit, bled, & died" for that same banner-- Miss Sally Kearney as Anonymous Reader having three lengthy papers to read, desired the assistance of Miss Wheeler to see her through, which assistance was given with an amiable spirit beautiful to behold.

Miss Young's recitation was well selected, finely delivered & in all respects worthy of her talent. -- Miss Brooks sang a song with much taste and spirit.

Business being in order -- the following members were appointed on duty for next week.

Miss A. Jones	Music	Miss Young – Anony. Reader
" A. Ellis	Recitation	" Brooks – Original Essay
Mr. Munro Brown	Critic	" Cephise Kearney – Prose Selection—

No other business being on docket the Club adjourned to meet Monday, Aug 1st at "Ginger-bread Hall" –

Edwin Sullivan President Sally Kearney Secretary—

Ginger Bread Hall

July 31st 1865

Number of Members present at this meeting – seven—

Miss Wheeler as usual obliged us with some music, Kathline Mavourneen,” with variations, such as changing the arrangement of the verses etc. such eccentric doings being, however, strictly in accordance with the actions of other distinguished Literary Characters. Then followed the reading of the Minutes. An extract of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, by Miss Cephise Kearney, and an Essay of no ordinary merit from the pen of our revered President.

Miss Wheeler, in her capacity of Critic, then proceeded to criticize in a most cutting manner the foregoing, not even sparing the greatest of us all, but daring to be even more severe on that Head than on any other. Indeed, all the whole bevy of British Critics & Reviews could not hold a candle to her—

Miss Young, as Anonymous Reader read several amusing & instructive contributions, no doubt original with the Club. It has even been whispered that the eminent Reader composed one poem as she went along. But this, doubtless being one of the secrets of the Club, the Members are cautioned not to repeat. Miss Brooks then read a well written original Essay on “Greatness & Goodness”—which she afterward failed to hand the Secretary, and which offended the President,—probably on account of feeling himself guilty in regard to that rule,—did not notice as was his duty to do. Mr. Munro Brown now proceeded, with some preliminary hems and haws to introduce into our August Body a

Discussion touching on the popular subject of Negro Suffrage, which being unsupported, nobody making any dissent and nobody being willing to go to the trouble of contradiction for the sake of argument, the aforesaid subject fell to the ground—

The program for next meeting was arranged to admit—in addition, a Debate & a Voluntary—and stands thus—

Mr. Brown – Selection

N. Wheeler – Debate

Capt Hull – Debate

C. Kearny – Recitation

G. Lynn – Recitation

B. Brooks – Selection

E. Sullivan – Critic

A. Jones – Essay

S. Kearny – Selection

M. Liggett – Anonymous R.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Miss Liggett's afterwards changed to Miss A. Jones—

Sally Kearny Sec—

Monday Evening Aug 7th 1865—

At Miss Annie Jones'

Number of members present – 10—

Miss Annie Jones contributed music to open the meeting, when followed the reading of the Minutes by the Secretary—Miss Cephise Kearny presented her excuse for failure to pre- a Recitation, which His Excellency, the President graciously received. Miss Brooks then read a beautiful selection from Mrs. Hermans. This was followed by a written excuse from Miss Young, which was pronounced by the President, witty, and he ought to know. Capt. Hull with becoming meekness received a reprimand for failure to prepare a debate on the Negro Suffrage question. Miss Wheeler was prepared with the Negative side, but having no arguments to refute, was admonished to hold herself in readiness for next meeting.

Miss Liggett had a weighty budget of Anonymous Contributions, all excellent, & excellently read, "suited the action to the word"—Miss S. Kearny then read a Chapter from Thackeray's Vanity Fair. Following same a Recitation from Miss Annie Jones from Longfellow, - She "spoke her piece without missing a word. Voluntary Readings were given by the President and Capt. Hull. The latter assured us that he does not endorse the sentiments of the passage he read from Taming of the Shrew – but from the appreciative manner of reading, the N.N. in the person of its Secretary, fears that theMi honorable Member, thus saying, strays from the path of strict truthfulness, in a manner unbecoming a Member of this most Moral Society—

Miss Wheeler read a fine poem from Mrs. Hermans—

The Critic's province being to utter disagreeable things, sadly failed to perform his duties, saying only pleasant things, being sadly uncritical in his criticism—

Business in order—the election of officers was announced for next meeting—A large attendance was requested & members were requested to use every effort to keep the peace, in the absence of anyone to fill the office of Sergeant at Arms— Mr. Appleton Palmer's resignation was presented and thankfully accepted—

Members on duty for next meeting are as follows—

Capt Hull – Debate	S. Kearny – Critic	Miss Young – Essay
A. Jones – Selection	N. Wheeler – Debate	President – Selection
M. Liggett – Selection	C. Kearny – Recitation	B. Brooks – Anony. Read—

Meeting Adjourned. The Club headed by the Pres. then descended from its dignity and engaged in an exciting game of marbles, which if not a strictly literary pursuit was very scientific. Many words were used, certainly in a tongue unknown to the Secretary, such as “fendubs, fen rolansous” etc, but as no fining was mentioned the Secretary will try to get the correct Orthography and hunt it up in Websters.

