

*“Tidings do I bring, and lucky joys,  
and golden times.”*

*—Henry VI.*





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"The knowledge of times past is good only as it instructs us to avoid mistakes, to imitate virtues, to improve by experience."—*Sismondi*.



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"Since you will buckle fortune on my back,  
To bear her burden, whe'er I will or no,  
I must have patience to endure the load."

—*Shakespeare.*

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## Subject

Origin of the Drama

## Outline of Work

### DIVISION I.

Greek Drama.

### DIVISION II.

German Drama.

### DIVISION III.

English Drama.

"To me it seems as if when God conceived the world, that was Poetry ; He formed it, and that was Scripture ; He colored it, and that was Painting ; He peopled it with living beings, and that was the grand, divine, eternal Drama."—*Cushman*.

## Club Calendar

October 24

HOSTESS: MRS. S. W. VENABLE.

"Athens, the eye of Greece, mother of arts and eloquence."—*Milton*.

The Dionysian Festivals,	Mrs. Barnes
General Features of the Age,	Mrs. Boykin
Origin of the Drama,	Mrs. Bruton
Theatre, Costumes and Audience	Mrs. Hargrave
What Did Athens Gain by the Drama?	Mrs. Herring



November 7

HOSTESS: MRS M. A. TOMLINSON

"To be without evil thoughts is God's best gift."—*Æschylus*.

Biography of <i>Æschylus</i> ,	Mrs Hodges
The Works of <i>Æschylus</i> ,	Mrs. McLean
Outline "Prometheus Bound,"	Mrs. Rawlings
Selection from "Prometheus Bound,"	{ Mrs Tomlinson
	{ Mrs. Venable
Story of "Agamemnon,"	Mrs. F. A. Woodard
Selection from "Agamemnon,"	Mrs W. F. Woodard



November 21

HOSTESS: MRS. E. G. RAWLINGS.

"To women silence gives their proper grace."—*Sophocles*.

Life of Sophocles,  
Outline the Works of Sophocles,  
Selection from "Œdipus, the King,"  
Biography of Euripides,  
Description of his Plays,  
Selection from "Medea,"  
Quotations on *Woman* from Euripides,

Miss Watson  
Mrs. Barnes  
Mrs. Boykin  
Mrs. Bruton  
Mrs. Hargrave  
Mrs. Herring  
Club

December 5

HOSTESS: MRS. J. R. McLEAN.

Comedy.

"For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool."—*Ecclesiastes*.

"Too much gravity argues a shallow mind."—*Lavater*.

Origin of Comedy,	Mrs. Hodges
The Spirit of Attic Comedy,	Mrs. McLean
Life of Aristophanes,	Mrs. Rawlings
Description of "Wasps" and "Frogs,"	Mrs. Tomlinson
Description of "Knights" and "Clouds,"	Mrs. Venable
Sketch of Menander,	Miss Watson
Social Life of Greece at this Time,	Mrs. F. A. Woodard



December 19

HOSTESS: MRS. SAMUEL HODGES.

Current Topics.

“They’ll sit by the fire, and presume to know  
What’s done i’ the capitol: who’s like to rise,  
Who thrives, and who declines; side factions and give out conjectural  
marriages; making parties strong,  
And feebling such as stand not in their liking.”

—*Shakespeare.*

January 2

HOSTESS : MRS. N. B. HERRING

"Literary History is the great morgue where all seek the dead ones whom they love."— *Heine*.

Germany of the 13th Century, }	Mrs. Bruton
Germany of to-day, }	
Drama of the 13th Century, }	Mrs. Boykin
Object of First Drama, }	
Sketch of Bavaria, }	Mrs. Barnes
Life and Dress of Peasants, }	
The Passion Play,	Mrs. Hargrave



January 16

HOSTESS: MRS. B. W. HARGRAVE.

"Nothing is more terrible than active ignorance."—*Goethe*.

