THE BACONIAN CLUB OF IOWA CITY HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

At seven-thirty on the evening of November 20, 1885, a small group of men who were interested in Science met in the Chemical Laboratory of the State University of Iowa. They had assembled at the call of Dr. L. W. Andrews, at that time and for many years afterward Professor of Chemistry in the University. Dr. Andrews stated that the object which he had in mind in calling the meeting was the formation of a "Science Circle"; and with this announcement "the meeting proceeded to temporary organization by the election of Prof. Leonard as Chairman and E. L. Boerner

as Sec'y."¹ Then a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for a permanent organization. "After listening to an interesting informal lecture by Prof. Leonard on the probable course of the meteor, the meeting adjourned to 7 o'clock Saturday evening, Nov. 28th."²

The report by the committee on constitution and by-laws, which was made at the meeting on November 28th was referred back to the committee with instructions to make certain changes. At a meeting on the evening of December 11th, however, the constitution was unanimously adopted.³

Such, in brief, is the story of the organization of the Baconian Club of Iowa City. Professor N. R. Leonard was the first President of the Club, and Professor L. W. Andrews, to whom is due the credit for inaugurating the Club,

1 Baconian Club Record-Book, Vol. I, p. 3.

2 Baconian Club Record-Book, Vol. I, pp. 3, 4.

3 Baconian Club Record-Book, Vol. I, p. 7.

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was the first Secretary. The charter members were: N. R. Leonard, P. H. Philbrick, Samuel Calvin, T. H. Macbride, J. G. Gilchrist, L. W. Andrews, and Andrew A. Veblen⁴—all of whom were at the time professors in the State University of Iowa. Two of these charter members, Professor Macbride and Professor Calvin, have remained in the service of the University; and all but two, Professor Philbrick and Professor Gilchrist, are living at the present time. The Club thus organized has had a continuous and prosperous existence.

The passage of the years, however, has witnessed many changes in the character and membership of the Club. The largely attended meetings which are now held in an electriclighted, steam-heated room, are in striking contrast to the meetings held twenty-five years ago, when the Club was in its infancy. Then a few men, seldom more than twenty and often less than half that number, gathered in the Chemical Laboratory in old North Hall and sat in a circle around the stove, the members taking turn in replenishing the fire. The reader of the evening sat in the circle with the other members, and there was an almost total lack of formality, the meeting assuming the nature of a friendly conference rather than having a set form of procedure. Indeed the meeting was often without a formal paper. At each meeting a subject for discussion the following week was chosen by mutual consent and assigned to some member by the President. Frequently no paper was prepared, the member to whom the subject was assigned simply opening the discussion by speaking in an informal manner with or without notes. The discussion of topics was free and often animated, since the object of the Club was to give the members the benefit of each other's ideas. The

4 Constitution of the Baconian Club (Edition of 1891), p. 8.



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meetings were in no sense open to the public, and no record of the discussions was kept. Consequently the members were under no restraint in the expression of their views, but stated their beliefs freely and fully whether they met with the approval of other members or not. Besides the discussion of regularly assigned subjects, the policy was early established of permitting voluntary reports on any topic of interest to the Club — a custom which has been adhered to down to the present time.

The Constitution provides for three classes of members: ex officio members; full members, or "those engaged in active scientific work"; and associate members, or "those interested in scientific work". The President of the University is a member ex officio.⁵ The actual working of this provision has had these results: full members have been persons on the faculty of the State University of Iowa; while the associates have been instructors in the University, fellows, scholars, or graduate students pursuing researches in scientific subjects. In the beginning, as has been suggested, no publicity was given to the meetings of the Club. Occasionally a few guests were invited to be present, and later guests were permitted to participate in the discussions, but the tendency was to restrict the attendance to members and those vitally interested. In February, 1889, a standing resolution was adopted providing that "only full and associate members and those personally invited by members" should be admitted to the meetings of the Club, and that invitations might be issued "for any specified evening or for the whole or any portion of the club year".6 This resolution, how-

⁵ Constitution of the Baconian Club (Edition of 1900), p. 3.

In the Constitution as originally adopted there was no provision for ex officio members.

⁶ Baconian Club Record-Book, Vol. I, p. 199.



ever, has not always been followed, and in fact at present a general invitation is given to the public to attend the meetings of the Club, and accounts of the papers and discussions often appear in the University publications or in the city newspapers.