It has been insinuated from the very first that some of the Members of the “NN” were somewhat uproarious on the way home; but such conduct being inconsistent with the dignity and learning of as distinguished a body, the Secretary, in the name of the N.N “repels the insinuation—

Sally Kearny Sec—

Monday Evening Aug. 14th 1865

Miss Maria Liggetts

The meeting was opened at the usual hour, Members present 5

The Pres- being "non compos mentis" Miss Maria Liggett was appointed Pres. Pro. Tem. and called the meeting to order— The Secretary read the Minutes. Miss Cephise Kearny did not 'speak her piece'; made an excuse which all five Members present talking at the same time, was not heard, but was supposed to be satisfactory— Miss Annie Jones then read a Poem, "Solitary" from N. P. Willis, which was very appropriate, especially the sentiment about "no men"— Miss Liggett read the Legend of the Rose of the Alhambra by Irving. If "brevity" be "the soul of wit" I fear this was not witty. Miss Libby Young followed with an "Essay at Something or Nothing", or a little of both, A Serenade by unknown parties agreeably diversified the evening's entertainment. The profoundest attention characterized the exercises. Though absent in body, no doubt the Pres. & others were present in spirit, but spirits could not cast votes, and the body Members not constituting a quorum, the Election of Officers was postponed until next meeting— There being an extra quantity of cake the Club conscientiously devoted itself to the work of eating it up— wherein said Club acquitted itself in a remarkably creditable manner—

The meeting then adjourned with three groans for absent Members, and three hearty cheers for the "N.N. Club" whose existence does not depend on numbers and whose

Motto is "Never say die" _____

Residence of Miss Belle Brooks
Monday Evening, Sept. 11th 1865

Important matters of church requiring the attention of a portion of the society, the meeting was not opened until an unusually late hour.

Members present at roll call

Capt. George Hull	Miss Maria Liggett
Miss Annie Jones	“ Belle Brooks
“ Cephise Kearny	“ Libbie Young
Mr. Louis Cox	

The society was kindly favored with instrumental music by Miss Brooks, the following officers were then elected, President Capt. George Hull

Vice “ “ “	Miss Maria Liggett
Secretary	“ Libbie Young
Treasurer	“ Annie Jones

Sergeant at Arms, office “non compos mentis”, for the benefit of new members that may be present, it has been requested that I should mention, that the preceding is the only quotation in a foreign tongue permitted, and should therefore be used as frequently as possible, conveniently or otherwise. Minutes read by Secretary, great gravity predominating. Some remark to the effect that the literary character of the Club needed augmentation, were refuted with the indignant zeal worthy of so noble a cause. It was then resolved that the following ladies and gentlemen be informed of the gracious willingness of the N.N. to admit them to its pleasures and privileges;

Mr. George M. Cox

“ John W. King

“ Chas. Purnell

Miss Mattie Abbott

“ Julia C. Jones

The President thoughtfully tendered his services, in relieving the Secretary of the onerous duty of “seeing the gentleman, which she gratefully accepted. The Club was now supplied with a number of poetical works, and voluntary contributions called for. The “Lady’s Dream” was read by Miss Liggett with charming effect, the fact that some of the members seemed somniferously disposed during the evening was ascribed to the results of association. Capt. Hull followed with an extract from the poem commencing, “Leave me comrades, here a little, while as yet ‘tis early morn,” delivered in his usual effective style. Miss Jones also gave a short selection, from Tennyson, which gave rise to some severely withering remarks on the unfortunate arrangement of the words of the poet in that particular instance. The criticisms on the other selections were many, varied and witty those by the Treas. were being “highly expressive”. Members on duty for next evening, Miss Maria Liggett, prose selection, Miss Belle Brooks, selection, Miss Annie Jones, poetical selection, Miss Libbie Young, poetical recitation, Miss Cephise Kearny, selection, Mr. Brown, critic. It was then announced that the next meeting would be held with Miss Cephise Kearny, Miss Jones being compelled to defer the pleasure of offering her grapes and hospitality to the Club under plea of “patient waiting overhead.” Reading of the roll, followed by sponge cake from our fair hostess to which the club did ample justice.

Libby Young, Secretary

George Hull, Treas.

Met with Miss Cephise Kearny

Monday Evening, Sept. 18" 1865

Number of members present eight.

