



The Book Club

Wilson, North Carolina



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—OF—

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Study for the Year:

“Sociological Conditions in the United States.”

“Be brief; for it is words as with sunbeams,
The more they are condensed the deeper they burn.”

Officers

President Mrs. A. P. Branch
Vice-President.....Mrs. E. G. Rawlings
Secretary..... Mrs. W. S. Anderson

Program Committee

Mrs. C. L. Coon, Chairman
Mrs. A. A. Basye

"My good people it is not only impossible to please you all,
but it is absurd to try."—Thackeray.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Members

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Honorary Members

Mrs. N. B. Herring

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Horne, Dartmouth College

Dr. Thomas Hume, University of North Carolina

Club Commandments

- I. Thou shalt have no other clubs before this one.
- II. Thou shalt not worship any false thing.
- III. Remember thy club engagements.
- IV. Honor thy club sisters.
- V. Thou shalt not murder the King's English.
- VI. Thou shalt be punctual.
- VII. Thou shalt not complain about the work assigned thee.
- VIII. Thou shalt respond to each roll call.
- IX. Thou shalt not be a fault-finder, for to find fault is easy;
to do better is difficult.
- X. Thou shalt read these commandments and obey them.

Club Calendar

October Seventh

NATURE DAY

"Woodman, spare that tree, touch not a single bough,
In youth it sheltered me, and I'll protect it now "

Roll Call—Quotations from Poems on Nature.

What if Our Trees Were Gone? Mrs. Bruton
Arbor Day—Its History and Observance.....Mrs. Coon
Appalachian and White Mt. ReservesMrs. Caldwell

Hostess: Mrs. Rawlings

October Twenty-first

SOCIALISM

"Society is a troop of thinkers, and the best heads
among them take the best places."

Roll Call—Verse of a Patriotic Song.

Meaning of Modern Socialism Mrs. Rawlings
Social Vice and its Remedy Mrs. Dickinson
Socialistic Spirit in Modern Literature Mrs. W. F. Woodard

Hostess : Mrs. Murray

November fourth

DEBATE

"The woman's cause is man's; they rise or fall together,
dwarfed or godlike, bond or free."

Roll Call—Current Events.

Resolved: That Woman Should be Given the Ballot.

Affirmative :

Mrs. Murray

Mrs. Daniels

Negative :

Mrs. McLean

Mrs. Bruton

Hostess : Mrs. Branch

November Eighteenth

IMMIGRATION

"No North, no South, no East, no West,
But one great nation Heaven bless,"

Roll Call—Notable Foreign-Born Citizens

Ellis Island	Mrs. Cozart
(a) History and Sources	Mrs. Caldwell
(b) Advantages.....	Mrs. Farmer
(c) Disadvantages.....	Mrs. F. A. Woodard

Hostess: Mrs. Boykin.

December Second

CHILDREN'S DAY

"Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,
Make me a child again just for to-night.

RollCall—Famous Child Characters in Literature

Child Labor in the United StatesMrs. Daniels
Difficulties of Child Labor LegislationMrs. Murray
Handicaps in Later Years from Child LaborMrs. Branch

Hostess: Mrs. Basye

December Sixteenth

PROHIBITION

"The noblest motive is the public good."

Roll Call—Current Events.

Does Prohibition Prohibit?.....Mrs. Anderson

Prosperity Resulting from Prohibition.....Mrs. F. A. Woodard

Hostess: Mrs. McLean

December Thirtieth

NORTH CAROLINA

"Here's to the land of the long leaf pine,
The summer land where the sun doth shine,
Where the weak grow strong, and the strong grow great,
Here's to down home, the Old North State."

Roll Call—Prominent Men of North Carolina.

What the State Does for Her Unfortunates

Blind

Deaf

Insane

Criminal Insane

Mrs. Farmer

Stonewall Jackson Training School.....Mrs. Coon

Work of Woman's Association for the Betterment of
Public School Houses.

Woman's Work in Farmers' Institutes.....Mrs. Dickinson

Hostess: Mrs. Caldwell

January Thirteenth

THE MODERN STAGE

"What an eager assembly! what an empire is this!
The weary have life, and the hungry have bliss;
The mourner is cheered, and the anxious have rest;
And the guilt-burthened soul is no longer opprest."

