Inter-Societal Collection: MC Literary Societies (AR112)

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Literary Societies: Inter-Societal Collection
Creator: Varies (Bulk by Eccritean Society)
Dates: 1858-1986
Extent: Approx. .5 linear feet (2 containers)
Language(s): English
Repository: Monmouth College Archives, Monmouth, Illinois
Abstract: The Literary Societies: Inter-Societal Collection covers the inter-workings and competitions between the various literary societies (Philadelphian/Philo, Eccritean, Adelphi, and Amateurs des Belles Lettres) that existed on Monmouth College’s campus from the mid 1800’s to the early 1900’s.

Administrative Information
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Historical/Biographical Background

From the very beginnings of Monmouth Collection (literally one week after the first ever class at Monmouth College) the literary societies had been a popular group closely associated with this institution’s history more than any other, until their gradual disbanding in the 1920’s due to the rising popularity of fraternities and sororities. Beginning with 12 students in the small schoolhouse used for classes before Old Main was finished, who created the Erodelphian society, which later became the Philadelphia and finally Philo society, the groups quickly
expanded to four in number—two for each sex—who competed amongst each other as well as schools as close-by as Knox in Galesburg.

Container List

Box 1 (AR112 .001)

Folders: *History

-1 Copy of "Monmouth Literary Societies" by Loren P. Beth

-1 Original manuscript for "Monmouth Literary Societies" (then called "The History of Literary Societies at Monmouth College 'Story of an Era'")
  By Loren P. Beth

*Clippings

-1 Clipping from The Review Atlas; "Literary Societies Once As Popular As Football," by Ralph B. Eckerly (Oct. 8 1977)

-1 Clipping from The Review Atlas; "Literary Societies Liked to Debate," by Ralph B. Eckerly (Nov 28, 1984)

-1 Scan of a clipping from The Review Atlas; "Philo Hall and Literary Societies," by Ralph B. Eckerly (May 5, 1986)

*Society Catalogues 1880, 1890

-2 Copy of "Catalogue of the Literary Societies of Monmouth College" (1890)

-2 Copies of "Literary Societies of Monmouth College" (1880)

*Society Catalogues 1890

-4 Copies of "Catalogue of the Literary Societies of Monmouth College" (1890) (R) [NOTE: One copy is signed and inscribed by various people]

*A.B.L. + Aletheorian Societies - Programs - 1868-1927

-1 flier for "The Fifth Annual Contest Between the Aletheorian and the A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"

-1 scanned copy of a flier for "The Third Annual Contest Between the Aletheorian and A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"
- 3 Fold-out Programs for "The Fourth Annual Contest Between the A.B.L. and Aletheorian Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 Program for "A.B.L. & Aletheorian Exhibition," Dec. 10 1868

- 2 Program for "The Second Annual Contest Between the A.B.L. And Aletheorian Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 Menu/Program for the "A.B.L. Alumna Breakfast," June 13 1923

- 1 Program for "The Seventh Annual Contest between the Aletheorian and A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 Program for "The Sixth Annual Contest Between the Aletheorian and A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 Scanned copy of a program for "The Eleventh Annual Contest between the Aletheorian and A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 program for "The Fifteenth Annual Contest Between the Aletheorian and A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 Clipping, paper undetermined, "A.B.L. And Aleth Meet in debate in A.B.L. Hall Today"

- 1 Program for "A.B.L.-Aletheian Literary Contest" March 15th 1912

- 1 Program for "Aletheorian and A.B.L. Contest" April 27 1917

- 1 program for "A.B.L. Aleth. Contest" April 21 1922

- 1 Program for "The Eleventh Annual Contest Between the Aletheorian and A.B.L. Societies of Monmouth College"

- 1 Program for "The Sixteenth Annual Contest Between the A.B.L. and Aletheorian Societies"

- 3 Program for "The Women's Inter-Society Contest" March 14 1927

- 1 Program for "A.B.L.-Aleth Contest" May 4, 1923

*Philo-Adelphi Contest 1880

- 1 Handwritten manuscript for "The Ballad in Literature," read at the Philo-Adelphi Contest Dec. 17 1880 (looseleaf paper)
Philo-Eccritean Society - Contest Programs - 1857-1914 & Undated

- 1 Program for "Eccritean and Philadelphian Contest" (M)

- 1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest," June 8 1904 (M)

- 1 Handwritten invitation in envelope to the Philo-Eccritean Society banquet, Dec 20 1877, addressed to "Mr. Robert Wallace"

- 1 Program for "The sixteenth annual contest between the Eccritean and Philadelphian Societies," Dec 19 1872