Meeting opened with music from Miss Jones under protest, the execution of which was highly gratifying to the nerves. Title of performance unknown to Secretary. Minutes read and objected to with great spirit. A selection from More read by Miss Jones in an edifying manner, followed by sleepy extracts from Miss Liggett. A recitation from Longfellow delivered by the "Young" members of the Club, after which Mr. Brown criticised the various performances of the evening most, "clearly and distinctly, assisted by impromptu remarks from Miss Liggett. There was then introduced a new feature into the society; the munching of plum cake carried on, we are sorry to say in a most disrespectful manner, namely over the President's head, though this we trust was wholly unintentional. It is feared that this exercise will be prohibited in future, for it might exhaust the Treasurer. A beautiful selection from More was read by Miss Brooks. The "Window with the Large Fan" then received her due share of attention through the thoughtfulness of Miss Cephise Kearny and Mr. Oliver Goldsmith. Business of importance was then brought before Club and investigated with an energy highly gratifying to and encouraging to the patrons of the society. Mr. Leverett Leggitt found guilty of "the unknown language" resolved that he be acquainted with the decision of the Club

in his case. It was then concluded that the time sphere of the N.N. was the drama and committee consisting of President Hull, Mr. George Lynn and Miss Annie Jones, was appointed to ascertain how great a fo scope for the exertion of the Clubs talents lay in that direction.

Members on duty for next meeting.

Miss Brooks, Ins. Music

“ Jones, Recitations

“ Liggett, Prose Selection

Mr. Brown, Debate

In consideration of the fact that a number of the younger members of the Club gave frequent symptoms of the visits of the “sandman” of ancient legends, the hour of meeting was altered from 8 to 7’r.

Miss Kearny Anonymous

“ Young, Poet. – Selections

Pres. Hull, Debate

In consideration of the fact that a

Adjourned to Miss Maria Liggetts. The Club being compelled to postpone the meeting with Mr. Brown from the fact that although its great abilities are universally known and appreciated, it has not as yet acquired the faculty of “double existence” but hopes soon to do so.

L. Young, Sec’y

Miss Liggett's, [indecipherable word] Seventh Sr.

Sept. Monday, 25"/65

Musical efforts of this evening, were purely original, though being somewhat fitful, the full result of the inspiration was postponed until a later hour. Minutes read and meeting with no more than the usual objection approved.

"A Still Day in Autumn" by Chas. Whitman, recited by Miss Jones; The quality excellent, The quantity small. A poem entitled "The Watchers" by J. G. Whittier read by Sec'y.

The long contemplated debate on "Negro Suffrage" was now traduced. The affirmation of this dark question was ably supported by our venerated President, meeting with a worthy opponent in Mr. Brown, who succeeded so well that he left the Club in a slight state of mystification; first, as to whether the "right of suffrage" was a popular delusion or not, and, secondly, if there was any such thing if anybody had the right to it. These gentlemen received ample assistance from the Society at large, everybody at once arguing with everybody else in a remarkably lucid manner.

The result of this delectable confusion, being highly satisfactory to the parties engaged each being more firmly established in his, or her, former opinion. From its depth was produced the phenomena of a "plain" question for debate on the next Monday evening; i.e. "Is it unconstitutional to make color a qualification for voters."

Miss Liggett then entertained the company with a witty extract selected with her usual [indecipherable word] taste.

Members on duty for next night,

Miss Brooks, music,

Mr. Busnell, ~~open~~ selection

Miss Liggett, poetic sel.

“ Jones, debate

“ Kearny, anonyne

Mr. Liggett, debate

Mr. Brown, critic

Miss L. Young, poet, sec.

A heavy dose of compliments supplied the place of criticism this evening. In the initiation of Mr. C. Busnell, the antiquity of the characters in which the Constitution was written precluding all possibility of its reading, he considerably dispensed with it, to the great relief of both President and Club, promising most faithfully to obey and keep all its secrets inviolate, which it is thought he will find little difficulty in doing. Moved by Miss Liggett and seconded by Mr. Brown, That a considerable portion of time be occupied by the Secretary in apologizing to the members in general, and themselves in particular; said Secretary assures them that nothing will give her greater pleasure than to oblige them in this matter, and she herein does so for everything she has ever done, or intends to do. Club adjourned after calling of the roll. Number of members present, eight. The next meeting to be held with Mr. Brown. A plentiful repast was now partaken by the Club and the mosquitoes.

The capricious Muse, who remained proof to all entreaties in the former part of the evening, gave utterance to the most soul stirring strains, at about 11 ½ on the lower end of S. 7th and were greeted in return by the sick member with “a happy flow of light.”

[2 indecipherable abbreviations] Young, Sec,y

Mr. Brown's Main St.

