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# Roll of Members

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| | L.P. Graves | a a a P a P P P P P P a |
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| " | Mamie Lewis | P a a P P P P P P P |
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Mr. Ed M. Hollingsworth ✓ a p a p p p p p a a p

Miss. Larena Jonston a p p p p p a

" Mary E. Brower. a p a a

X " Lula Cornelius a p p

Mrs. Walter Bitting ✓ p p p p a a

" C. D. Pattison ✓ p p p p p p

" S. L. Williamson p a p p a

Miss Celia Banner a a a

Mr Jo P. Rawley a a

" W E Merritt p p p

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# Class No. 1

1 Dr. J. M. Dupuy
2 Miss Emma Grimes
3 Mr. B. F. Graves
4 Miss Ella Graves
5 Mr. John A. Barnes
6 Miss Sadie Hollingsworth or T. Stover
7 " Maggie Durham
8 Mr. R. J. Gallaway
9 Miss Kate Foy
10 " Cora Reese
11 " Liggie Lewis
12 " Lyly Cornelius
13 Mr. L. Wilkinson

# Class No. 2

1 Mr. J. Allred
2 Miss Willie Moore
3 Mr. A. P. Graves
4 Miss Mamie Lewis
5 Mr. C. W. Bamer
6 Miss Mallie Graves
7 Mr. Jno. L. Ashby
8 Miss Kate Durham
9 " Chattie Pitcher
10 Mr. W. L. Haymore
11 " E. M. Hollingsworth
12 " Walter Bitting
13 " [illegible]
14 Miss Cappedge

# Class No. 3

1 ~~Prof Geo. C. Sparger~~
2 Miss Belle Jones
3 ~~Mr. E. B. Ashby~~
4 ~~Miss Hattie Grimes~~
2 5 " Agnes Mutt
3 6 " Kate Hollingsworth
7 ~~Prof W. C. Riddick~~
8 Miss Sallie Merritt
9 ~~Mr. J. C. Foard~~
4 10 Miss Hattie Gilmer
5 11 " Lorena Johnson
6 12 " Mary Bettie Brower
~~7~~ 13 Mr Chas. Patterson
~~14~~ " ~~A. Scott~~
7 Miss Nettie Duncan
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# Constitution.

## Preamble.

Realizing the importance of developing the faculties of the mind, and agreeing with Lord Bacon in the expressions, "Reading makes a full man, Writing an exact man & Conversation a ready man." we the undersigned do ordain & establish this constitution.

Art. I. The name & title of this organization shall be "The Shakespearean Circle" and its object shall be the social enjoyment & intellectual improvment of its members.

Art II The officers of the Circle shall be: President, Vice President, Secty., Asst Secty., Treasurer, & Critic, & Censor and a Literary committee, composed of three members, who shall be elected monthly by ballot on the first regular meeting in every month & to hold their positions till the election of their successors.

Art III It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Circle: to appoint committees: to call meetings of Circle when he deems it necessary, or by request of a two-third majority.

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secty's. duty shall be to record the minutes of each meeting, conduct correspondence & to take the chair in absence of both President & Vice President.

The Assistant Secty. shall aid Secty & record the minutes in absence of the Secty.

The duty of the Critic shall be to criticize the rendering of each programme.

The Censor shall report to the President any

Art. III violations of the By-Laws. His report shall immediately precede the reading of the synopsis of the minutes.

The Library Committee shall use their own discretion in the selection of Literature.

At the first meeting after his election the Pres. shall appoint the following Standing Committees. Constitutional, Finance, and Inspection committee, whose duty shall be designated by the President.

Section 2nd

Art. I Any Lady or Gentleman may become a member of this Circle, by consent of the majority of its members, signing the Constitution and paying the initiation fee of Fifty Cents for Gentlemen and Twenty-five Cents for Ladies.

The Society may elect any person whose presence may be advantageous to the Circle; who shall not be required to Initiation Fee nor Dues.

Art. II. This association shall meet every Friday night and five members shall constitute a quorum, transact business and compel members to attend.

Art. II. Any member who shall be guilty of improper conduct calculated to bring this Circle into disrepute, shall be expelled from membership of this Society, by two thirds vote of its members present. No member shall be expelled however until he has been informed what articles against him, and has the privilege of speaking in his own behalf. One week's notice shall be considered sufficient.

President Pro tem

# By-laws

The Circle shall be called to order at 7½ O'clock P. M.

For absence from regular meeting a member shall be fined Twenty-five Cents.

For tardiness, a member shall be fined Five Cents for every fifteen minutes he is late until the fine amounts to Twenty-five Cents.

Any member refusing to accept an office conferred upon him by the Circle shall be fined One Dollar.

Any officer failing to perform his duty shall be reported by the Assessor and fined Fifty Cents.

For non-performance of duty a member shall be fined Ten Cents

Indecorum (whispering &c) during rendering the programme shall be finable - the fine to be determined by the Pres. No fine for Indecorum shall be more than Twenty Cents or less than Five Cents.