The papers read before the Club have covered a broad range of subjects, as will be revealed by a reading of the list which is published herewith. The papers as a rule have been prepared with care and with only a few exceptions have been presented by the members themselves, little effort having been made to secure addresses by scientists of reputation from outside the University. Thus individual effort on the part of members of the Club has been encouraged and a spirit of mutual helpfulness has prevailed.

From the time the Constitution of the Club was adopted and signed in 1885 the number of members has increased until at present there are nearly fifty full members. In the meantime many have come and gone, and hence the membership has varied from year to year both in numbers and in personnel. Besides those already mentioned as charter members the following professors, still serving on the faculty of the State University of Iowa, were elected to full membership in the Club during the first five years of its existence: Laenas G. Weld, Charles C. Nutting, Elbert W. Rockwood, George T. W. Patrick, and Bohumil Shimek. The records of the Baconian Club are unusually complete. The Secretary's Record-Books from the very beginning are still in existence, and in these books may be found the minutes of all the meetings, together with lists of officers and members. The purpose of the founders, the character of the meetings, the persons in attendance, and the topics which from year to year were of interest in the world of science are revealed in the pages of these Record-Books,



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and hence in them may be found the best history of the Baconian Club.

The Baconian Club was the first organization of its kind in the University. During the early years, although the chief object of the Club was to discuss subjects in the natural and physical sciences, the membership included men from the faculties of all the colleges and departments in the University. But as the University grew the need of similar clubs in the various departments began to be felt. And so, as time went on members of the Baconian Club who were not primarily interested in the natural and physical sciences withdrew and formed the Political Science Club, the Philosophical Club, the Humanist Society, and other similar organizations, modelled after the Baconian Club which was the parent society. The result is that at the present time the membership of the Baconian Club is confined almost entirely to persons actively engaged in teaching or research work in the natural and physical sciences.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I-NAME AND OBJECT

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the Baconian Club of Iowa City.

SECTION 2. Its object shall be, the mutual interchange of thought, and the discussion of such scientific topics as possess a general interest.

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership shall be of three classes, viz., ex-officio, full, and associate. The President of the University shall be a member, ex-officio.

[Revised April 15, 1898.]

SECTION 2. Members shall be those engaged in active scientific work.



SECTION 3. Associates shall be those interested in scientific work.

SECTION 4. Members and associates shall be elected by ballot of the members of the club, the names having been proposed at least one week previously. Three black balls shall cause the rejection of the candidate. In case of rejection a second ballot may be had, at a subsequent stated meeting. A second rejection shall render the candidate ineligible for the remainder of the club year.

[Amended October 25, 1889, by adding:]

SECTION 5. No person not a resident of Iowa City shall be a member of the club. Members who remove their residence permanently, or members who though residents of the city have not been in attendance on the meetings of the club for one year, shall thereby cease to be members, but may, by vote of the club, be carried on the rolls as associate

members.

SECTION 6. A member who refuses to give a paper during any one year, or who fails to read a paper during any two consecutive years, unless such failure is due to illness or unavoidable absence from the city, shall have his name dropped from the roll of the club. In case the membership is too large to allow an assignment of topic during the year, one or more voluntary reports may be accepted as a substitute.

[Adopted April 15, 1898.]

SECTION 7. An associate who removes his residence permanently from the city shall thereby cease his membership in the club, provided, always, that any associate may continue his relations with the club by presenting, either personally or by written communication, at least one voluntary report each year. By a two-thirds vote of the club, any name may be retained permanently on the roll of associates.

[Adopted April 15, 1898.]



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ARTICLE III-OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the club shall be a President and a Secretary.

SECTION 2. The President shall be elected at the first meeting in September, of each year, from among the members, by a majority vote of all members present. He shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until his successor is elected. He shall perform the duties usually appertaining to the office of President. In his absence his place shall be taken by a Chairman elected by the members present.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall be elected at the same time, and in the same manner as is prescribed for the election of the President, and his term of office shall be the same. He shall perform the duties usually devolving upon a Secretary. Should he be absent from any meeting, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be elected.

ARTICLE IV-DUES AND FEES

There shall be no dues nor fees. Any expenses incurred by vote of the club, shall be met by a pro rata assessment, previously made, on all the members.

ARTICLE V-MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The meetings shall be Annual, Regular, and Special.

SECTION 2. The Annual Meeting shall be in the last week in September. At this meeting the Order of Business shall be:

1. Report of President.

- 2. Report of Secretary.
- 3. Report of Committees.
- 4. Election of Officers.

