

From Registers - Association of Collegiate Alumnae 1890-1898

Western New York Branch

1890-91 - President, Mrs. Grace C. Simons
1891-92 Secretary, Miss Mary M. Wardwell
1892-93

From Report of the Annual Meeting, October 23-25, 1890:

"Four new Branches were then admitted to the Association--the Eastern New York Branch at Albany, the Western New York Branch at Buffalo, the Indiana Branch, and the Detroit Branch.... The General Association numbers over 1,100 members, 676 of whom are organized into these eleven Branches: Boston, 172; New York Cit 152; Chicago, 70; Philadelphia, 63; Pacific, 60; Detroit, 38; Minnesota, 36; Central New York, 30; Washington, 27; Indiana, 16; Western New York, 12. Business, literary, and social meetings, 52 in number, are reported by these organizations:Central and Western New York, four each. Another form of work done in the Branch Associations is that referred to committees, or done by the Branch as a committee of the whole. These report as follows;Co-operation with the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Buffalo. Other committees are seeking information for these local Circles: at Western New York, on Information in regard to Work carried on by the General Association."

Members from Buffalo:

Maude Austin, A.B. Smith, '84 -284 Delaware Ave., Buffalo
Mrs. Annie Bailey Bull, A.B. Vassar '80 -160 Franklin Street, Buffalo
Rose H. Cahill, Ph.B., Cornell '86 -378 Virginia St., Buffalo
Caroline B. Morse, A.B., Wellesley '84 -564 Franklin St., Buffalo
Mrs. Clara Morgan Olmstead, A.B. Vassar, '76 -179 Bryant St., Buffalo
Mrs. Lena Hill Severance, B.S., ~~Wellesley~~, '88 - 783 Seventh St., Buffalo
Mrs. Grace Churchyard Simons, B.L., Smith, '88 -186 Linwood Ave. Buffalo
Mrs. Louise Palmer Vincent, AB, Wellsley '86 - 455 Franklin St. Buffalo
Mary M. Wardwell, B.S., Cornell, '88 - 235 Hudson St., Buffalo
Electa P. Whipple, A.B., AM, Syracuse -'74, '77 - 491 Porter Ave. Buffalo

From Report of Annual Meeting, October 24, 1891:

"The General Association numbers over 1,300 members, nearly 800 of whom are organized into 12 branches: Western New York, 1! Business, literary, and social meetings, 53 in number are reported as follows:Western New York, one.

From Report of Annual Meeting, October 28, 1892:

"The General Association numbers over 1400 members, 975 of whom are organized into 13 branches: ..and Western New York, 15. These organizations report business, literary, and social meetings, 50 in number as follows: ...Western and Eastern New York, each 3; The Western New York Branch has established a home library after the model of the Boston home libraries.

1893-94 - President, Mrs. Harriet Ransom Milinowski
Secretary, Miss W. von C. Walbridge

From Report of Annual Meeting, July 20, 1893:

"There have been engaged in active work during the past year 16 branches, 3 of which have been admitted with the year. ...Western New York, 22 (members)
The long list of papers and addresses before the various branches should not be taken as an index of the whole work accomplished. While the papers have added much to the intellectual stimulus and enjoyment of the meetings, and the social factor has been an important element in various places--helping on the feeling of fellowship and of opportunity for more united effort--much good has been effected in other directions. Los Angeles, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Western New York, Eastern New York, Boston, by means of its Political Science Club, and Rhode Island have helped in the work of collecting statistics for the Committee on the Study of the Wage Question. In the Western New York Branch, the work of establishing home libraries in the poorer portions of the city of Buffalo has been continued with encouraging results. Two libraries are now in operation. Members of the Branch visit them regularly once a week, spending an hour or two with the children over the books, and in playing games. This Branch also serves as a bureau of information concerning women's colleges, endeavoring to increase the interest of girls in that vicinity in the higher education, and to furnish them with all necessary knowledge as to requirements for entrance, expenses, etc., at the various colleges.

1893-95 - President, Mrs. Harriet Ransom Milinowski
Secretary, Miss H. S. Poole

From Report of Annual Meeting, October 26, 1894:

"In Western New York the Branch has joined with enthusiasm in the movement to take the schools from the control of the political boss and to better their condition. The members visited schools, investigated methods of teaching, communicated with School Boards of other cities, and thus thoroughly informed themselves on the actual and ideal conditions of public schools. Two public meetings were held under the auspices of the branch, at which Mr. Felix Adler and Dr. Drape, President of Illinois State University, spoke on the "Municipal Reform in the Public Schools." During the session of the Constitutional Convention, a petition was sent to that body asking for a careful consideration of the bill "to separate politics from the management of the public school system."

1895-97 -Officers for Association of Collegiate Alumnae:
Mrs. Martha Sprague Mason, Boston University, was a Director from the Western New York Branch - She was also President of the branch and Miss Susan G. Fuller, was Secretary

From Report of Annual Meeting, October 25, 1895:

"In making a survey of the work of the branches, one cannot but be impressed with the increasing possibilities of their influence in the community. Scattered as they are throughout the country in 19 localities, they stand as so many organized forces, not only for establishing higher standards of education, but for making conditions for the making of good citizenship.

The work of the branches naturally divides itself into two kinds: the work of thought and the work of action. ... In the work of action, a very noticeable feature is the interest shown by three of the branches in the public schools. Western New York, Boston and Chicago have been carrying out the plan of studying the sanitary conditions of the school-houses, with no intention (as Miss Murdock, of Boston writes) of "sweeping all before them" (though sweeping is dear to their plan), nor of criticizing and instructing the school board and teachers.....Western New York Branch, which has been specially interested in this subject for 2 years, was requested to send representatives to the Citizens' Association of Buffalo, to take part in a discussion on educational reforms.

From the Financial Report of the Committee on Fellowships (1895)

Receipts * Western New York Branch - \$25

1897-98 -President-Miss Mary J. Dudley (also a Director for ACA)
Secretary -Miss Theodora M. Carrell

1898-99 - President, Miss Mary J. Dudley
1899-00 Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Hague Bartholomew

1900-01 - President, Miss Harriet S. Poole
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Margaret Broad

1901-03 - President, Miss Harriet S. Poole
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Agnes Mynter

1903-05 - President, Miss Harriet S. Poole
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Emily Hickman

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1909-11 - Regular meetings the second Tuesday October to May
President: Mrs. Lucien Howe
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edee M. Bartlett

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1905-07 - President, Miss L.W. Simpson
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Alice C. Williams

1906-07 - Branch Calendars - Mrs. L. W. Simpson, 63 Robie Ave. Buffalo

The meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at the rooms of the Studio Club, 391 Franklin Street. After the business meeting, tea is served, at which the branch will be happy to receive any visiting members of the ACA.

1908-09 -President, Mrs. Lucien Howe
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles H. Lamy

1907 -On a Chart Exhibited at Quarter-Centennial Meeting (illustrating the work of the various branches) Western New York Branch was shown as having \$2 dues, 85 members, and the following groups: Legislation, Membership, Program, and Lecture Course