Annie Besant Study Club Collection (SC183)

Introduction

The Annie Besant Study Club Collection contains one yearbook detailing the club members and activities for 1912-1913.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Annie Besant Study Club
Title: Annie Besant Study Club Collection
Dates: 1912-1913
Size: 0.01 linear feet, 1 folder
Collection Number: SC183

Donor Information

Found in collection.

Citation Note

Annie Besant Study Club Collection (SC183), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: The following related titles are located at the Kansas City Public Library Central Branch: The Riddle by Annie Besant [212 B46R] and Women Without Superstition by Annie Laurie Gaylor [211.4 W872].

Historical Sketch

The Annie Besant Study Club, organized in 1910, was named after Annie Besant (1847-1933), a prominent British socialist, theosophist, women’s right’s activist and supporter of Irish and Indian self-rule. Although it was primarily a women’s club, gentleman were invited to attend evening classes. A listing for the club was found in The Official Register and Directory of Women’s Clubs in America, a registry that covers all federated clubs in the United States. The club studied a variety of subjects such as comparative religion, philosophy, science, and literature. Dues were $1 per year. In addition to officers (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian), the club maintained several committees. Some activities included a series of lectures on the science of astrology and a study in conscientiousness. Classes were held each week from October to June. Meetings were held in the Studio Building at 9th and Locust.

Scope and Content Note
This collection contains one yearbook that details the Annie Besant Study Club in 1912-1913. This includes names of officers, committee members, board of managers and their addresses, dates, locations and topics for meetings and classes, as well as the club’s constitution and by-laws.

**Collection Inventory**

f. 1 Yearbook, 1912-1913

**Index**

Bartlett, Mrs. Frank W.
Bates, Mrs. Jennie
Brandriff, Mrs. W. R.
Bruce, Mrs. Fannie D.
Clay, Miss Jetty
Coffman, Mrs. Charles
Dodd, Mrs. Mary
Gatchell, Mrs. W. H.
Goddard, Mrs. Otis
Gray, Mrs. Eunice
Hazard, Miss Alice B.
Hillyer, Mrs. Blanche
Harshe, Mrs. Milton G.
Hopkins, Mrs. Mary
Kenyon, Mrs. Martha Smith
Lemon, Mrs. Ione
Manning, Mrs. Dorothy
Prevost, Mrs. S. B.
Provost, Mrs. Mary P.
Reynolds, Mrs. F. C.
Schmidt, Mrs. H. J.
Scoby, Mrs. J. E.
Shultz, Mrs. Emma Wood
Simpson, Mrs. Elsie
Slauson, Mrs. W. H.
Southard, Mrs. Evaline
Stevenson, Mrs. Minerva
Stickles, Mrs. W. H.
Turner, Mrs. Margaret
Walmsley, Mrs. H. R. (Elizabeth)
Warner, Mrs. Gertrude
West, Mary W.
Woods, Mrs. Eugene
Young, Mrs. Francis L.

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