

ELECTION OF GROUP COMMITTEE

Resolved that the Group Committee consist of six members, three to be appointed from each Section.

The following members were elected:-

LITERARY

Mr. J.G. Legge,
Mr. G.C. Field,
Miss Trenery,

DRAMATIC.

Mr. F. Wilkinson,
Miss Peeree,
Dr. W.A. Letnan,

REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved that one representative from each Section be placed on the Executive Committee.

The following were elected.

LITERARY.

Mr. G. C. Field,

DRAMATIC.

Mrs. A. D. Field.

ELECTION OF PLAY SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Resolved that three members - two of whom should be members of the Literary Section, and one of the Dramatic Section - should be elected for the purpose of selecting the plays to be produced by the Club.

The following were elected:-

Mr. J.G. Legge,
Mr. Butler,
Mrs. A.D. Field.

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MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF LITERARY & DRAMATIC GROUP

HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th MAY, ¹⁹²³ IN THE MUSIC ROOM at 5.30.

P.R.E.S.E.N.T.

Mr. L. B. Budden,
Mr. Butler,
Miss Collie,
Mr. G.C. Field,
Mrs. W.A. Letham,
Miss Pierce,

Prof. P. Abercrombie,
Mr. Bruce Boswell,
Mrs. A.D. Field,
Mr. J.G. Legge,
Mrs. N. Martin Jones,
Mr. F. Wilkinson

and
Mr. W.H. Rawdon-Smith.

CHAIRMAN.

Mr. G.C. Field was moved to the Chair.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Secretary read a list of members as follows:-

SECTION "A"

Miss Collie
Miss Trenery
Mr. J. G. Legge,
Mr. G.C. Field,
Mr. L. B. Budden, x
Mr. Bruce Boswell,
Mr. Butler,
Prof. P. Abercrombie x

SECTION "B"

Mr. G. W. Harris x
Mr. F. Wilkinson,
Miss Pierce,
Mrs. W.A. Letham,
Dr. W. A. Letham,
Mrs. N. Martin Jones,
Miss I. Bantoft,
Mrs. H. Atkinson, x
Mrs. A.D. Field.

Those members marked with x are not entitled to vote as being voting members of other Groups.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The Secretary read applications for membership from the following:-

LITERARY

Mr. J.A.Waring,
Mr. T.H. Barlow.

DRAMATIC.

Mr. H.W.R. Bennette,
Mr. W. R. James,
Mrs Mr. E.M.P.Orton,
Miss L.J. Barker,
Mrs. G.D. Hughes.

The following were elected:-

Mr. H.W.R. Bennette,
Mrs Mr. E.M.P. Orton.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

It was resolved that future members of the Group be elected by the Group Committee, which Committee be empowered to invite members to join the Group.

PLAY SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Resolved that the Play Selection Committee shall report to the Group Committee, who shall appoint a Producer who becomes a member of the Group Committee for the purpose of dealing with that play. The Group Committee shall cast the plays.

Members of the Club who are not members of the Group, may take part in the plays.

REPRESENTATION ON ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE.

Resolved that the Group Committee be requested to apply for representation on the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

PRODUCTION OF PLAYS.

Resolved that the Group shall produce at
least two Dramatic performances each season.

W. T. H. H.

next ;

Minutes of the Second Meeting of Literary
& Dramatic Group held on Friday July 6th
1923 in the Music Room at 5.30.

Present

Mr. G. C. Field : Miss Treney : Mr. F.
Willinson

Mr. G. C. Field was in the Chair & Mr.
Willinson was appointed to act as Secretary
pro tem in the absence of Miss Pierce

The minutes of the last meeting were
read & confirmed.

The following were elected members
as follows

Literary Section

Mr. T. H. Barlow Prop. by Mr. Field Sec. by Miss Treney
Mr. J. A. Waring " " " " " "
Dr. P. Rebova " " " " " "

Dramatic.

~~Miss E. Coghill~~

Miss E. Anderson Prop. by Mr. Wilkison Sec. by Miss Treney

Miss J. Barker " " " " " " Mr. Field.

The following applications for membership
were deferred ~~Miss E. Coghill~~ & ~~Miss G.~~^{Miss}
Deer Hughes.

It was next decided that the group should
produce "The Insect Play" sometime in ~~December~~^{Nov.}
& that the Entertainment Committee be approached
to this effect and to settle date.

Mr. F. Wilkison was appointed Producer

Mr. F. Wilkison was also deputed to enquire
of the Entertainment Committee as to date
for group meetings which could be thrown open to
the Club.

Decided that the group undertake the
re-publication "The Bulletin" & Mr. Williams was
deputed to approach Mr W.S. McLean with
a view to his meeting the group Committee
as a prospective editor

by C Field

Minutes of The Third Meeting of The
Literary & Dramatic Group held on Thursday,
September 20th 1923 in the Music Room at 5.30.

