

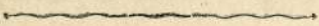
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.



(1) NAME. The name of this Society shall be *The English Club of the West Virginia University.*

(2) PURPOSE. The Club is organized for the prosecution of advanced study and research in the Departments of English Composition, Literature and Philology under the direction of the Professor of English in the University.

(3) MEMBERSHIP. Active membership is limited to students of the University and such other persons as may be elected on application to the Director and Executive Council.

All other persons admitted to the Club shall be styled *Honorary Members* and shall be elected by the Executive Council in like manner as active members.

All persons elected to active membership shall attend at the stated monthly meeting succeeding their election and sign the Articles of Organization.

(4) OFFICERS. In addition to the Director, the officers of the Club shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer and a Secretary who shall also act as Librarian. They shall hold their respective offices for one college term, and shall discharge the duties of the corresponding offices in the Executive Council.

The above officers, together with the Leaders of the working sections of the Club and the Director shall constitute the *Executive Council*, which shall elect all members, execute the orders of the Club, and perform such other duties as ordinarily devolve upon such bodies.

All officers and Leaders of Sections shall be nominated by the Director and approved by a majority vote of the Club at a stated monthly meeting.

(5) MEETINGS. The stated meetings of the Club shall be held on the 1st Monday night in each month in the English Lecture Room at the University—at 6:30 P. M.

Each Section holds a conference, at least once in each month in the

English Lecture Room, at 6:30 p. m. on such evening as may be selected by vote of the Club.

The Executive Council meets weekly at an hour fixed by the Director. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the Executive Council upon three days notice.

(6) **DUES.** All active members pay Two Dollars as yearly dues to the Treasurer of the Club at the stated monthly meeting succeeding their election, and upon presentation of the Treasurer's receipt obtain from the Secretary a Membership Ticket—which admits the member and a friend accompanying the member by his invitation to all the lectures and entertainments composing the *Club Lecture Course* and to the stated monthly meetings without charge.

(7) **WORK OF THE CLUB.** The members of the Club are assigned for study purposes, to the various Sections. New sections may be organized upon the application of any five members of the Club, approved by the Director and by vote of the club at a stated monthly meeting.

Each section shall report in writing at every stated monthly meeting through its Leader or one of its members.

These reports shall embrace (1) a short account of the work in progress in the section and of the results accomplished, (2) a review of the current Literature on the subjects of study assigned to the section, (3) answers to queries referred to the section by the Director, (4) other matters of general interest to the Club.

The three following sections for general work have been established by the Club:

(1) The *Rhetorical Section*, which studies topics within the limits of Practical Grammar, Orthography, Pronunciation, Rhetoric and Composition, Versification, Logic as applied to the Art of Discourse, and a practical application of a knowledge of these subjects in Authorship, Journalism, Oratory and Poetry.

(2) The *Literature Section*, studies and investigates Literary Biography; the History, Content and Philosophy of English and American Literature; Principles of Literary Criticism as applied to both Poetry and Prose; Comparative Literature; the Drama, the Epic, the Novel and other literary forms.

(3) The *Philological Section* studies the Anglo Saxon and Early and Middle English language forms and literature, Phonetics, Etymology, The Scientific Grammar of the English language and its relationship to cognate tongues, Linguistics and the Science of Language.

#### PROGRAMME OF MONTHLY MEETINGS.

PART I. (1) Roll call and Reading of Minutes of previous meeting.

(2) Report of Executive Council and Committees.

(3) New, unfinished and miscellaneous business.

(4) Reports of the Sections and discussions.

(5) Reference of Queries to the Sections by the Director.

(6) Reading of papers, poems, stories and dramas, interpretative readings and orations, or other literary exercises by members of the Club and criticisms and discussions thereon. The exercises embraced in this part of the programme shall be concluded at 8:30 p. m.

*Rest 10 minutes*

PART II. (7) *The English Club Lecture Course.*

(8) Discussion of the Lecture.

(9) Adjournment.

NOTES: (1) In all extemporaneous discussions speeches shall be limited to five minutes.

(2) Members must arrange with the Director or President of the Club for a place on the Programme for their exercises, at least one week in advance of each stated monthly meeting.

(3) Notice of the Literary exercises by members of the Club and of the Lecture shall be published by the *Executive Council* one week in advance of each stated monthly meeting.

(9) ENGLISH CLUB LECTURE COURSE.

Public Lectures on topics related to the work of the Club by the Director, members of the Faculty of the University and of the Experiment Station Staff and other persons specially invited for that purpose. One of these lectures will be delivered at each stated monthly meeting, and the others on such special occasions as may be fixed from time to time by the Executive Council.

Not less than eight lectures or public entertainments will be provided by the Club for the patrons of this course, within the collegiate year, 1891-2.

*The entire proceeds of the course are paid into the the Prize Fund of the Club.*

The fee for a ticket for the entire course for the college year is \$1.00. Admission to single lecture, 25 cents.

