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Fiftieth Year
1927-1928



MRS. WALTER M. FITCH
Member of Phi Sigma since 1885

FOREWORD

Our Golden Jubilee

It is fitting that a few words calling back the past and looking into the future be written in this, the Fiftieth Anniversary Program.

Phi Sigma was started in early April, 1878, as a literary and debating class. Our current anniversary program emphasizes the study of literature exclusively for the first time in many years, if not in the history of the club. Perhaps some future year will see the return of the debate.

Six young men, or boys, were the founders. No ladies, husbands or old bachelors were eligible to membership. Gradually the bars to membership were lowered, shall we say, to eight men, then twelve men, twelve ladies, married couples, finally fifty members.

At one meeting in the second year a motion was defeated to disband because of lack of seriousness on the part of the members. The archives report that the admission of the fair sex to membership saved "The Unnamed Class," as it was then called.

The sensitive consciences of these early members may be illustrated by the case of the young man who sent in a letter of resignation while on his honeymoon because the club did not, up till then, provide for married members on its roll. Needless to say, the rules were amended and the benedict, with his bride, permitted to remain as members.

The last business meeting of Phi Sigma instructed your officers to make some summary, if possible, of

the programs during the life of the organization. This we found an impossible task because of the extreme variety of subjects within a given year's program. Only within the last few years has any attempt been made to carry on a single theme throughout the year.

In 1889-90, to take a typical example of the programs of the first quarter century, a meeting was held every month, including July and August. Six of the twelve programs, every other month, were editions of *The Voice*. (By the way, *The Voice* is also celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary at our banquet—April, 1928.) The other subjects were:

May, 1889—Philosophy—Cynics, Epicureans and Stoics.

July—Literature. Journalism.

September—History. Invasion of the Crimea.

November—Analogy between Music and Poetry.

January, 1890—Politics. The Present Political Status of Europe.


March (and this is the gem of them all)—Art:
The Pre-Raphaelite. Brotherhood and
Standard of Pictorial Art. Conception,
Composition, Color, Correctness.

An exhaustive study of the records has been made, and we hope and believe a reliable list of all erstwhile members of this club has been compiled. Many a famous name is found upon this roll.

Your executive committee has attempted not only to develop an interesting program worthy of this special anniversary, but to secure a general participation by the present membership of Phi Sigma.

OFFICERS

Mr. Ralph W. Westcott.....*President*
Mrs. Walter North.....*Vice President*
Mr. Geo. B. Masslich.....*Vice President*
Mrs. Fred. C. W. Parker.....*Secretary-Treasurer*



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE OFFICERS

and

Dr. Daniel T. Denman

Mrs. Andrew H. Arnold

PROGRAM

GENERAL SUBJECT THE EVOLUTION OF THE ENGLISH NOVEL OCTOBER—THURSDAY, THE TWENTIETH Dinner at Six-Thirty

- Hostesses—Mrs. William J. Hamilton
Mrs. Fred C. W. Parker
Subject—A. Early Beginnings. Early Poetry—Chaucer.
DeFoe. Bunyan. Swift.
B. Later Developments. Richardson: *Pamela*.
Fielding: *Amelia*, *Tom Jones*, *Joseph Andrews*.
Smollett: *Roderick Random*, *Humphry Clinker*.
Sterne: *Tristram Shandy*.
Readers—Dr. Daniel T. Denman
Mr. Andrew H. Arnold

NOVEMBER—THURSDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH Dinner at Six-Thirty

- Hostesses—Mrs. Willis Herrick
Mrs. George H. Schneider
Subject—A. The Romantic and Historical. Scott: *Ivanhoe*,
Fortunes of Nigel. Bulwer Lytton: *Harold*,
Last of the Barons.
B. Democracy and Reform. Dickens: *Oliver*
Twist, *Nicholas Nickelby*, *Dombey and Son*,
Bleak House. Thackeray: *Vanity Fair*, *The*
Newcombs, *Henry Esmond*. George Eliot: *The*
Mill on the Floss, *Adam Bede*, *Middlemarch*.
Readers—Mr. Charles Westcott
Mrs. George B. Masslich

JANUARY—THURSDAY, THE NINETEENTH Dinner at Six-Thirty

- Hostesses—Mrs. C. Burton Crandell
Mrs. Ralph W. Westcott
Subject—A. The Narrowing Interest. Provincialism. Thomas
Hardy: *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*. *Far from*
the Madding Crowd.
B. Individualism. George Meredith: *The Egoist*,
Richard Faverel.
Readers—Miss Mary Eaton
Mrs. Daniel T. Denman

FEBRUARY—THURSDAY, THE SIXTEENTH

Subject—A. Psychology. James Joyce: *Ulysses*. D. H. Lawrence: *Credo*. Dorothy Richardson: *Pointed Roofs, Revolving Lights*. May Sinclair: *Harriet Frean, The Divine Fire*.

B. Technique. Henry James: *A Passionate Pilgrim, The American, The Europeans*. Joseph Conrad: *The Nigger of the Narcissus, Lord Jim*. Willa Cather: *The Lost Lady*.