- 2 Programs for "The Twelfth Annual Contest Between the Eccritean and Philadelphian Societies" Dec 18 1868

- 1 longform program for "The Twelfth Annual Contest Between the Eccritean and Philadelphian Societies" Dec 18 1868

- 1 program for "The Eleventh Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 20 1867

- 1 Program for "The Second annual contest between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 17 1858

- 1 folded program for "The second annual contest between the Philadelphian and Eccritean societies" Dec 17 1858

- 2 program for "The Third Annual contest between the Philadelphian and Eccritean societies" Dec 16 1859

- 2 Programs for "The (First) Annual contest between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 17 1857

- 1 Program for "The philo-eccritean team debate"

- 1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" June 4 1915

- 1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" June 5 1914

- 1 Program for "James-Nevin Debate" February 15 1913

- 1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" June 13 1912

- 1 Program for "Field Day at Monmouth College (Eccritean Vs. Philadelphian societies)" June 18 1889
-1 Program for "The 23rd Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 18 1879

-2 Program for "The 22nd Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 19 1878

-2 Programs (One green, one pink) for "The 19th Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 23 1875

-1 Program for "The 31st Annual Philo-Eccritean Societies Contest" Dec 19 1889

-2 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" at Monmouth Opera House June 14 1894

-1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" June 10 1903

-1 Program for "The Fourth Annual Field Day of the Philo and Eccritean Societies," June 15 1886

-2 Programs (Green & pink) for "The Twenty-Eighth Annual Philo-Eccritean Contest" Dec 23 1886

-1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" Dec 17 1883

-1 Ornate Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" Dec 17 1883

-1 Program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" June 7 1900

-2 Programs for "The Twenty-First Annual Contest of the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 20 1877

-1 Program for "The 18th annual contest between the Eccritean and Philadelphian Societies" Dec 17 1874

-1 Program for "The Tenth Annual Contest between the Eccritean and Philadelphian Societies" Dec 21 1866 (R) (P)

-2 Programs for "The Ninth Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 22 1865

-1 Program for "The Eighth Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 23 1864
-2 Programs for "The Sixth Annual Contest Between the Eccritean and Philadelphian Societies," Dec 19 1862

-3 Programs for "The Fifth Annual Contest Between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 20 1861

-1 scan of a program for "Philo-Eccritean Contest" at Monmouth Opera House June 14 1894

-1 Scan of a program for "Eccritean and Philadelphian Contest"

*Programs 1858-1927

-2 Program for "Delivery of Diplomas of the Eccritean and Aletheorian Societies" June 12 1874

-2 Programs for "Joint Open Meeting" Jan 18 1884

-1 Program for "Joint Open Meeting" Jan 8 1897

-1 Program for "Delivery of Diplomas to their graduates by the literary societies" June 29 1860

-1 Program for "Exhibition of the Eccritean and ABL" Feb 9 1858

-1 Program for "ABL and Eccritean Societies" July 6 1859

-1 Program for "Delivery of Diplomas to their Graduates by the Literary Societies" Jun 23 1862

-1 Program for "Home Contest" March 4 1880

-1 Program for "Women's Inter-Society Contest" March 9 1926

-1 Scan of program for "Women's Inter-Society Contest" April 25 1924

-1 Scan of program for "Women's Inter-Society Contest" March 14 1927

-2 Programs for "Delivery of diplomas to their graduates by the literary societies" June 27 1864

-1 Program for "Delivery of Diplomas to their graduates by the literary societies" June 19 1863

-1 Program for "Women's Inter-Society Contest" March 14 1927 (P) (R)
- Program for "Delivery of diplomas to their graduates by the literary societies" June 21 1861

- Small form embossed program for "delivery of diplomas to their graduates by the literary societies" June 21 1861

- Letter from Edward Bok to Louise Patton, hand-signed

*Philo-Eccritean Society - Philo's Vindication 1890 (2 Copies)

- 2 Copies (One red cover, one brown) of "Philo's Vindication"

*Philo-Eccritean Lecture Course 1904-05, 1907-08

- 1 Copy of "The Philo-Eccritean Lecture Course," season of 1904-05

- 1 Copy of "The Philo-Eccritean Lecture Course," season of 1907-08

*Philo-Eccritean Society- Program 1860

- 1 Program for "The Fourth Annual Contest between the Philadelphian and Eccritean Societies" Dec 21 1860

*Philo-Eccritean Lecture Assn. -1888

- 1 Ledger Book of Expenses for The Philo-Eccritean Lecture Association, 1888 (R)

*Philo-Eccritean Lecture Assn.

- 1 Ledger book of expenses for the philo-eccritean lecture association, year indeterminate (R)

Box 2 (FF012)

Certificates awarded by each Society