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PROVENANCE

Transferred from UPA 3 1820-1930, one folder in box 25 in March 2005.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is divided into two series; correspondence and minutes. Both series are arranged chronologically.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The History Club of Philadelphia was organized on 25 April, 1894, in accordance with the following memorandum:

Philadelphia, April 25, 1894.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting for the organization of the History Club, called for Friday evening, April 6th, at the University Club, the following persons were present:--Mr. T.D. Stone; Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr.; Mr. D.C. Munro; Prof. F.N. Thorpe; Mr. Howard M. Jenkins; Prof. John L. Stewart; Prof. J.H. Robinson and Mr. Herbert Friedenwald.

The objects and purposes of such a club were discussed in an informal manner, and the following preliminary regulations were agreed upon:-

I.Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of the months from November to April inclusive, at the houses of the members, or at such places as they may see fit to provide. The host of the evening to have the privilege of inviting persons other than members to attend the meetings.

II.The refreshments that any member may offer the Club, are to be strictly limited to one dish, hot or cold, beer and Apollinaris, coffee and cigars.

III.Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Club without a written or verbal excuse made to the executive committee is to be regarded as the equivalent of the resignation from membership in its club.

IV.The membership of the Club is to be limited to twenty persons. Persons proposed for membership are to be nominated in open meeting, the nomination to be then referred to the executive committee for action.

V.The arrangement of the details of each meeting, is to be left to the executive committee, consisting of the officers of the Club; a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who are to hold office for one year.

VI.The order of procedure at the meetings shall be: 1st. A paper not exceeding thirty minutes in length. 2nd. Briefer communications. 3rd. New business.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:-President, Prof. James Harvey Robinson; Treasurer, Prof. John L. Stewart; Secretary, Mr. Herbert Friedenwald.

The members of the Club are:

Prof. Chas. M. Andrews. Mr. Howard M. Jenkins.

Dr. Daniel G. Brinton. Pr. John B. McMaster.

Prof. E. P. Cheyney. Mr. Dana C. Munro.

Prof. Roland P. Falkner. Judge S. W. Pennypacker.

Mr. Herbert Friedenwald. Prof. J. H. Robinson.

Prof. Alfred Gudeman. Prof. J. L. Stewart.

Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht. Mr. F. D. Stone.

Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr. Mr. Charlemange Tower, Jr.

Prof. Francis N. Thorpe. Prof. Henry Willis.

J. H. Robinson.

J. L. Stewart. Executive Committee.

H. Friedenwald

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The correspondence series contains two items; the first item is a letter, dated October 24, 1898 from John L. Stewart to William Hall. In the letter, Mr. Stewart is resigning as Secretary of the club. The second item in the correspondence series is a receipt, dated March 9, 1899, from the Printing and Binding House in the amount of one dollar and thirty-five cents. The receipt documents printing services for "200 cards and 30 postals" given to Dr. William E. Yost.

The minutes series contains two items, the first item is a set of three loose leaf pages of meeting minutes dated April 25, 1894 (transcribed in the Agency History Section). The second item in the minutes series is a bound volume, dated 1894-1899, entitled "Record Book of the History Club of Philadelphia." The hand-written volume lists the officers for the years 1894-1895; 1895-1896; 1896-1897; 1897-1898; and 1898-1899. The volume also lists the members for the years 1896-1897 and 1898-1899. Included in the volume are minutes from the meetings beginning on November 4, 1896 and continuing through April 21, 1899. The Secretary omitted minutes for the following months; November 1897, March 1898 and April 1898. The minutes include the names of attendees; notes on club business, such as officer election results; and the name and title of any papers or communications presented at the meeting. Some examples of the paper topics include "British Criticism of the United States" by Professor John Bach McMaster presented on February 17, 1899; "The Biography of Agricola by Tacitus" by Professor Alfred Gudeman on January 5, 1898 and "The Study of Classics in the Middle Ages" by Professor Dana C. Munro on November 4, 1896.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

For papers related to the Department of History at the University of Pennsylvania, including information about John Bach McMaster and other early faculty members, see the Collections of the University Archives Guide to the School of Arts and Sciences Department of History Records, 1910-1997, UPB 1.9H.

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Letter from John L. Stewart to William Hall 24 October 1898	1	1
Receipt for Dr. William E. Yost for printing expenses 9 March 1899	1	1
MINUTES	Box	Folder
Meeting Minutes, three pages 25 April 1894	1	1
Record Book of the History Club of Philadelphia 1894-21 April 1899	1	2