Signatures of Members of Circle under conditions of the notice at Meeting held Nov. 28th 1890.

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| 1 | J. B. Nutt | x | x | x |
| 2 | B. F. Graves | x | x | x |
| 3 | Chas. D. Patterson | x | x | x |
| 4 | E. B. Ashby | x | x | x |
| 5 | G. W. Bonner | a | x | x |
| 6 | S. Isabel Graves | x | x | x |
| 7 | Hannah Graves | x | a | x |
| 8 | E. M. Hollingsworth | x | a | a |
| 9 | Miss Lizzie Lewis | a | x | x |
| 10 | Kate Cushman | a | a | a |
| 11 | [illegible] | a | x | x |
| 12 | J. M. Hollingsworth | a | a | a |

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| Wm Woodroffe | x | x | w |
| Maggie Durham | | a | a |
| W.E. Merritt | | a | a |
| Mattie Bonner | | a | a |
| S.D. Groves | | | |
| W.B. Haymore | | | |

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Mount Airy N.C. Jany 11th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mr R.R. Gallaway and was called to order at the usual hour by Pres. Graves. The roll was called and minutes of previous meeting read & Corrected - The following members of Class No 1. performed duty Miss Emma Grimes, Miss Ila Graves, Miss Kate Joy and Mr. R.T. Graves - The President read the Constitution & By laws - On motion of Miss Belle Graves United States History from the begining of the French & Indian war to the close of the revolution was chosen subject for queries two weeks hence - Mrs C.C. Haymore & Rev. J.B. Hurley were unanimously elected honorary members - By invitation the Circle will hold next meeting at the residence of Capt. J.T. Grimes. Synopsis of the minutes was read - The Censor made her report - On motion the Circle adjourned.

R.T. Graves Pres.

E.B. Ashby Sec'y.

Mount Airy N.C. Jany 21-1887

The Circle met at the residence of Capt. J.S. Grimes and was called to order at 7 Oclock by Pres. Graves. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following members of class No 2 read selections Misses Mamie Lewis and Katie Durham. The queries were read and satisfactorally discussed. United States History from 1783 to 1816 was selected subject for query two weeks hence

Misses Gertie Grimes and Liggie Lewis were unanimously elected active members of the Circle

The Critic made her report.

By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Judge J.T. Graves. Synopsis of the minutes was read. The Censor made her report.

There being no further business before the house on motion the Circle Adjourned

D.T. Graves Pres.

E.E. Ashby Sec.

Mount Airy, N. C. Jan. 28, 1887.

The Circle met at the residence of Hon. J. F. Graves. In the absence of the President, Vice-president and Secretary, the Assistant-secretary called the house to order and requested Mr. R. L. Haymore to preside, and he took the chair.

The roll was called, the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Miss Belle Graves of class no. 3 read a selection.

The queries were then read and discussed. "The History of the United States from 1816 to 1887" was selected as the topic for queries to be put in at next meeting.

The Critic made her report.

Dr. E. M. Hollingsworth was unanimously elected an active member of the "Circle".

The "Circle" accepted an invitation to meet at the residence of Mr. J. M. Durham next Friday night.

The Censor was absent.

Synopsis of the minutes was read.

On motion the "Circle" adjourned.

R. L. Haymore
Pres. pro tem.

S. J. Graves.
Assistant-Secretary.

Mount Airy N.C. Feb. 4, 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mr. J. M. Durham. The meeting was called to order at the usual hour by the Assistant-secretary. Mr. Hurley was requested to preside and he took the chair.
The roll was called. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
Of class No. 1, only Miss Maggie Durham performed duty.
The Queries were then read and discussed. The "Circle" selected "Invitations" as the topic for Queries to be handed in at next meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fisher were elected Honorary Members of the Shakespearean Circle.
By invitation the "Circle" will hold its next meeting at the residence of Capt. J. S. Graves.
The Critic made her report, the Censor was absent.
Synopsis of the minutes was read.
On motion the "Circle" adjourned.

J. B. Hurley, Pres. pro tem.

S. Isabel Graves
Assistant-secretary.

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Mt. Airy N. C. March 4 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mr. J.T. Grimes and was called to order by the President. The roll was called & minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Misses Mamie Lewis & Katie Dunham of Class No 2 read selections.
The Queries were read and discussed.
Quotations were selected as subject for discussion at next meeting.
The election of Offices being next in order the result was as follows Viz. For President Mr. John L. Ashby. Vice President Miss. Emma Grimes. Secretary J.E. Banner. Assistant Secretary Miss Gertie Gilmer. Treasurer Miss Willie Moore. Critic Mr. D.W. Sparger. Censor Miss Kate Hollingsworth.
C.W. Banner was appointed to copy the queries. Miss Sarena Joustou was unanimously elected active members of the Circle.
Circle accepted an invitation to meet at the residence of Mr. J.M. Brower next Friday night. Both the Censor and Critic were absent. Synopsis of minutes was read.
On motion the Circle adjourned.
Pro. 2 U.S. History from 1816 to present time was selected subject for discussion 2 weeks hence.

