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Manuscripts No. 33

Date processed: August 4, 1976

- I. Title LOWELL HOUSE MOTHERS' CLUB RECORDS, 1900-1944
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied:
  Approximate number of items: 125
- 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- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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 Lowell House Settlement was founded in 1900 and first located in Franklin Street. Later it moved to 108 Hamilton Street. The name of the Settlement was changed to Farnum House in 1935 in honor of Doctor Henry W. Farnum who had been active in the organization for years. The original purpose of the house was "...to begin an Americanization and humanitarian movement that would prove vitally constructive in the lives of the city's foreign population." Later on clubs were formed for both children and adults. There were an "American" Mothers' Club and an "Italian" Mothers' Club. These papers relate to the former which was composed of English-speaking women. The club met weekly and studied such things as nutrition, childcare and sanitation. The club also occasionally met for purely social functions.
- VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of one box of manuscript material composed mostly of correspondence to Susan Bacon Keith, a president of the group. The rest of the collection consists of 26 bound volumes which include the minutes of meetings from 1900-1944, attendance records; program, membership, and registrar's books.

Further information on Lowell House and the Mothers' Clubs may be found in the Dana Scrapbook Collection Vol. 100.

When requesting information, please give the <a>Item</a> number. When requesting papers in Item 1, include the letter of the folder also.

### RECORDS OF THE LOWELL HOUSE MOTHERS' CLUB

#### 1900-1944

# Item 1: Manuscript Material (Series I)

Folder A: Booklet, "Members of Mothers' Club, Nov. 1901-Nov. 1902"

- " B: Photographs, mostly unidentified, found in an envelope marked "American Mothers' Club" and "Lowell Mothers".
- " C: Incoming correspondence to Susan Bacon Keith, President, 1933.
- " D: Incoming correspondence to Susan Bacon Keith, President, 1934.
- " E: Incoming correspondence to Susan Bacon Keith, President, 1935.
- " F: Incoming correspondence to Susan Bacon Keith, President, 1936 (and undated).
- " G: Incoming correspondence to Susan Bacon Keith, President, 1938.
- " H: Incoming correspondence to the Club, 1933, 1937, undated.
- " I: Miscellaneous correspondence, financial material, notes, membership list and memorabilia.
- " J: Copies of History of Lowell House from Dana Scrapbook vol. 100. Copy of note explaining donation of papers to NHCHS.

#### Series II: Bound volumes

Item 2: Minutes vol. 1, Nov. 26, 1900-1902.

- " 3: " 2, 1902-1903.
- " 4: " 3, June 9, 1903 May 1905.
- " 5: " 4, May 16, 1905-1908.
- " 6: " 5, Feb. 3, 1908-1909.
- " 7: " " 6, May 17, 1910-1912.
- " 8: " 7, Sept. 10, 1912-1913.
- " 9: " 8, Sept. 16, 1913-1914.
- " 10: " 9, Nov. 3, 1914-April 4, 1916.
- " 11 " 10, April 11, 1916-Nov. 13, 1917.
- " 12: " 11, Nov. 20, 1917 Feb. 25, 1918.
- " 13: " 12, 1919-1920.
- " 14: " 13, 1920-1921.

## Series II: Bound volumes, cont'd.

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Item 15: Minutes vol. 14, 1921-1922.
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- " 16 " " 15, 1922-1923.
- " 17: " 16, Nov. 13, 1923-1926.
- " 18: " 17, Nov. 9, 1926 Oct. 1, 1929.
- " 19: " 18, 1933-1937.
- " 20: " 19, 1937-1944.
- " 21: Registrar's Book, "Early-1st Yeats".
- " 22: Membership Book 1900-1917.
- " 23: Program Book, "All Programs from 1900 on, insert new ones as printed"
- " 24: Account Book 1909-1922.
- " 25: Attendance Records, undated.
- " 26: " " "
- " 27: Records of 25th (1925) and 30th (1930) Anniversary Celebrations.