Monday, Oct. 2nd /65

Number of members present 11. Meeting called to order at 8 ¼ , a want of punctuality of which it was supposed the N.N. would not be guilty. Music by Miss Brooks Reading of minutes, accompanied by sad failure of memory on the part of some of the members. Miss Liggett gave the usual dissertation from the "Seven Sleepers" finishing up the parson and his parishioners to the regret of the Club. Recitation from Tennyson by Miss Young. Mr. Busnell adapting his remarks to the circumstances, gave the young ladies some fatherly advice from Timothy Titcomb, warning them against the poetical delusion of "love in a cottage" and nobody to buy bread and butter with, showing the supposed to be inseparable connection between "Love and [indecipherable word]" The debate between Mr. Leggitt exhibited a remarkable unity of opinion between negative and affirmative, wholly in accordance with the original proceedings of the N.N. The efforts of these learned minds was followed by the usual awed silence; the question for want of a judge was passed without judgement. Reading of the anonyne by Miss Kearny occupied but little time consisting principally of unappreciated thanks. The exercises were severely criticized by Mr. Brown sparing none save Miss Brooks, and she only on plea of the critic's inability to perform the same part. A grave but kindly reproof to the laughing offenders was administered

by the President, the danger that the Club will again prove itself worthy of the name "Giggles" is becoming imminent . But we are confident that there will be no laughing in future. A different question for debate was now proposed by each member. Mr. Busnell manifesting great anxiety that the subject to be considered by adapted to the minds of the feminine portion of the Club, for which thoughtful interest the ladies tender their sincere thanks. Since all the questions could not be adopted, resolved, that there is an external world. Objections to minutes indulged in generally followed by numerous prescriptions for different individuals. The Club unanimously agreed that Soothing Syrup is highly beneficial in case of physical uneasiness. The initiation of Miss Abbott took place attended by the usual omission of Constitution. The serious charge of treason and violation of oath was now brought against the Secretary and ably supported. She was granted a trial and the officers required to conduct it properly appointed when the proceedings brought to a "sudden halt" by the suggestion that the undiscerning "external world" might not regard the commands of the N.N. and that a writ of Habeas Corpus, of some other kind might not meet with deserving respect and to avoid all possibility of being treated with contempt for lack of evidence the accused was acquitted without a trial.

Adjourned after roll call, to the President.

Libbie Young sec'y

Monday Evening Oct. 7" /65

The President's W. Y.

Number of members present eight.

The voices of the Club reached the President's ear some time before they themselves were visible. This was certainly owing to the influence of kindred spirits, for the idea that the members of the N.N. would sing so noisily along the roadside is not to be entertained for a moment. Music after the arrival was kindly supplied by Miss Brooks, as usual.

It was thought best to defer the reading of the minutes until they were written. Miss Kearny's recitation was admirably read! A beautiful literary "waif" was given to the Club by Miss Jones.

A part of the "Strawberry Girl" was excellently read by Miss Brooks, but the selection being rather long for one reading its completion was postponed until next meeting. We are sorry to say that the inclination for "side shows is apparently undiminished. The negative on the debate between Miss Liggett and Mr. Brown proved so uncomplimentary that he showed beyond doubt that we are both nameless and senseless.

The reading of the anonyne by Miss Bowen met with a somewhat abrupt termination. The correspondence with Henry Ward Bucher and other prominent men of the day was reported by Mr. Brown. Their unaccountable refusal to lecture before the Club received with mute astonishment; resolved that they are not worthy of the honor conferred upon them.

Criticism by Miss Libbie Young. Antidote for giggling solicited by Miss Liggett, [indecipherable word], by some one that it was needed by some of the eminent members, but was hushed with the speed the perilous nature of such an accusation demanded. An animated discussion with regard to the "right and expediency" with regard to postponing the debate for next meeting was decided in favor of the "white men". Mr. Brown "thinks it adds very much to the interest of the meetings." Minutes now being written were read and approved. Members for duty next evening.

Music.	Miss Jones	Poet. Sel.	Miss Kearny
Prose Sel.	" Brooks	" "	Mr. Busnell
Debate	Mr. Brown	Debate	Miss Young
Poet. Sel.	Miss Bowen	Critic	" Kearny
"	"	"	Liggett

Next meeting appointed for Miss Jones'.

L. Young Sec'y.

Number of members present eight.

Omission of the usual musical entertainment.

The beautiful poem entitled "The Lighthouse" by Longfellow recited by Miss Bowen.

Reading of the minutes. A very fine extract from Campbell's "Pleasures of Hope" given by Miss Liggett, very appropriate especially when we think of the oyster supper. The selection by Miss Jones had been made with her accustomed good taste. The anonymous reading this evening was a decided success, the Club being favored with some excellent productions of the poet "What you call him." The critic refuse perform his wonted duty of faultfinding, assigning as a reason, that she never wrote poetry, therefore was not competent to judge, since this excuse could not be advanced by the President it was suggested that in all such cases he be appointed entire, pro tem. Business meeting now in order. Resolved, that it be recommended to the honorable members who were sleepily inclined that they sit erect and endeavor to keep their eyes open.

The following officers were elected:

Mr. Brown.	Pres.	Miss Jones, Vice Pres.
Miss Wheeler.	Sec'y.	" Kearny. Treas.
Mr. Hull	Sergt. At Arms.	