B. F. Graves Pres.
Miss. Kate Dunham
Secty. protem

Mt Airy N.C. Mar. 11-87

The Circle met at the residence of Mr. J.M. Brower and was called to order by the Vice President. She requested Mr. B.F. Graves to preside and he took the chair. The roll was called and following members were absent Misses. John L. Ashby, G.W. Spanger S.P. Graves E.B. Ashby R.L. Haymore and Misses. Cora Rose and Rena Joyston

The minutes of last meeting were read and corrected. The following members of Class No. 3 read selections. Misses Belle Graves Kate Hollingsworth and Agnes Null.

The Critic made her report.

Quotations were read and discussed

~~United States History from 1816 to the present time~~

The reign of Terror and Napoleonic era was selected subject for Essays to be discussed two weeks hence.

The Constitution and By Laws were read by Mr. J.F. Allred. Miss Mary B. Brower was unanimously elected an active member of the Circle.

By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Dr. W.R. Hollingsworth.

The Censor made her report.

~~Synopsis~~ Minutes was read.

On motion the Circle adjourned.

B.F. Graves Pres. pro tem

J.E. Banner
Secty.

Mt Airy N. C. 6-1-1887

The Circle met at the residence of Dr. W. R. Hollingsworth Esq was called to order by the President. The roll was called and following members were absent. Viz. Misses E.B. Ashby R. J. Galloway C.N Banner J.T. Alfed R.L. Haymore S.W. Sparger Esq Miss Cora Reese. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following members of Class No. 1 read selections. Misses Emma Grimes Maggie Durham Kate Foy Lizzie Lewis Esq Mr B.F. Graves Critic was absent. The Queries were read and discussed On motion of Mr B.F. Graves "The Geography of North Carolina was selected subject for Queries to be handed in at next meeting. Miss. Lula Cornelius was unanimously elected an active member of the Circle. Synopsis of minutes was read. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mrs. C.H. Lewis.

On motion the Circle adjourned.

J.L. Ashby Pres.

J.E. Banner Secty.

Mt Airy, N. C. April 8th 1887.

The Circle met at the residence of Mr. C. W. Lewis and was called to order by the Vice President. Mr. S. P. Graves was called to the chair. The roll was called and following members were absent Viz. Messrs J. L. Ashby E. B. Ashby R. L. Haymore R. J. Galloway G. W. Sparger Esq F. C. Ford. The minutes of last meting were read and approved. The following members of Class No. 2 performed duty. Misses Mamie Lewis Kate Durham Esq Mr. S. P. Graves. The Queries were read and discussed. The critic was absent, Messrs J. F. Allred C. W. Banner Esq E. M. Hollingsworth were fined ten cents each for non performance of duty. On motion of Miss Belle Graves The History of the 16th Century was selected subject for Queries to be discussed two weeks hence. On motion of Dr. E. M. Hollingsworth the Circle decided to have a Picnic at the White Sulphur Springs on Monday next, Committees were appointed by the President to superintend and arange the preparations for the Picnic. On the one Misses Maggie Durham Emma Grimes Kate Hollingsworth Willie Moore Esq Agnes Nutt on the other Messrs E. M. Hollingsworth B. F. Graves Esq J. F. Allred. On motion of Mr. S. P. Graves two tickets of invitation are to be granted to each member of the Circle yearly also that the invitation of strangers to the Circle shall be left to the discretion of the President. The Censor ~~made~~ no report. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meting at the residence of Mr. R. R. Galloway. Synopsis of minutes was read. On motion The Circle adjourned.

S. P. Graves Pres. protem

J. E. Banner Secty.

Mt. Airy, N. C. April 15th '87.

The "Circle" met at the residence of Mr. R. R. Galloway, and at the usual hour was called to order by the vice-president. Mr. G. W. Sparger was called to the Chair, and Mr. B. F. Graves was requested to act as Secretary. The roll was called and the following members failed to respond Misses Kate Foy, Cora Price and Gertie Gilmer; and Messrs. J. L. Ashby, C. W. Banner, J. E. Banner, S. P. Graves, E. B. Ashby and F. C. Foard. Rendering of Programme was declared to be in order. Class No. 3. was called and the following members of that class read selections, - Misses Belle Graves, Kate Hollingsworth, Lorena Johnston, and Mr. G. W. Sparger. The subject for discussion, "Geography and Geology of N. C." was taken up, and interesting instructive and correct answers to the queries were given. Queries on the "Sixteenth Century" were received and read, and will be answered next Friday night. Surry County was chosen as subject of queries to be placed on table next meeting. Mr. Walter Bitting was elected an active member of the circle. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Rev. C. C. Haymore. Under report of absentees Messrs R. L. Haymore and G. W. Sparger were each fined fifty cents for absence from two regular meetings without valid excuse.

On motion the circle adjourned.