SECTION 3. The Regular Meetings shall be held once a



week, from the last week in September to the last week in April, on such day, at such hour, and in such place as the club may from time to time direct. The Order of Business at these meetings shall be as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 4. Special Meetings may be held at any time, by vote of the club, on call of the President, or at the request of three members. At such meetings no other business than that for which the meeting has been called shall be transacted.

ARTICLE VI-ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

- Reading of Minutes. 1.
- Reading of Essay. 2.
- Colloquium. 3.
- Discussion 4.

- Voluntary Reports. 5.
- Assignment of Topic. 6.
- Miscellaneous Business. 7.
- Adjournment. 8.

ARTICLE VII-ESSAYS AND ESSAYISTS

SECTION 1. The appointed essayist, at each regular meeting, shall furnish the Secretary with an abstract of the paper, to be entered in the minutes.

SECTION 2. The essay shall remain the property of the writer, unless it shall be published in full by the club, with the consent of the author, in which case the copyright shall remain with the club.

ARTICLE VIII-BY-LAWS

The club may adopt Standing Resolutions, at any meeting, as circumstances may require, by a majority vote of all the members present. Such Standing Resolutions shall be re-



corded, and have all the authority of By-Laws until repealed.

ARTICLE IX-AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote of all the members, written notice of the proposed amendment having been given at least one week previously. Absent members may vote by proxy on questions of amendment.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB 1885-1910

For the Year 1885-1886—President, N. R. Leonard; Secretary, L. W. Andrews and A. A. Veblen.

- For the Year 1886-1887—President, Samuel Calvin; Secretary, A. A. Veblen.
- For the Year 1887-1888—President, Samuel Calvin; Secretary, A. A. Veblen.

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For the Year 1888-1889—President, L. W. Andrews; Secretary, A. A. Veblen.

For the Year 1889-1890—President, A. A. Veblen; Secretary, C. C. Nutting.

For the Year 1890-1891—President, T. H. Macbride; Secretary, C. C. Nutting.

For the Year 1891-1892—President, J. G. Gilchrist; Secretary, L. G. Weld.

For the Year 1892-1893—President, C. C. Nutting; Secretary, A. L. Arner.

For the Year 1893-1894—President, L. G. Weld; Secretary, W. E. Barlow.

For the Year 1894-1895—President, G. T. W. Patrick; Secretary, A. G. Smith and Frank Russell.

For the Year 1895-1896—President, A. L. Arner; Secretary, A. G. Smith.

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For the Year 1896-1897-President, E. W. Rockwood; Secretary, A. G. Smith.

For the Year 1897-1898—President, A. G. Smith; Secretary, G. L. Houser.

For the Year 1898-1899-President, W. L. Bierring; Secretary, G. L. Houser.

For the Year 1899-1900-President, B. Shimek; Secretary, W. E. Barlow.

For the Year 1900-1901—President, Samuel Calvin; Secretary, C. E. Seashore.

For the Year 1901-1902-President, A. V. Sims; Secretary, C. E. Seashore.

For the Year 1902-1903-President, C. E. Seashore; Secretary, C. L. Von Ende.

For the Year 1903-1904-President, W. J. Teeters; Secretary, C. L. Von Ende.

- For the Year 1904-1905-President, A. A. Veblen; Secretary, J. J. Lambert.
- For the Year 1905-1906-President, G. L. Houser; Secretary, C. L. Bryden.
- For the Year 1906-1907-President, Karl E. Guthe; Secretary, F. A. Stromsten.
- For the Year 1907-1908-President, W. G. Raymond; Secretary, A. G. Worthing.
- For the Year 1908-1909-President, R. B. Wylie; Secretary, P. S. Biegler.
- For the Year 1909-1910-President, G. F. Kay; Secretary, S. M. Woodward.

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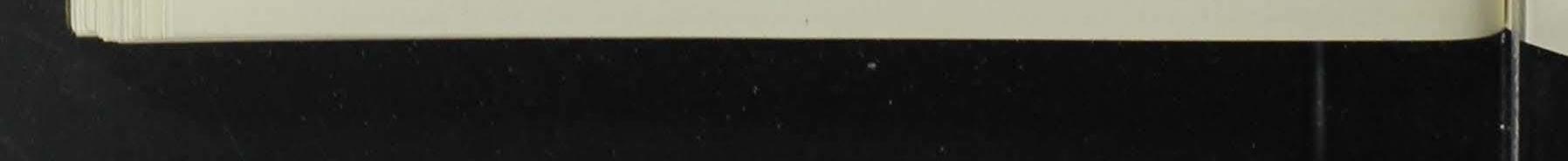
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