The entrance of the dilatory member, hailed with delight, and a fine of twenty five cents instantly imposed and promptly handed over to the Treasurer. On discovering that the member was "[indecipherable word] of money" many were the regrets that the fine had not been larger. But who now shall say that the N.N. is not ~~any~~ funds? The countenance of the Club brightened simultaneously as the long contemplated dimly distant oyster supper rose before their mental vision. Mr. Brown with many preliminary hems and haws, ascribed to the overwhelming effects of the honor, conferred by his election, in an appropriate speech gravely accepted.

Appointments for duty next night.

Miss Jones.	Music	Mr. Busnell Poet. Sel.
" Brooks,	Prose Sel.	" Hull Prose Sel.
" Wheeler	Critic.	" Brown Debate
" Bowen	Recitation	Miss Young Debate
" Kearny	Prose Selection.	

Next meeting to be held at Gingerbread Hall. L. Young. Sec'y.

Miss Kearny's Gingerbread Hall

Monday Evening 24. Oct. A.D. 1865

At 8 P.M there was "settlement" among the eight members of the Club present and Miss Annie Jones "moved & carried" to the chair pro tem, which being of Shakespearian design was thereby adorned; no less however than the piano stool, a few moments after where President rendered a very beautiful overture. Minutes read & the 24th day of October turned into the 16th by the eclipsing hand of Miss Young—as a correction—By this time Capt. Hull, who was the "kernel" of the Kearney delighted the society by reading a verry long piece of his first love, supposed to have originated with the Doherty papers. The brilliancy of his effort was only [indecipherable word] by the splendor of Miss Jones' new watch gazed upon by Miss Abbott. In the meantime Miss Liggett erected a "mitten" out of a yarn. After the captain expired over his first love and last cigar "giggling" prevailed, till Miss Young read one of Whittiers most exquisite poems "The Waiting" in a beautiful style and finish, the effect of which was to prepare the Club for a finely read prose collection by Miss Kearney—cutting English drollery of gesture and modern pantomime on the stage into bits about the length of the "goats" pencil—For the explanation of the term "goat" reference is had to Abbott's History of the "King"—Miss Jones "put up her knitting" and took from her pocket a frog which had leaped from some places, into the poets corner of the newspaper and spread out into croaking rhyme, so cute and natural that the entire club had to thank the honorable president for her laughable selection, which demonstrated, that when the frog, "sits down he stands". Miss Liggett then administered criticism, having picked up several faults, in the recitations with her "cro-chet" needle—Mr Hull was about thanking her for correcting him in his pronunciation of fortnight, Miss Bowen produced Webster to correct the critic, who declared that she would have nothing to do with him, and then she embraced Worcester, as authority. Miss L. also charged the gallant Capt. with using the unknown tongue, for which he paid the small sum of ten cents—All regret that he has lost so much tongue—After this came a great splash, a blowing out of lights at which the Secretary threw up his hands behind his back & received from the President, a pledge, never to tell what he knew, never to fall in love & lo he was a new made "N.N."—On restoring the lights and poking the fire, refreshments were added, and candy crunching went on finely till, Miss Liggett and Miss Abbott got stuck in candy nox. Upon this, upon honor upon the table, hand upon hand was laid. After obeying the constitutional requirement of keeping everything seacret, this was abandoned and Miss Bowen sung the favorite Scotch Ballad —John Anderson My Jo—very beautifully and was followed by several fine selections from Miss Jones & Miss Abbott—Last of all came the game of putting on shawls and cloaks for the ladies without the gents doing anything else, although it was said, there was some kind of "e lip-ticle" figure cut by cap-Hull under a very broad brimmed hat on a ladies head. Oysters for the next night were decided upon, also sharades and music—Place Mr Browns—It was suggested that each member go with a "thing or two" in their pockets—

J.W. King Sec—

June 1875

June 1st Geo. sat up all night with Mr. Brull who has broken his ankle. Wrote to Frank this morning, read a few pages in "Stories of Venice" sewing on white wrapper. Mrs. Whiting called. Mrs. Y. stopped in carriage. After tea called on

2nd Went out to Millie's immediately after breakfast. Came home about eleven. Sewed all afternoon. Geo. Very late tonight.

June 3rd Day of prayer and fasting for delivery from the grasshoppers, as appointed by Governor Hardin. Went to church but owing to our error as to time was too late. Geo. went to the Lake. I went without my dinner. Wrote to Annie rec'd letter from Ma.

4th Hail storm and wind, raining all day. Wrote to E.E.E. & aunt L. Also M. and H. Rec'd letter from Sallie and package by mail. Took long walk.

5th Finished white wrapper. Went to ladies meeting—They decided not to have a "kettle drum" but festival instead

6th Not feeling well—Did not go to church. A very cool bright day. No one here.

7th Called on Mrs. Smith could not make any on hear me. Went to see Mary Belle's baby, Aunt Martha just going in as I reached there.

Dr. & Mrs. Rineir called just before supper Mrs. Dr. Smith after supper & Geo and Mollie Cornell.