G. W. Sparger, Pres. Pro. tem.

B. F. Graves, Sec. Pro. tem.

Mt Airy N.C. April 29th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mr. C.H. Lewis and was called to order by the President at the usual hour. The roll was called and following members were absent Viz. Miss Willie Moore Agnes Nash Mary Bettie Brower & Messrs R.J. Galloway S.P. Graves R.L. Naymon G.W. Sparger E.B. Ashby and F.C. Ford. The following members of Class No. 1 read selections Viz, Misses Emma Grimes Maggie Durham Lizzie Lewis and Mr. B.F. Graves. On motion of Mr. B.F. Graves the discussion of the Queries was postponed until next meeting. Election of officers being next in order the following were elected for the succeeding term. For President Dr. E.M. Hollingsworth Vice President Miss Willie Moore Secretary J.E. Bannon Assistant Secretary Miss Bettie Gilmer Treasurer Miss Mamie Lewis Critic Miss Kate Hollingsworth Censor Miss Belle Graves. Critic was absent. Synopsis of minutes was read. Censor made her report. J.E. Bannon was fined 10¢ for non performance of duty. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mr W.F. Wilson. On motion the Circle adjourned.

J.L. Ashby President

J.E. Bannon Secretary

Mt Airy N.C. May 6th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Dr Wilbar and was called to order at the usual hour by the President. The roll was called and following were present and recived their invitation Cards Misses Willie Moore Maggie Durham Kate Durham Lula Cornelius Belle Graves Mamie Lewis Lizzie Lewis Emma Grimes Kate Fox Lorena Johnston Eq. Messrs J.L. Ashby Walter Billing B.F. Graves S.P. Graves J.F. Allred Eq E.M. Hollingsworth. Mr S.P. Graves from Committee on invitation made a report which was adopted. The following members of Class No. 2 read selections Misses Kate Durham Mamie Lewis Willie Moore Eq Messrs S.P. Graves Eq J.L. Ashby. Critic was absent and as no Critic was appointed we had no criticism. Sixteenth Century was intelligently discussed. Queries on Surry County were placed on table and read. On motion it was decided to have a debate two weeks hence between class one Eq two on the following query. Do the signs of the times point to the downfall of the Republic? Mr C.M. Pattison elected to active membership. The Circle accepted an invitation to meet at the residence of Judge Graves. Censor made her report. Messrs E.M. Hollingsworth Eq J.F. Allred fined 10¢ each for non-performance of duty. Reading of Synopsis dispensed with. On motion Circle adjourned.

E.M. Hollingsworth Pres.
B.F. Graves Sec. pro tem

Mt Airy N.C. May 13th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Judge Graves and at the usual hour was called to order by the President. The roll was called and following members were absent Viz. Misses Kate Foy Willie Moore Gertie Gilmer Nattie Grimes Mary B. Brower & Mesrs. J.F. Allred J.L. Ashby E.B. Ashby R.L. Raymer & G.W. Spargen. The following members of Class No 3 read selections Viz. Misses Belle Graves Kate Hollingsworth Agnes Nutt Lozena Johnston & Mr F.C. Ford. Critic made her report. The Queries were read and satisfactorily discussed. Circle selected for query to be discussed next week. Should the doors of the University be open to woman. The following received invitation cards Misses Agnes Nutt & Kate Hollingsworth & Mesrs C.W. Banner C.N. Pattison R.J. Galloway & J.E. Banner. Mr. S.P. Graves moved that those members who have regularly absented themselves from the Circle be reminded by the President & Secretary that on joining the Circle they gave tacit consent to the Constitution requiring attendance at the weekly meetings or submitting to fine where no valid excuse is rendered. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mrs. Kate Banner. Synopsis of minutes was read. Critic made her report. On motion the Circle adjourned

E.M. Hollingsworth Pres.
J.E. Banner Secty.

Mount Airy N. C. June 3rd 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mr J. M. Durham. The President and Vice President being absent Mr. B.F. Graves acted as President. The roll was called. It was ordered by the President that the ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer pay the amount for the Invitation Cards and that the committee be discharged. Of Class No 1 Miss Grimes Miss Maggie Durham & Mr B.F. Graves read selections. The discussion was postponed on account of the absence of so many members. The Critic made her report. No names were proposed for membership. The Circle accepted an invitation to meet at the residence of Capt. J.T. Grimes next Friday night. Reason made his report. There being no further business before the House the Circle adjourned.

B.F. Graves Pres. pro.tem.
S.P. Graves. Sec'y. pro.tem.

Mt Airy N.C. June 10th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Capt. J.T. Grimes and at the usual hour was called to order by the President. The roll was called and following members were present Viz. Misses. C.W Banner E.M. Hollingsworth C.D. Pattison S.P. Graves D.T. Graves & Misses Nellie Moore Sallie Merrick Gertie Gilmer Kate Fox Mattie Lewis Lizzie Lewis Kate Durham Maggie Durham Emma Grimes Hallie Grimes Belle Graves & Mary B. Brower. The minutes of last meting were read and approved. Owing to other business before the Circle, the class on duty were excused from reading their selections. Misses Emma Grimes Maggie Durham & Lorena Johnson & Messrs. C.D. Pattison S.P. Graves E.M. Hollingsworth & J.T. Allred were appointed a committee to arange for an intertainment (either a Concert or Festival) the purpose of which was to make up a library fund. The regular metings of the Circle were postponed until the first Friday in September. There being no farther business before the house ~~the Circle~~ adjourned.