Present.

Mr B.C. Field. Dr W.A. Lethem

Mr F. Wilkinson Miss Purce.

Chairman.

Mr B.C. Field was in the Chair.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read & confirmed.

Date of Production.

It was decided that the 'Insect Play'
be produced on the dates suggested
by the Entertainment Committee. Nov 8 & 19th.

It was proposed by Mr B.C. Field & seconded
by Dr Lethem that Mrs Field should be
thanked for her help in obtaining

Mr. Playfair's consent to the production of
the play that she should be asked to
join the group.

Honorary members.

It was proposed by Mr. B. D. Field
& seconded by Mr. J. Wilkinson that the
Literary & Dramatic group should send a
recommendation to the Executive that
Mr. Walter de la Mare & Mr. St. John Ervine
be given the freedom of the club while
they are in Liverpool.

Sandon Bulletin.

Mr. Field was deputed to approach
Mr. Rawlin's with a view to his
undertaking the editorship of the Sandon Bulletin.

Play Reading.

Resolved that a meeting of the Dramatic
Group be called for the purpose of trying
& casting parts for the Insect Play.

yl. Full.

1923

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the
Literary & Dramatic Group held on
Monday, Nov 19th in the Music Room at 5.30

Present

Mr G. C. Field

Dr W. A. Lethem

Mr J. G. Legge

Mr J. Wilkinson

Miss Pierce
Chairman

Mr Field was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Applications for Membership

Applications for membership, ^{to the Dramatic Group} were received from the following:-

Miss Maud Isaac

Mr J. H. Melly

Mr Carl Thomson

Mr Rudyard Russell

Miss D. N. Bakeris. (Resigned)

The following were elected:-

Miss Maud Isaac

Mr J. H. Melly

Mr Carl Thomson

→ Mr Rudyard Russell

Miss Gullar's Lecture

It was proposed by Mr Wilkinson
+ seconded by Mr Legge that
Miss Gullar should be asked
to lecture at the Club, early in
January, on The Speaking of Verse.

The Sardon Bulletin.

It was proposed by Mr Legge
+ seconded by Mr Wilkinson that a
recommendation be sent to the
Executive Committee that Mrs Field
be asked to co-operate with
Mr Rawlin in the editing of the
Sardon Bulletin.

Wardrobe trustees.

It was proposed by Mr Wilkinson
+ seconded by Dr Letten that
Mrs Anderson be appointed
Wardrobe trustees.

Press. Cutting Book.

It was resolved that a book should be bought to contain the press notices photographs et. of the various dramatic performances produced by the group.

J. C. Field.

1924

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the
Literary & Dramatic Group held on
Wednesday, January 16th at 1 o'clock

Present

Mr S. C. Field Dr W. A. Lettlem
Mr J. S. Legge. Mr J. Wilkinson.
Miss Pierce

Chairman

Mr Field was in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed

Applications for membership.

Applications for membership were received from

Mr & Mrs Rea.

Mr R. S. Davis.

Mr Rea was elected to the Dramatic Section & Mrs Rea & Mr Davis to the Literary Section.

Miss Gillars Lecture.

Friday, February 29th was chosen as the date for Miss Gillars lecture.

Sandon Bulletin.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr Rawdon Smith saying that Mrs Field had been asked to co-operate with Mr Rawdon in the editing of the Sandon Bulletin.

Wardrobe Mistress.

The Secretary reported that Mrs Anderson had accepted the position of wardrobe mistress.

Affiliation to Drama League

It was proposed by Miss Pierce
seconded by Mr Field that we
become affiliated to the British
Drama League.

March 6^a, 7^a Production chosen as dates
for the next production but the
play was not decided upon.

Liverpool Union of Boys' Clubs

Dr Latham read a letter from the
Secretary of the Liverpool Union
of Boys' Clubs asking for assistance
in connection with the dramatic
work of the Club. Miss Pierce was
instructed to obtain further particulars.

by C Field
Jan 30th 1924

1924

Minutes of the Sixth meeting of
the Literary & Dramatic Group held
on Wednesday, January 30th at 1.0. clock

Present.

Mr Field.

Mr Legge.

Dr Lettlem.

Miss Treney.

Mr Thomson.

Mrs Pea.

Miss Pierce.

Chairman.

Mr Field was in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Applications for membership.

Applications for membership were received from

Miss Kitty Russell.

Mr Morrissey.

They were both elected to the Dramatic Group.

Drama League.

The Secretary reported that the Group is now affiliated to the British Drama League.

Liverpool Union of Boys' Clubs.