Roll Call—Quotations from Modern Plays

Henrik Ibsen Mrs. W. F. Woodard
The Value of the Problem Play Mrs. Branch

Hostess: Mrs. Cozart

January Twenty-Seventh

CHARITY

"Justice consists in doing injury to no man."

Roll Call—Woman Philanthropists

Public vs. Private Aid	Mrs. Anderson
Five minute talk on the philanthropic work of Helen Gould	Mrs. Basye
Children's Charities	Mrs. Boykin

Hostess : Mrs. W. F. Woodard

February Tenth

CRIME AND CRIMINALS

"If poverty is the mother of crimes, want of sense is the father."

Roll Call---Noted Criminals and their Crimes.

Causes---Hereditary; Social; Personal.....Mrs. Basye

Five Minute Talks :

- (a) Object of Punishment..... Mrs. Boykin
- (b) The Parole System..... Mrs. Branch
- (c) Prison Labor Systems.....Mrs. Rawlings
- (d) Bertillon System.....Mrs. F. A. Woodard

Hostess : Mrs. Bruton.

February Twenty-fourth

SOCIAL SETTLEMENTS

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star is brotherhood."

Roll Call—Items of Interest;

Jane Addams and Hull House.....Mrs. Dickinson

Social Settlements—Their Scope and Influence..... Mrs. Boykin

Hostess : Mrs. Daniels.

March Tenth

Business Meeting.

March Twenty-fourth

JUVENILES

"The child is father of the man."

Roll Call—American Battleships

Juvenile Courts—Judge Ben Lindsey Mrs. Basye

Juvenile Republics—W. R. George Mrs. Cozart

Do Reformatories Reform? Mrs. Anderson

Hostess: Mrs. F. A. Woodard

April Seventh

THE PROBLEM OF POVERTY

"You have the poor always with you, and whomsoever
ye will, ye can do them good."

Roll Call—Poor Men Who Have Become Famous

Is Poverty a Blessing or a Curse?.....Mrs. McLean

Remedies Proposed for the Relief of Poverty.....Mrs. Rawlings

Does Charity Encourage Poverty?..... Mrs. Caldwell

Hostess : Mrs. Dickinson

April Twenty-first

WOMEN

"A fair test and measure of civilization is the influence of good women."

Roll Call—Prominent Women of the United States

The Status of Woman in the Past and Present.....Mrs. Daniels

The Social Subjection of Women :

(a) Causes

(b) Means

.....Mrs. McLean

What about the inability of woman to compete

with man?..... Mrs. Rawlings

Hostess: Mrs. Coon

May Fifth

NATURE DAY II

"Go forth, under the open sky, and list to Nature's teachings."

Roll Call—Anecdotes of Birds and Animals

Luther Burbank—What he has done for the world.....Mrs. Cozart

John Burroughs—Riverby; Slabsides.....Mrs. Farmer

Should Nature Study be Taught in our Schools?.....Mrs. Murray

Hostess: Mrs. Anderson

May Nineteenth

EDUCATIONAL DAY

"Without halting, without rest,
Lifting better up to best;
Planting seeds of knowledge pure,
Through earth to ripen, through heaven endure."

Roll Call—Prominent Educators

The Public High School and Industrial Education.....Mrs. Coon
Advantages of Compulsory School Laws.....Mrs. W. F. Woodard
Some Neglected Phases of Practical Education Mrs. Bruton

Hostess: Mrs. Farmer

"Deal gently with us, ye who read !
Our largest hope is unfulfilled."
—PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Club Record

1898	Mrs. E. G. Rawlings.....	American Literature
1899	Mrs. J. F. Bruton	English Literature
1900	Mrs. Sam'l Hodges.....	English Literature
1901	Mrs. S. W. Venable.....	Greek, German and English Drama
1902	Mrs. E. G. Rawlings	Shakespeare
1903	Mrs. M. H. Murray	Shakespeare
1904	Mrs. E. T. Dickinson.....	Current Events
1905	Mrs. J. F. Bruton	Italy
1906	Mrs. W. F. Woodard	Colonial History
1907	Mrs. M. H. Murray.....	Dickens
1908	Mrs. E. G. Rawlings	Scotland