E. M. Hollingsworth Pres.

C.W. Banner Secy. pro. tem

Mt. Airy N C. July 29 1887

The "Circle met at the residence of Dr. W. R. Hollingsworth and at the usual hour was called to order by the President. The roll was called and following members were absent Viz: Mess R.B.F. Graves S.P. Graves C.W. Banner R.J. Galloway E.B. Ashby L.W. Sparger F.C. Ford and Misses Sallie Merrill Belle Graves Mallie Graves Agnes Noell & Mary B. Brower. Owing to so many members being absent the business of the "Circle" was postponed until next Friday night. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Capt. J.T. Grimes. On motion the Circle adjourned.

E.W. Hollingsworth Pres.
J.C. Banner Secty.

Mt Airy N.C. Aug. 5th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Capt. D.T. Grimes & at the usual hour was called to order by the President.

The roll was called & following members were absent Viz, Miss P.T. Graves F.C. Ford G.W. Sargent R.J. Galloway E.B. Ashby J.L. Ashby & Misses Mary B. Brower Mattie Graves Mamie Lewis Lizzie Lewis Hattie Prather & Celia Barnum. A motion was made to buy the literature for the Circle immediately & was voted upon the result being that the motion was defeated. On motion of Mr. S.P. Graves the Circle decided to have a literary Concert sometime during the Fall for the benefit of the Circle. Misses Bell Graves Sallie Merritt & Emma Grimes & Messrs S.P. Graves C.L. Barnum & T.L. Williamson were appointed committee to order books from which to select dialogues &c. for the Concert. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mr. H.C. Brower. On motion the Circle adjourns.

E.M. Hollingsworth Pres
J.E. Barnum Secy

September 2nd 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mr C.W. Lewis and was called to order at the usual hour by the assistant Secretary the President being absent, Mr B.F. Graves was called to the Chair and C.W. Banner to the Secretary's Chair. The roll being called very few of the members were found present. Class No 1 was placed on Duty for Next meeting. Misses Emma Grimes Maggie Durham and C.W. Banner were appointed a committee to revise the roll. On motion Misses Sallie Merrill Mamie Lewis and Mr J.A Banner were appointed a committee to select and order 4 or 5 copies of a play from Shakespeare. Misses Kate Foy & Kate Durham were appointed a collection committee. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Judge J.F. Graves. On motion Circle adjourned.

B.F. Graves Pres. pro tem
C.W. Banner Sec. pro tem

Mt Airy N.C. Sept 7th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Judge J.T. Graves and was called to order by the President. The Secretary being absent Mr C.D. Pattison was called to the chain. This being the first meeting of the season it was moved that the business be dispensed with. The Constitution & By Laws were read by Mr L. Graves. It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to every member of the Circle that has been absent for the last three months to pay their fines or have their names discontinued. It was also moved that the Treasurer make out a bill of all the fines and deliver them to the Secretary to be sent out with notices for payment. The following read selections Misses Eyma Grimes Maggie Dunham Lizzie Lewis and Mr B.F. Graves. The Critic being absent there was no report. The committee for the selection of plays were called on but had no report. It was moved that the Circle select the plays Midsummer Nights Dreams Othello Julius Caesar, and that the committee order five each. By invitation the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mr R.T. Hall. On motion Circle adjourned.

E.M. Hollingsworth. Pres.
C.D. Pattison Sec. pro tem

Mt Airy Sept 30th 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Mrs R. T. Nutt with Pres. Nutt in the chair

Roll was called and quite a number were absent. On rendering programme following Members of Class No 2 read selected Miss Chattie Prather and Mr S.P. Graves

The critic had no report

Censor reported following numbers of Class no 2 for non-performance of duties C.W. Banner E.M. Hollingsworth and J.L. Ashby. All C.W. Banner and E.M. Hollingsworth were each fined 10¢ Election of officers being in order the following were Elected For President J.C. Ford Vice Miss Chattie Prather Secty J.L. Ashby ass't Secty Miss Sallie Merritt Treas Miss Kate Hollingsworth Critic J.L. Williamson Censor C.D. Patterson

The Circle accepts the kind invitation of Miss Sallie Merritt to hold the next meeting at residence of Mr W.C. Bonsell. On motion Circle adjourned