8th Wrote to Sallie.

9 Rec'd Addie Brull wedding cards. In the evening Geo. went down town with me and telegraphed home for my dress. Called on Mr. and Mrs. Evans but they were not at home.

10 Very warm. Rec'd letter from Sallie. Went to Strawberry festival in the eve.

11 Sewing all day. Bessie and Henry Jim and Charlie came in and stayed until Geo. and I went—to Lit. Association. Mrs. Bywater called—

12 Letter from Miss Kate. Took charge of books and was installed as secretary of Ladies Benevolent Association this afternoon.

13 Overslept myself and did not get to church. Geo. and self called at Bessie's & Ella K's but did not find anyone at home. Wrote to Anne, Sallie Rumble & Hannah.

14 Went out calling with Bessie in the afternoon. Mrs. Shelton not at home. Letter from Sallie, called on Mrs. [indecipherable last name].

15 Dress came, worked on it all day. Geo. took me down in the eve to get gloves, etc. Intensely hot.

16 Sewing all day. Attended Addie Brull wedding, wore my white poplin with shirring [indecipherable word], my blue silk jacket—trimmed with white [indecipherable word] and white flowers. Rec'd letter from Re. Miles

17 Mrs. Townsend

18 Not feeling well. Lay on lounge and read all morn. Storm in the afternoon. J. came up with Geo. and we went to Mrs. Townsend's to tea. Letter from L.S.L.

19 Delightful day. Spent a couple of hours with aunt M. J. here for tea. Geo. and he went to [indecipherable word].

20 Henry called. Wrote to Kate and Millie S.

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23 Letter from Anne

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Mrs. Maynard called.

26 Mattie and Mae York called. Mamie and self called on Mrs. Winton, Misses Mentzel, Josie Smith, Mrs Sherman.

27 Went to church in morning, rained hard all the rest of the day.

28 Took a walk immediately after breakfast, then swept and cleaned rooms. Henry here in eve.

29 Went to Bessie's after breakfast found Jim there and as I came away met Sarah and Denise going to spend the day. Came back very tired took a long nap, sewed all afternoon. Dr & Mrs Richardson called. Read the "American Bison".

30 Called on Mrs. Bassington—Bessie H. J. & C here in eve

July 1 Geo. took his position as Cash. of Bank of St Joe today. Sewed all day. Took a walk. A storm at night.

2nd Letter from D.L.C. Wrote to Ma. Paper containing Rev. J.S.K.'s address at Los Angeles.

3rd Bank closed, celebrating today for the

4th Jim spent the morning. Geo. went down to Exposition grounds to receive money for the bank was gone from two until half past nine. Mamie and self ran over to see Josie S. for a little while. Stormed all afternoon.

5. Another stormy day.

6 Rained all day, not very well.

7 Jim here before breakfast. A cool day—L. W. B. Assoc. met in afternoon at Board of Trade [indecipherable word]

8 Mr. and Mrs. Bradford called. I went up to see Mrs. Schuster.

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11 Went to church by self. Geo. and I went up to call on Bessie and Aunt M.

12 Literary Society in eve.

13 Charlie and aunt M. here in morn.

14 Letter from Lily B.

15 102 degrees in the shade.

Letter from Sallie

16 Very hot, 104 in the shade. Went out to see Mollie Cornell found her better. Jim spent eve.

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Addie & Cerine Deutschky called. J. & C. called would not come up

18. Cool and cloudy. Geo. and self went to church. Read "Old Margaret"

19 Cool. Wrote to Sallie & Lily B. Called on Mrs. McDonald

20. Wrote to Miss Kate R & Ma. Geo. brought a carriage around about six to take me to the Lake. We forgot to turn off and going on came out below the Lake so had to turn back which detained us some time Had a row on the Lake before supper, got a handful of [indecipherable word], had a very nice supper about nine of fried fish and chickens and drove home by moonlight. While Geo. went to stable I made some iced lemonade.

21. Wrote to D.L.C. Jenine Witman, & Re Miles. Cool weather—church

22. Wrote to L.S.L. Helped sew carpet at church all day Jim spent eve. Took dinner at Mrs. Austell's

23. Helped wash windows in church all day, very tired.

24. Put rooms in order

25. Went to church in morn. Read "Occupation of a Retired Life" all afternoon. Heavy rain.

26. Letter from Mamie. Swept. Ella K. and Minnie Long called. Henry and Beck spent eve—Rained

27 Wrote to Annie and Mamie—

28 Geo. went to church meeting with me

29 Sewing hard on lawn dress. Called at Jan's. Raining Letter from Miss Kate—

30 Sewing on lawn. Josie S. brought me in some apples. Mrs. McDonald sat with me part of afternoon. Raining

31 Finished lawn this morning—Kate & June Y; [indecipherable word] Went down town.

August 1st Clear and cool, Geo. and self went to church in morn. Spent eve with Henry and Beck.