Outline of Goethe's Life,	Mrs. Herring
Story of "Faust,"	Mrs. Hodges
Character of Marguerite, }	
Character of Dr. Faustus, }	Mrs. McLean
"Spinning Wheel song,"	Mrs. Rawlings
"Prison Scene," {	Mrs. Tomlinson
Dr. Faust,	Mrs. Venable
Mephistopheles,	Miss Watson
Marguerite,	Mrs. F. A. Woodard
Angel,	

January 30

HOSTESS : MRS. J. F. BRUTON.

"Honor to woman! To her it is given  
To garden the earth with the roses of Heaven."

—Schiller.

Schiller as a Man,	}	Mrs. Hargrave
Schiller as a Dramatist,		
Bird's-Eye View of Thirty Years' War,		Mrs. Rawlings
Historic Wallenstein,	}	Mrs. McLean
Schiller's "Wallenstein,"		
Tragedy of "Wallenstein," in five minutes,		Mrs. Bruton
Reading : Death of "Wallenstein,"		

Act III, Scene I.  
Act III, Scene XXI.

{ Mrs. Barnes  
Mrs. Boykin  
Mrs. Herring  
Mrs. Hodges



February 13

HOSTESS: MRS. W. J. BOYKIN

"Whoever, therefore, proposes to speak about modern German literature must begin with Luther."—*Heine*.

Modern German Drama,  
Hauptman,

Mrs. Tomlinson

Mrs. Venable

Reading: Scene from "Lonely People," { Miss Watson  
Mrs. F. A. Woodard  
Mrs. W. F. Woodard

February 27

HOSTESS: MRS. LAURINE BARNES.

Club Anniversary.

"What's past is prologue."—*Shakespeare*.

"What will come, and must come, shall come well."—*Edwin Arnold*.



March 13

HOSTESS : MRS. W. F. WOODARD.

" Our ships were British oak,  
And hearts of oak our men."

—Arnold.

Outline England's Social Aspect  
under Norman Kings, Mrs. W. F. Woodard  
Development of "Mystery,"  
"Miracle," and "Morality" Plays, Mrs. F. A. Woodard  
Sketch of First Dramatist and His Comedy, Miss Watson  
Sketch of First Tragedy and its Author, Mrs. Venable

March 27

HOSTESS: MRS. F. A. WOODARD.

"Now stamped with the image of Good Queen Bess."—*Hood*.

Elizabeth, the Woman, }  
Elizabeth, the Queen, }

Mrs. Tomlinson

Develop Drama of Elizabethan Era,  
Time, Place, Scenery, and Costumes  
used in first Presentation,  
First Theatre Built,

Mrs. Rawlings

Mrs. McLean

Mrs. Hodges



April 10

HOSTESS: MISS W. L. WATSON.

Quotations from "Merchant of Venice,"	Club
Biography of Shakespeare,	Mrs. Herring
Reading: "Merchant of Venice," Act IV,	
Portia,	Mrs. Hargrave
Shylock,	Mrs. Bruton
Antonio,	Mrs. Boykin
Bassanio,	Mrs. Barnes
Gratiano,	Mrs. F. A. Woodard
Contrast the Characters of	
Portia and Shylock,	Mrs. W. F. Woodard.

April 24

HOSTESS: MRS. J. J. HICKEY.

Quotations from "She Stoops to Conquer,"  
Johnson's Literary Club,

Reading: "She Stoops to Conquer," Act IV,

Club

Miss Watson

Mrs. Venable

Mrs. Tomlinson

Mrs. Rawlings

Mrs. McLean

Mrs. Hodges



May 8

HOSTESS : MRS. VENABLE.

Business Meeting.

"To Business that we love, we rise betime,  
And go to it with delight."

—*Shakespeare.*

Annual Election of Officers.

"When a Favorite grows insolent, it is wisdom to raise another into  
favour, who may give check to the other's Presumption."—*Fuller.*



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