C.W. Banner Secty
By J.L. Ashby Ass't Secty

Mt Airy No Ca Oct 7th 1887

Circle met at residence of
Mr F.C. Brown with J.L. Ashby
Esq in Chair
Roll Called and following absent
Misses Mamie & Lizzie Lewis Miss
~~Kate Hollingsworth~~ Miss Agnes Nutt
Miss Nate Durham Misses Chatten
Prather Miss Hattie Evans Misses
Gilmer & Brown Mr & Mrs E.B. Ashley
G.W. Spargo R.D. Galloway & F.C. Ford
Mr E.M. Hollingsworth Made report
of Committee on Concert arrangements
and Stated that Sample Copies of
several plays had been ordered and
was expected The Secty was directed
to order the plays of Shakespeare
selected by the Circle at a previous
meeting. On Motion of S.P. Evans
a Committee of 3 was appointed
to examine and select a play and
assign the Characters the following
were appointed Miss Belle Evans
Miss Nate Hollingsworth & Mr S.P.
Evans on Motion of Miss Belle
Evans two were added Miss Maggie
Durham & Mr L.L. Williamson
Class No 3 being on duty Miss Belle
Evans read selection & Miss
Lelia Merritt had a recitation
Critic Made report Reading and
Recitation Admirably rendered.
Censor made report Miss Nate
Hollingsworth was fined 10¢ for
non performance of duty
On Motion of Mr S.P. Evans

and Second by Mr T. L. Williamson and the question being put to the Circle it was Carried that when any active member (that is any Member who regularly attend the Circle unless he has a valid excuse and performs the duties of Same) of the Circle shall Marries there shall be an assessment of of 20¢ upon each member of said organization for the purpose of buying a suitable present for each couple and that it shall be presented in name of Circle and if both parties are members the assessment shall be 50¢ on each member of Circle On motion Mrs & Mrs F Allred were made honorary Members The acting Pres & Secty with Miss Kate Hollingsworth & Bro Graves & T. L. Williamson were ordered to Under write them the Congratulations of the Circle.

Class No 1 On Duty Oct 14th

By invitation Circle will hold its next Meeting at residence of Dr C. R. Hollingsworth

On motion Circle adjourned

J. L. Ashley Pro Protem

B. P. Graves Secty

Mt Airy N.C. 14th Oct 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Dr. F. E. Hollingsworth and was called to order by the Vice. Pres. Dr E. M. Hollingsworth was then requested to take the chair which he did.

The roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Class No. 1 being on duty were entertained by Miss Sadie Hollingsworth recitation and the selection read by Misses Emma Grimes, Maggie Dickham, and Lizzie Lewis.

The Critic being absent there was no report. The Censor reported Messrs J. E. Banner & W. E. Merritt for non-performance of duty, and each fined ten cents.

Messrs Jones and Sand. G. Pace were unanimously elected active members of the Circle.

The Circle accepted the invitation to hold its next meeting at Mr. C. F. Lewis.

There being no other business before the house the Circle adjourned.

E. M. Hollingsworth Pres. Protem
Sallie Merritt Asst. Secty.

Mt Airy N. C. Oct 21st 1887

The "Circle" met at the residence of Mr C.W. Lewis and was called to order at the usual hour by the President. The Secretary being absent J.E. Bannon was called to the chair. The roll was called and following were absent Viz. Misses Gertie Gilmer Hattie Grimes Mary B. Brower Sallie Merritt Maggie Dyrham Kate Dyrham and Messrs J.L. Williamson C.W Bannon R.J. Galloway J.L. Ashby & E.B. Ashby. Class No 2 being on duty the following read selections Miss Mamie Lewis S.P. Graves and Walter Bitting. The Critic & Censor were both absent. By invitation the "Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Capt. J.T. Grimes. E.M. Hollingsworth was fined 10¢ for non performance of duty. On motion the "Circle" adjourned.

J.C. Ford Pres.

J.E. Bannon Sect. protem

Mt Airy N. C. Oct. 28 1887

The Circle met at the residence of Capt. J. T. Grimes and was called to order by the Vice President, Mr S.P. Graves was called to the Chair. The Secretary being absent J.E. Banner was called to Secretary's chair. The roll was called and following were absent Viz, Misses Mamie Lewis Celia Banner Sallie Merritt Lorena Johnston & Mary B. Brower and Messrs. C.O. Banner J.L. Ashby E.B. Ashby F.C. Ford and Walter Billing. The Committee on duty for selecting plays selected Esmorelda and Marcoutti and assigned the characters of each to different members of the "Circle." The President appointed several committees for the purpose of making preparation for the Concert. On committee for selecting scenery R.J. Gallaway & W.E. Merritt. Com. for selecting Hall E.M. Hollingsworth J.L. Williamson and S.P. Graves Com. for attending to printing. C.D. Pattison and J.E. Banner. Com. on Music and Recitation Misses Emma Grimes Agnes Nutt and Kate Hollingsworth. The rendering of programme by Class No 3 was postponed until next Friday night. By invitation the "Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Judge J.T. Graves. On motion the "Circle" adjourned.