2nd Bessie came in for an hour. Cut out underclothing. Wrote Mamie a note—Downtown in afternoon Called on Mrs. Dolman and Mrs. Paine.

3rd Went down with Geo. in morn. On return wrote to Sallie—and prepared minutes Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Barns called Letter from Miss Allie—

4th Meeting of Ladies W.B. Assn—Letter from Ma—Cool

5th Not very well. Jim spent eve—Wrote Mamie note

6th Attended Lit. Soc. with Mrs. A & D—J.B. Johnson delivered an oration. Mrs. Beaker read an original poem.

7. Beautiful weather. Went down town before dinner—Stopped at bank to see George. Letter from Mrs. Miles—

8 Attack of cholera morbus—Sick all day so I could not go out. J. called.

9. Letter from Mamie. Mr. Keyser left permanently. Went down street Mrs. Dolman not at home—Geo. late—very busy. Went back in eve. I called on Junie S.—did not

find her in. Tucked fronts of dressing sacque—Read Ralph Wilton's Wind—R.G.

10. Wrote to Ma and Miss Kate. Cut out gown and tucked same—Note to Podie W.

11 Picnic for children at the Home. Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Dolman, Mrs. Hosea, Mollie C. & self there all day—Mrs. D. and I came home in omnibus, very tired—

12. Geo. took me to the Herald & Gazette office in the morning to leave notice of picnic—In the afternoon I went down to the Bank and he drove me to the Exposition to see the game of Base Ball played by the Pastimes against the Red Stockings of St. Louis Red S. won. Score 12 to 3 After supper Geo and I drove out to the asylum to call on the Mc D's—Letter from Sallie.

13. Mrs. Anderson Dave Charlie Micah Miss Allie C. Geo. & self went down to the Lake in a large carriage about four o'clock—At the Lake House we took boats and rowed down some distance landing in the woods, We made a fire, boiled coffee, roasted corn from a neighboring cornfield and ate our supper on the grass. We had another row on the lake and rowed home by moonlight. Letter from Ma.

14 Mollie Cornell spent the day with me We called at Mrs. B.'s did not find them home.

15 Geo. not at all well. Henry came in.

16 Wrote to Ma and Mamie. Ran over to see Bessie, then down to Library—Made preparations

to go to Weston

17. Took 8.30 train for W—Mr. R—sent hack to meet one—They have a beautiful place just out of town. Found a note from Mrs. W. awaiting me—wrote note to Geo. Played croquet.

18 Spent day with Podie W. Found her changed seemed forgetful and not a bit like her old self; has two beautiful little children, lost two this winter and soon expects to have another. They return to Phila. in the fall to remain, cannot make a living she tells me, they seem very poor,

19" Helped a little about the house—Wrote to Geo—Miss Kate and self walked in town—had ice cream and paper of candy Mr. Pearse there in eve—played croquet—

20. Letter and paper from Geo—Left W. in 6 P.M. train. Kate gave me a basket of beautiful plants and a lovely bouquet—Col. Doniphan who duced himself and was very kind—I was late—Has a bad cold—Mail re'cd

21. Letter from E.E.E. and Ma. Made Geo. an undershirt—Jim came about 4 P.M.—to take me out to see the house—We went down town to find Geo. and after driving to the bank and book store chased him around Market Square and overtook him at the Herald office

22. Went to church by myself.

23. Wrote to Ma and Kate R. cut out patterns—W.A.P and Mrs. Mc D—spent eve.

24 Swept and dusted. Went down town and sent off patterns in morn—Josie S. spent a couple of hours with me this afternoon—

25 Ran around to see Bessie this morning—to

make arrangements for going to Tessie's to-morrow. High wind all day—very dusty—

26 Heavy rain all night—continued until noon. Wrote to Miss Allie R. filled out catalogue. Mamie returned—

27. Bessie and self spent day with Tessie. Ran over to see S. in afternoon found her moving in – looking very much pleased with the prospect.

28 Raining—Janie S. came in a moment. Letter from L.S.L.

29. Went to church by myself—Jim came in the afternoon and took Geo. out for a walk I wrote to Sallie while he was gone began Butler's Analogy in evening.

30. Sweeping dusting and general cleaning. Geo. drove me down to see the Browns of St. L. play the Pastimes then we went out to the home for tea, called on Mrs. Doniphan but found no one home. Letter from A.

31 Not very well writing up minutes & took all morning Mrs. Shanahan Linda Chesny & Josie S. called—

Sept 1st Writing all morning. Copied minutes of first meeting, etc. Writing in afternoon very warm. Ms. Penick & Mrs Tony etc.

2nd Geo. went to [indecipherable word] to attend bridge celebration copied minutes. Heavy storm in eve. Mary W. came over to get some flowers, brought me a foliage plant.

3rd Miss Allie returned, committee on concert & tea party met at Mrs. Williams. Did some shopping, called on [indecipherable first name] Smith & Mrs. Bradford. Stopped at bank and came up with Geo. letter from Podie W.