The Director of the Club offers a prize of \$10 for the best note book on the lectures embraced in this course—the note books to be handed in for examination within five days after the closing lecture of the course.

(10) PRIZE FUND. The Club has established, out of the proceeds of its Lecture Course, guaranteed by its own surplus funds, a Prize Fund of one hundred dollars to be distributed among the members of the Club, as follows:

(1) \$30 for the best paper showing original research written by any member within the current year, the paper (or if more than 30 minutes in length, an abstract of it) to be read before the club at some stated monthly meeting.

(2) \$20 for the best short drama—single act preferred—to be represented or read at a stated monthly meeting.

(3) \$10 for the best short poem, composed by a member and read by the author at a stated monthly meeting.

(4) \$10 for the best short prose tale, written by a member and read by the author at a stated monthly meeting.

(5) \$20 for the best original oration composed by a member and delivered at a public meeting of the Club for the purpose of passing on the exercises.

(6) \$10 for the best interpretative reading of a selection from some standard author, not exceeding 15 minutes in delivery, to be read by the member at a meeting of the Club for the purpose of passing on the exercises.

Other prizes will be established or the sums fixed for the above prizes may be increased, as the state of the Prize Fund may warrant, on recommendation of the Director and Executive Council approved by the Club.

Donations to the Prize Fund by persons desiring to encourage English studies in the University are solicited.

RULES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF PRIZES.

[1] All competitors are required to pay to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Prize Fund 10% of the full value of the Prize.

[2] Prizes 1 to 4 inclusive are awarded by a committee of three judges to be appointed by the Director of the Club, after careful reading and examination of the MSS.

[3] Prizes 5 and 6 are awarded by a majority vote of all the members of the Club, present at the meeting, when the required exercises are delivered; provided that such vote be approved by the *Director*.

[4] Every competitor for prizes 5 and 6 for original oration and interpretative reading must have performed one exercise of the same

kind at one of the stated monthly meetings of the Club or at a special meeting for that purpose.

[5] A manuscript copy of the orations prepared according to the rules of the Club governing manuscripts, and of all papers, poems, stories, dramas or other literary exercises, offered in competition for prizes together with the Treasurer's Receipt for 10% of the amount of the prize must be deposited with the Secretary of the Club not later than the 15th day of May of each year. All manuscripts and works offered in competition for prizes become the property of the Club.

[12] READING TABLE. The Club has provided for its Reading Table in the English Lecture room, the following journals and magazines: Modern Language Notes, American Philological Journal, Englische Studien, Anglia, Revue de Philologie, Critic, Journalist, Writer, Author, Literary World, Academy, Book News, Werner's Voice Magazine, Poet Lore, Shakesperiana, West Va. School Journal and American Notes and Queries.

[13] DISBURSEMENTS. The funds of the Club shall be applied *First* to the payment of current expense of the Club Room, light, janitor's service &c. and for the purchase of periodicals for the Reading Table and *Second*, Such part of the general funds of the Club as may be necessary to guarantee a Prize Fund of one hundred dollars shall be appropriated to that use and transferred to the Prize Fund.

[14] MANUSCRIPTS. The Reports of the Sections and all original papers read at any monthly meeting in competition for prizes shall be neatly written on legal cap paper, on one side only with clear margins on entire sheets, signed by the author and deposited with the Secretary.

At the close of each college year the Secretary shall cause all such papers to be bound into one or more Manuscript Volumes with proper indexes to be styled "Transactions of the English Club" of the West Virginia University.

[15] *Programmes* and notices of meetings shall be posted on the Bulletin Board of the English Lecture room.

[16] *Amendments*. These Articles of Organization may be amended by a two-third vote at any stated monthly meeting, provided the proposed amendment has received the approval of the Director and Executive Council.

NOTE:

Correspondence and contributions to the Library, Reading Table, or Prize Fund of the Club should be addressed to the Director, Prof. Howard N. Ogden, Morgantown, W. Va.

OFFICERS—NOVEMBER, 1891.

President Melville D. Post; 1st Vice-President, John A. Grier, Leader of the Philological Section; 2nd Vice-President, G. M. Ford, Leader of the Literature Section; 3rd Vice-President Braxton Davenport, Leader of the Dramatic Section; Treasurer, Claude W. Gore; Secretary and Librarian, Maxwell Adams, Leader of the Rhetorical Section; Asst. Sec'y and Librarian, A. E. Boyd. The above officers constitute the Executive Council of the club.

THE ENGLISH CLUB BOOK AGENT.

By arrangement with Raymond R. Rice, Main st., near Bank of the Monongahela Valley, he will procure any book or magazine upon the order of persons holding Membership tickets of the Club at an advance of ten per cent. upon the net cost price of the goods ordered—delivered at his place of business. He also keeps on hand a supply of the legal cap paper—prescribed by the Club for its manuscript together with a full line of books, papers, and stationer's supplies. TICKETS FOR THE CLUB LECTURE COURSE may also be procured of Mr. Rice.