S.P. Graves Pres. pro-tem

J.E. Banner Sec. " "

Mt Airy N.C. Nov 4/87

The Circle met at residence of
Judge J. F. Goads with Vice Pres
on the Chair.
Roll was called and following
members were absent Misses Allie
Moore Maggie Durham Kate Durham
and Kate Fay. And Miss P. L. Galloway
F. C. Ford & Scott J. Spargo J. L. Williamson
Committees which was to assign
Characters in play made report.
Committee and Secretary Made No report
Class No 3 being on duty Following
performed duty Misses Belle Goads
and Katie Hollingsworth.
Allie was absent
Censor reported Miss Walter Evans
for non performance of duty duty
& She was fined 10¢
Miss Sallie Glenn was fined 10¢
for non performance of duty
Mr C. D. Pattison was fined 10¢
for non performance of duty
Miss Sallie Merritt & C. W. Banner
& Walter Bitting were each fined
20¢ for being absent at a former
meeting
Miss Mattie Banner & J. T. Coleman
were elected active members of
Circle
By motion Circle will
hold its next Meting at residence
of Mr N. C. Brown
On Motion Circle adjourned
Miss Charlie Prather Sec'y
J. L. Ashby Critic

Nat Circ Nov 11th 1887

Circle met at residence of
Bro W. C. Brown - and was called
to order by the Secty all Brothers
were both absent the last Secty
not being present J. E. Barnes was
called to Secty's Chair and roll
was called and following were
absent Misses Lelia Barnett Mary
B Brown Kate Dunham Lucile
Gilmer Belle Gross Emma Grimes
Mamie Lewis Charlie Parker
Messrs E Bashley F C Ford Walter
Bitting R L Hayshaw E M Hollingsworth
Byl Geo W. S Porges -
Class No 1 Essay and duty to read Selected
Miss Lizzie Lewis Messrs J. L Williamson
B F Gross Wm E W Merritt interested
the Circle at some length with a
beautiful declamation in which he
displayed a fine poetical taste -
& Critic Made report duties were
well performed -
Censor reported Misses Sadie
Hollingsworth Maggie Dunham and
R L Galloway absent each were fined
10¢ for non performance of duty
R. L. Galloway was fined 25¢ for
non attendance
By motion Circle will hold
its next meeting at residence of
Bro W. J. Williamson.

Fraternally Bashley Bros pro tem
J. E Barnes Secty Pro

Mt Airy N.C. Nov 19th 1887

Circle met at residence of Mrs C.P. Williamson with Vice President in Chair. Roll was called by Secty and following Circle absent Misses Emma Sims Hattie Sims Celia Banner Agnes Nutt Gatie Sims Sadie Hollingsworth Katie Hollingsworth Lorena Johnson Mamie Sims Katie Dorham Maggie Dorham Mary B Brown and Lyde Lewis, Misses F.C. Frost C.O. Banner E.E. Banner R.A. Spainhour C.F. Jones and E.B. Ashby Committee on Devotions Could not report. Dr W. Watson B.F. Graves and Dr E.M. Hollingsworth were put on Committee of Devotions.

It was Moved and Carried that Circle discard Margetts and have some selection from Shakespeare for Second Nights Concert Christmas

Class No 2 being on duty Following performed S.P. Graves & D.L. Ashby / following were excused for non attendance at former meeting Misses Belle Groom Chattie Prather & Dr E.M. Hollingsworth Critic Made report Mr S.P. Groom read well D.L. Ashbys Essay was well written and read

Censor reported Dr E.M. Hollingsworth and Miss Chattie Prather for non performance of duty and each are fined 10¢ By motion Circle will hold its next Meeting at Residence of Judge Groom, D.L. Ashby Sec'y

J. H. Patterson & Miss Maggie Durham

Mt Airy N C Nov 26th /89

The circle met at the usual hour at the residence of Judge J. H. Graves. The Pres. being absent Mr J. L. Ashby took the chair The roll being called the following members were found absent Misses Celia Banner, Mary E. Brower, Kate Foy, Hattie Grimes and Messrs E. B. Ashby, F. C. Ward, R. J. Galloway R. L. Haymore Geo. W. Sparger C. H. Jones, Fred Geo T Coleman Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The committee on scenery reported having found some of the scenery, but not sufficient their report was continued The following members of the class No 8 performed duty, Misses Belle Graves, Agnes Nash, Kate Hollingsworth and Lorena Johnson, Critic made a report very complimentary to all the class who performed duty The election of officers was gone into with the following result

President = John L Ashby
Vice, Pres. = Miss Maggie Durham
Secretary = S. L. Williamson
Asst. Sec. = Miss Willie Moore
Critic = Ed. M. Hollingsworth
Treasurer = Miss Kate "
Censor = W. E. Merritt

By invitation the circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mr S. L. Gilmer. On motion the circle adjourns, J. L. Ashby Pres. Pro Tem
S. L. Williamson Sec. "

Mt Airy N C Dec 2nd 1887

The Society met at the residence of Mr. D L Gilmer, and was called to order at the usual hour by the Pres't.

The roll was called & the following members noted absent.

Miss. Celia Sumner, Maggie Durham, Kate Durham, Kate Foy, Kate Hollingsworth, Gratii Gilmer, Mattie Graves, Sadie Hollingsworth, Sallie Merrett, Sallie Tracker.