Readers—Mrs. L. R. Schermerhorn
Mr. Samuel Shaw Parks

MARCH—THURSDAY, THE FIFTEENTH

Dinner at Six-Thirty

Hostesses—Mrs. Charles L. Rundell
Mrs. L. R. Schermerhorn

Subject—A. Social Criticism. Arnold Bennett: *Old Wives' Tales, Riceyman Steps*. Hugh Walpole: *The Cathedral*. Sinclair Lewis: *Main Street, Babbitt*.

B. Social Reform. H. G. Wells: *Men Like Gods, The History of Mr. Polly, The Dream, The Research Magnificent*. John Galsworthy: *The Country House, The Patrician, Fraternity, The Forsythe Saga*.

Readers—Mrs. Andrew H. Arnold
Mrs. William A. Niles

APRIL—THURSDAY, THE NINETEENTH

Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet

"THE VOICE"—Anniversary number.

Editors—Mrs. Walter M. Fitch, Mrs. Fred C. W. Parker, Mr. George B. Masslich, Mr. Samuel Shaw Parks, Mr. Ralph W. Westcott.

MAY—THURSDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH

Program at Eight—Guest Meeting

Hostesses—Mrs. Clarence S. Funk, Mrs. Hawley Olmstead,
Mrs. Clarence A. Stafford.

Amateur Dramatics, direction of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hamilton.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Arnold.....*Euclid 4911*
912 Linden Ave., Oak Park

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Corwin.....*Euclid 9609-M*
135 Linden Ave., Oak Park

Mr. and Mrs. C. Burton Crandell.....*Euclid 4261*
329 Clinton Ave., Oak Park

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3435 W. Monroe St., Chicago

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124 N. Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park

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497 Arlington Ave., Elmhurst

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181 N. Grove Ave., Oak Park

Mr. and Mrs. J. Haakon Hoff.....*Euclid 1388*
308 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park

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1064 Thorndale Ave.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shaw Parks.....*Kedzie 1543*

3231 Fulton St., Chicago

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236 Wesley Ave., Oak Park

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Schermerhorn.....*Euclid 2661*

308 Linden Ave., Oak Park

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schneider.....*Euclid 6784*

646 N. Euclid Ave., Oak Park

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stafford.....*Euclid 4221*

307 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park

Mr. Charles Westcott.....*Forest 2085*
315 Clinton Place, River Forest

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Westcott.....*Forest 2085*
315 Clinton Place, River Forest

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Willard
Crystal Lake, Michigan



HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamill.....*Wilmette, Ill.*

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Newcomb.....*Lake Forest, Ill.*

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. M. Pratt.....*Seattle, Wash.*

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—This Society shall be known as Phi Sigma.

ARTICLE 2—The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary who shall also act as Treasurer, and an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 3—The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and two others, who shall be elected by the Society. No officer may succeed himself.

ARTICLE 4—The duties of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

ARTICLE 5—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare the annual program of the Society and publish the Year Book. This shall be done as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting for the ensuing year. The Executive Committee shall also attend to such other matters as may be referred to it by the Society.

ARTICLE 6—Any person may be proposed for membership at any regular meeting, except the annual guest meeting. Such proposal shall be referred to the Executive Committee, whose recommendation shall precede an election. The election of members shall be by ballot, three negative votes rejecting.

ARTICLE 7—Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE 8—Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Society. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing in open meeting and then be referred to the Executive Committee, which shall report at the next regular meeting on the advisability of

such changes. The amendments shall then be voted on by ballot, a two-thirds vote of all members present being necessary for adoption.

ARTICLE 9—There may be a list of members known as Honorary Members, whose election shall be by ballot and shall require a unanimous vote of all members present at any regular meeting. No dues shall be required of such Honorary Members and they shall not have a vote in the Society.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1—Phi Sigma shall hold meetings monthly from October to May, inclusive, the December meeting being optional with the Executive Committee. The meetings shall be held the third Thursday of the month, subject to temporary change by the Executive Committee. Extra meetings may be called by the President or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 2—Meetings of the Society shall commence promptly at 8:00 p. m.

ARTICLE 3—The annual election of officers shall be held at the April meeting.

ARTICLE 4—The annual dues of the Society shall be \$2.00 per member, payable in advance at the October meeting.