4. Made Geo. an undershirt in morning. Letter from Marie H. Ms. Schuster came for me in her carriage. We called to see Mr. [indecipherable last name beginning with T] about the Opera House and Mayor [indecipherable last name beginning with H] concerning

the City Hall. Called on Mrs. Dolman Mrs Whiting and Mrs McDonald.

Sept. 5 Very warm, did not get to church. Geo and self went around to see [name beginning with B] in afternoon, Henry has been very sick, is better.

Sept. 6 Bound mats for fair, wrote quarterly report. Going down town about 6 P.M. met Geo. and Jim_ reported to Mrs. Williams concerning a suitable room for our event. Intense heat.

Sept. 7 Wrote a note to Ma. Finished binding mats. Geo. returned very late and tired from the Exposition Read my report to him for correction. Retired early. Very hot.

Sept. 8 Swept and dusted rooms. Copied my report. Attended quarterly meeting in afternoon. Hot.

Sept. 9. Made three copies of report. Took them to Herald & Gafette offices. Stopped at bank called on Mrs. Dolman went to several places to engage Mrs. Marshall_ to [indecipherable word] sick child. From intense heat changed to intense cold in five minutes, cold enough for fires.

Sept. 10 Still cold. Letter from Ma. Geo. took Mamie, Miss Hill and myself to the fair got us fine seats in the "quarter stretch" when we ran the hurdle race trotting match and running race. The reward was most interesting. White Stocking came in first all three heats apparently with perfect ease. After the race we went through the hall had coffee and drove home. In the evening Geo. drove me out to call on the [indecipherable last name beginning with L] at the home. Cool.

Sept. 11" Rested, knit mended clothing. Walked out in afternoon. Geo. did not get home from Exposition until 12. Midnight. Met C. in [indecipherable word].

Sept. 12. Beautiful day, but did not get to church.

Sep. 13" Swept & dusted. Wrote to Podie W. rec'd letter from [indecipherable last name beginning with C]. Went to committee meeting at Mrs. Williams in afternoon from there to bank, wrote some notices for George and a letter to Anne while he was getting showered then we came home together_ He had to go to work again after supper.

Sep. 14" Began a pair of drawers, did mending for week. Mamie Allen and myself spent the eve_ with John S. had a merry time. After we returned went down street and got a melon and some cherries, took turns carrying it home, George working tonight

Sep. 15 Wrote to E.E.E. Mamie H. & note to Mrs D_ Finished cherries. Rained.

Sep. 16 Took George's dinner down, changed library book. Brought home 100 notices filled them up and directed envelopes. Mrs J and Lida C. called also Mrs. Bradley. Ran down to see Lily B. a few moments before supper.

Sep. 18 Mrs. Schuster called for me in morning, we drove to City Hall, out to "Home" then to the Mayor's and back to the City Hall, bought some fruit in market. Dr. West over and Mrs. Bradford called I went over to see Mrs. Bywater)

Sep. 17. Mollie Connell spent the day Geo. here for supper, I attended Band meeting. Called to see Mrs. Dolman

Sep. 19 Geo. and self went to church. Henry and Buk. here in afternoon. Put up [indecipherable word].

Sep. 20. Changed and dusted all the books swept walls swept & dusted sitting room and arranged furniture. Attended committee meeting at Mrs. Williams.

Sep. 21. Tuesday. Hanging pictures etc. Josie and S. came in. Called at [indecipherable word] and Mrs. McDonald's

Sep. 22 Jim came while at breakfast with carriage to take me out to spend the day. I went Bessie and self called at Jennie V's in afternoon. Jennie and her cousin, the Capt. & Edith Claggett came in and spent eve. We remained all night.

Sep. 23. Sam drove the boys in, came back for me. I stopped at home for lunch for George and took it to bank. Left tickets for Mrs. Bradford. Finished crochet [indecipherable word].

Sep. 25 Swept and dusted, washed paint and bound oil cloth. Bessie spent day with me. We called on Lily B. At 4 P.M. went up to Mrs. Donovan's, she took me all over her new home. Coming home overtook Geo. & J. Letters from Ma and Sallie. Mrs. Schuster called.

Sep. 26 Not at all well. Geo. went out to the home with Dr. Richardson. Wrote to Mrs. Miles.

Sep. 27 Wrote to Sallie, copied list of members names. Committee on [indecipherable word] meeting in afternoon. Went down with Geo. to bank [2 indecipherable words], read Mrs. Gaskill "Wines and [indecipherable word]" and copied numbers [indecipherable word]

Sep. 28 cleaned bureau in bedroom thoroughly, labelled books, finished second vol. "Stories of Venice" and "Traveler" Lily and Mr. B. spent eve.

Sep. 29 Lily B. came for me and we went down to bid the Jeffries good bye.

Sep. 30

Oct 1.