Mr. E L Abbey, C W. Sumner, Walter Dalton, F. L. Flood, R J. Galloway, R L. Raymond, W E. Merrett, W D. Patterson, Geo S. Spurgeon, Ed H. Jones, Geo T. Salmon.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr W. F. Stowe was elected an active member of the Circle.

A Committee, Consisting of Misses Emma Gwinn and Mamie Lewis, was appointed by the Pres't. to make arrangements to secure necessary Curtains for the Opera House previous to the play of Esmeralda.

The Committee on selection of Hall, programme, printing &c. were instructed to have their reports ready at next meeting of the Circle.

The following Members at class No. 1. performed duty: Misses Emma Gwinn & Mattie Moore, & Mrs. B F Graves.

Critic's Report. Selections & Reading Very good —

Censor. Reported Misses. Jno C. Sumner

Continuation Dec 2 Meeting

F. Williamson & Miss Lizzie Lewis for non-performance of duty. Messrs Baker & Williamson fined 10cts each. Miss Lewis excused on account sickness.

By unanimous consent the Circle will hold its next meeting at the residence of Bro. J. F. Lewis. There being no further business before the Lodge, on motion the Circle adjourned.

J. Laxby Pres

D. F. Williamson Secy.

Mt Airy N C Dec 8th 1887

The circle met at the residence of Capt. J. T. Grimes & was called to order at the usual hour by the Secy. The Pres. & Vice Pres. being absent. The roll was called and the following members found absent, viz:

Misses:
J Ashby
S & R F Graves
C W Gomer
R J Galloway
F C Ford
E P Hollingsworth
Walter Gilmer
E Mackey

Mrs. Bell Graves
Sallie Merritt
Mamie Graves
Lizzie Graves
Kate Slade Hollingsworth
Kate Durham
Mallie Gomer
Florence Johnson
Millie Albert
Ella Gomer
Mary S Graves
Gertie Graves

The rendition of programme by Class 2 was postponed until the following meeting Friday night there being so few members present, no reports were made by the various committees -

J. T. Williamson, Pres. Pro tem
J. T. Gomer, Secy

Mt. Airy N.C. Dec 29/87

In pursuance of an order of the Prest. the Circle met at Miss Polly Groves academy room & was called to order by the Prest. who called the Roll & with the following members absent:

Misses. Celia Banner
Mary E Brower
Kate Fay
Gertie Gilmer
Emma & Hattie Grimes
Sade Hollingsworth
Mame & Lizzie Lewis
Sallie Merrett
Willie Moore
Agnes Steph
Hallie Procter
Teresa Robinson
Mattie Banner

Messrs
E. B. Ayden
Walter Bitting
F. C. Ford
R. J. Galloway
R. S. Haymore
Em Hollingsworth
Geo Morgan
H. Jones
Geo T. Coleman
W. T. Slover

Object of meeting stated by Mr. D. P. Groves.

Moved that the play of Emerald be repealed. Carried. Monday Night. Carried.

Motion by On motion to appoint Misses P. T. Groves & Celia Banner were appointed ushers & Mr W. T. Slover Door Keeper for Monday Evening Performance.

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Mr Woo moved that Mr D F Groves have tickets to be used for Monday Evenings performance Stamped with P.O. dates

The following Com. Mrs D F Groves & J L Williamson were appointed to make arrongement to secure orchestra for the Concert Monday Night

Misses Kate Hollingsworth Messrs Jno E Donner & D F Groves were appointed a com. to select Programme for Friday night Entertainment

On Motion Misses Ella Groves Kate Dunham & Messrs. Charles Fuller son & Ed Merriett were appointed a com. to make out list of the young ladies & gentlemen non-members of the Circle & extend invitation to them to be present at meeting of the Circle to-morrow Evening

Mrs & Mr D F Groves & J L Williamson were appointed Com. on Procuring By invitation of Mrs Bessie Groves the Circle then had its next

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meeting at Ben Academy.
There being no further
business before the house
the Circle on motion
adjourned.

J L Ashby Pres.

D L Williamson
Secy.

Mt Airy, N.C. Jany 20th 1888

The Circle met at the residence of Mrs. Johnson's, and was called to order at the regular hour.
The Pres't & Secy. both being absent, W.W. B. F. Graves was called to Pres's Chair and Lett Banner to Secy's chair. The names of all the members of Class No. 2. were called & all failed to perform duty.
Mr. S. R. Graves read the exact of the 19th Chapter of the Circle for the two Concert which was confirmed by the Circle.
A Committee, consisting of Messrs. S. R. Graves, C.W. Banner, & Ed Patterson, were appointed to select a hall for the regular meetings of the Circle.
Mr. T. Williamson & Miss Maggie Durham were appointed a Committee to ascertain where the Circle can procure suitable Books at lowest prices. The following Com.; Messrs. Jo E. Banner, Ed M. Hollingsworth and B. F. Graves were appointed to take charge of Stage fixtures belonging to the Circle, At the suggestion of Miss. Belle Grover, the members of the Circle will all hand in queries on next Friday Night, on the life of Julius Caesar to be discussed at the next meeting