ARTICLE 5—At the March meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, none of whom shall be officers, to prepare a ticket of candidates for the offices of the Society. Said Committee shall present its report at the annual meeting in April. Other nominations may be made at the annual meeting. All elections of officers shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE 6—The active membership of the Society shall be limited to fifty.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Reading of Minutes

Business

- (a) Reports of Committees
- (b) Election to Membership
- (c) Proposals for Membership
- (d) New Business

Paper

General Discussion

FORMER MEMBERS

Abbey, Mr. Charles P.	Cowles, Miss Vivien
Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo F.	Dean, Mr. Archibald L.
Allen, Miss Jennie H.	Delano, Mr. Samuel M.
Bacon, Mr. R. M.	Dimock, Miss Katherine G.
Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. John T.	Eaton, Miss Dora
Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs.	Eddy, Mr. George S.
Abbot P.	Ely, Miss Marion A.
Ballard, Howard T.	Fanning, Mr. Arthur L.
Ballentine, Mr. and Mrs.	Fanning, Mr. Winthrop S
Edmund W.	Farr, Miss Jennie C.
Bassett, Rev. Austin B.	Farrar, Miss Emeline P.
Beard, Miss Frederica	Farrar, Miss Fannie
Beard, Rev. Gerald H.	Fiske, Mr. George F.
Beard Mr. William Harington	Fisk, Mr. Henry E.
Belden, Miss Anna F.	Fitch, Mr. Alfred L.
Bishop, Miss Kathryn A.	Fitch, Dr. Walter M.
Bradley, Mr. Herbert E.	Fowler, Dr. and Mrs.
Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F.	Arthur T.
Chapin, Mr. Robert C.	Gardner, Mr. Addison L.
Chase, Rev. C. Thurston	Goble, Miss Lottie A.
Clarke, Mr. and Mrs.	Goble, Miss Mamie C.
Charles S.	Gray, Dr. Ethan Allen
Clinton, Mr. and Mrs.	Grover, Miss Katherine S.
James A.	Gulick, Dr. Walter V.
Clinton, Mr. and Mrs.	Hales, Mr. and Mrs. G.
Richard H.	Willard
Cole, Mr. Festus C.	Hall, Miss Grace W.
Colton, Mr. C. H.	Halloway, Mr. George F.
Converse, Mr. Clarence M.	Hanley, Miss Minnie
Coonley, Mr. and Mrs.	Harmon, Miss Amelia
Henry E.	Harsha, Miss May G.
Cooper, Miss Evelyn A.	Hinchliffe, Miss Alice G.
Cooper, Miss Jeanette	Hinchliffe, Miss Susie A.
Corwin, Mrs. Lina Rickcords	Hicks, Mr. Frank M.

Homer, Miss Florence E.
Holmes, Miss Caroline M.
Holmes, Miss Paula
Howland, Mr. George C.
Huff, Mr. T. D.
Hulin, Mr. William
Hyde, Mr. George M.
Hyde, Miss Grace H.
Jeneson, Mr. Robert
Jenkins, Dr. and Mrs. J.
Alexander
Johnson, Miss Evadne
Johnson, Dr. Reason P.
Jones, Mrs. Stella M.
Kenworthy, Mr. and Mrs.
Harry
Kimball, Mr. Arthur S.
Lay, Mr. and Mrs. E. Richard
Little, Mr. Frank
Lloyd, Rev. and Mrs.
William W.
Loughridge, Mr. Charles
Lyman, Dr. Frank A.
Lyman, Miss Mary O.
Lowry, Mr. and Mrs.
Charles D.
Mabbs, Mr. John W.
Mackay, Mr. A. D.
Marchant, Miss Anna C.
Matheny, Mr. Ralph C.
McCluney, Mr. Frank
McKinnon, Mr. F. B.
McMurray, Mr. and Mrs.
Oscar L.
Merrill, Mr. Edward L.
Mitchell, Rev. and Mrs.

George A.
Morgan, Miss Lillian F.
Moulton, Mr. Frank D.
Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs.
Francis H.
Newell, Rev. Horatio B.
Newell, Dr. and Mrs.
William W.
Noble, Mr. Frederick P.
Noble, Miss Marion E.
Norton, Mr. Lawrence A.
Olmstead, Mr. Hawley
Page, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E.
Parker, Mr. and Mrs.
Alexander L.
Parker, Mr. and Mrs.
Alonzo K.
Parr, Mr. Edward F.
Patten, Mr. and Mrs. J. V.
Pattison, Mr. William L.
Pillsburg, Mr. W. F.
Potts, Mr. Frank H.
Pratt, Miss Anna
Redfield, Miss Agnes
Redfield, Miss Grace K.
Reynolds, Mr. Walter H.
Rice, Miss Mabel
Robertson, Dr. and Mrs.
John D.
Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs.
George H.
Rooke, Mr. and Mrs.
George F.
Rundell, Mr. and Mrs.
Edwin R.

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Sanford, Mr. Edward H.	Wallace, Mr. and Mrs.
Sawyer, Mr. Carlos P.	David A.
Sears, Miss Amelia	Whitman, Mr. Frank E.
Sears, Miss Rose	Whittlesey, Miss Hattie C.
Shields, Miss Evelyn M.	Willcox, Mr. and Mrs.
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Smith, Mr. George A.	Willcox, Miss Gertrude M.
Solinberger, Mr.	Willcox, Miss Lucy B. E.
Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. E. S.	Williamson, Miss Jennie
Talmadge, Rev. and Mrs.	Williamson, Mr. and Mrs.
F. D.	Walter A.
Tanner, Miss Harriet M.	Wilson, Mr. Henry B.
Temple, Mr. J. Fred	Winchester, Rev. B. S.
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