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Manuscripts
No. 30

Date processed: July 23, 1976

I. Title  Fortnightly Club, New Haven. Records, 1886-

II. The papers of The Fortnightly Club
    deposited in the Library on
    In
    converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1
    Approximate number of items: 350

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
    in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
    the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
    to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: The Fortnightly Club was founded in 1886. Its
    purpose was described in the following manner in the minutes:
    "This society is intended to be informal in its nature. The
    more simple the organization, the more free will be its movements.
    A secretary will probably be the only officer required, with a
    Committee of three who will select topics for discussion, and the
    members who shall furnish the papers and lead in the arguments...
    It has been thought that topics of current interest will be the
    most profitable subjects for consideration, those relating to
    social science, political economy, contemporaneous literature,
    music and art." Membership included both married and unmarried
    ladies. The club remains in existence today, carrying on its
    activities in much the same manner.

VIII. Analysis: This collection consists of three volumes of minutes
    covering the years 1886-1956.* There are also a large number
    of copies of papers read by members at various meetings.
    Memorabilia includes, badges, programs, invitations to meetings,
    etc. There are also skits which were presented at meetings or
    parties. Included in the collection is one folder of correspondence.

    *The minutes are comprehensive, the rest of the material is widely
    scattered as far as dates go. The bulk of the material goes only
    until 1950.
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Folder A - Paper by E.P.C., "The Letters of Rosa Carelli" 1971

Folder B - Paper by Miss Cutler, "Agnes Repplier ... lady of Letters" 1951

Folder B1 - Paper by Miss Cutler, "The Great Rehearsal" n.d.

Folder C - Paper by Mrs. F.B. Dexter, "Reminiscences of New Haven Sixty Years Ago and Later" 1915(?). Photograph of a sketch of Mrs. Dexter in 1939, age 91.

Folder D - Paper by Waleska Bacon Evans, "Seventy-five Years of Fortnightly" January 12, 1961.

Folder E - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Baretti" and "Upstream" 1920's(?)

Folder E1 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Brani" 1934

Folder E2 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Bits of Early Branford" 1937(?)

Folder E3 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Aunt Lily" 1940, "Hard Likker" 1944

Folder E4 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Nut Plains" 1948, "Back of the Horizon" 1950

Folder E5 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Waiting" 1951; Letter from Harriet Taylor commenting upon the paper.

Folder E6 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "History of the Fortnightly Club" January 14, 1954


Folder F - Miscellaneous Papers

Folder F1 - Miscellaneous Papers -- Programs for meetings, Invitations, Correspondence, Constitution and By-Laws of 1896, Badges, etc.

Folder G - "The Golden Heart, A Masque" written for One Hundredth Meeting of the Fortnightly Club, January 7, 1897

Folder H - Letter from Mrs. Theodore Salisbury Woolsey, read January 10, 1889.

Folder I - "Combined Parties, Fortnightly and Saturday Morning Clubs," includes some correspondence between the two organizations.

[Folders E through E6 not numbered]
Folder I (cont.) - 75th anniversary skit. [1981 addition]
100th anniversary of the Saturday Morning Club --
poems written about members at Fortnightly 10th
anniversary. [1981 addition]

Folder J - "The 5th Decade, 1925-1935, A Revue"

Folder K - Golden Anniversary, December 12, 1935. Invitations,
Acceptances and Regrets, Prologue, Skits, Program,
Expenses.

Folder L - Meetings and Hostesses, 1934-1954(?)

Folder M - Notebook, Membership Lists, Announcements, By-Laws,
Memorials.

"Unwritten rules" -- Topics Committee decision re
Members' papers. [1981 addition]

Folder N - Correspondence

Bound Volumes include the following:

1. "The Fortnightly 1886": minutes 1886-1901 (Oversize #1)
2. "The Fortnightly 1901": minutes 1901-1930 (Oversize #2)
3. "The Fortnightly 1930": minutes 1930-1956 (Oversize #3)

Locations of meetings and the topics for discussion may be
found listed in the back of each volume.

Additions to Collection - August 1989

Box 2/Folder A The Fortnightly - Minutes 1956-1984
Box 2/Folder B 100th Anniversary - Drawing by Mrs. Zallinger and Invitation
Box 2/Folder C " " - Photographs & Negatives of
members and historic house tour
Box 2/Folder D " " - Miscellaneous material re: celebration
Box 2/ Folder E Report of October 17, 1977 luncheon