Russ Pierce reported that the Secretary of the Liverpool Union of Boys' Clubs invites us to select plays, to judge them & if possible to produce them. Russ Pierce was instructed to inform them that we would select plays & judge but could not promise definitely to find producers.

Production.

It was decided to produce Eugene O'Neill's "Where the Cross is Made".

Chekov's "The Proposal." & Twain's
"The Merry Death." in March.

It was proposed by Mr Field
& seconded by Mrs Pierce that
Mr Carl Thomson be asked to
produce "The Merry Death."

It was proposed by Mr Legge
& seconded by Dr Lettman that
Mrs Field be asked to produce
"The Proposal."

It was proposed by Mr Field
& seconded by Mrs Pierce that
Mrs Bea be asked to produce
"Where the Cross is Made."

1924

Minutes of The Seventh meeting of the
Literary & Dramatic Group held on
Friday, February 22nd at 5:30. p.m.

Present.

Mrs Atkinson.

Mrs Field.

Mrs Isaac.

Mrs Collie.

Mrs Urton.

Mrs Rea.

Mrs Pierce.

Mr Budden.

Mr Carl Thomson.

Mr Bruce Boxwell.

Mr Rea.

Mr Field.

Chairman.

Mr Field was in the Chair & gave a brief report of the year's work of the Group.

Future Productions.

Mrs Field suggested that the two dramatic shows given by the Group should be considered as a definite season; that plays, producers,

scenic designers, possibly actors, should be chosen, provisionally, in advance; that by the end of May the two productions should be settled by the Committee & the chief people concerned given due warning & in October the cast should be submitted to the Committee & all the necessary arrangements made. Mrs Field also suggested that the Group should produce one new play each season & should, if possible, arrange fortnightly play-readings during the summer.

Summer Production.

Mr Thomson proposed that a Restoration play should be performed in the Court-yard during the summer.

Grant from Executive.

It was proposed by Mr Budden

seconded by Miss Collie that the Executive Committee be asked for a grant to enable the group to obtain books for play-readings etc.

Sandon Broadstreet.

Miss Field proposed & Mr Thomson seconded the resolution that a Club magazine, (should be published annually) in place of the present Sandon Broadstreet, should be published annually, ^{in December} under the direction of the group.

Election of Committee.

It was proposed by Miss Collie & seconded by Mr Budden that the present Committee be re-elected.

Executive Committee.

It was proposed by Miss Pierce & seconded by Mr Paunce Boswell that

Mr Field be re-elected as representative
on the Executive Committee.

It was proposed by Mr Budden
seconded by Mr Thomson that
Mr Bruce Boswell be elected as the
Literary representative ^{on} the Executive,
Mr Field having resigned from the
Executive, also that representatives
Mr of the Group on the Executive
be asked to attend Committee
meetings of the Group.

h C Field

14th Feb 1926

1924

Minutes of The Eighth Meeting
of the Literary & Dramatic Group held
on Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30.

Present.

Mrs Field. Mrs Pierce.
Mr Wilkinson. Mr Legge.

Mr Field.

Mr Field was in the Chair.

Annual Magazine.

The Secretary reported that permission had been granted to publish an annual magazine, provided that an estimate of the cost be previously submitted to the Executive.

It was resolved that Prof. Boswell be asked to write a critique of

"The Proposal" & "The Merry Death" for
publication in Drama.

It was proposed by an Field and
seconded by Mrs Field that Mr MacCunn
be asked to join the group.

Play readings.

It was decided to have five
fortnightly play readings during
the summer. The Secretary was
instructed to apply to the Executive
for permission to use the Club on
Sundays.

J. V. Full.

July 12th 1924.

1924

Minutes of the Ninth meeting of the
Literary & Dramatic Group held on
Monday, May 12^a at 8.0 clock.

Present:

Mrs Field. Miss Pierce.
Mr Wilkinson. Prof. Field.

Prof. Field was in the Chair.

Sunday Play-readings.

The Secretary reported that the Club may not be used on Sundays for play-readings.

It was resolved that Miss Chapman be asked to join the Group & to send a short account of the play-readings to 'Drama'.

Grant from Executive.

The Secretary reported the grant of £1. yearly from the Executive for play- readings.

Autumn Production.

It was decided to produce Goldoni's "Mirandolina" in November.

Application for membership.

An application for membership was received from Mrs Marshall. She was elected to The Dramatic Group by L. Field.

1924

Minutes of the Tenth meeting of
the Literary & Dramatic Group held
on Thursday, June 5th at 7.15.

Present.

Mrs Field.

Mrs Pierce.

Mr Wilkinson.

Mr Legge.

Professor Field

Prof. Field was in the Chair.

Resignation.

A letter of resignation was received from Mrs Trenery. Mrs Bernard Davis was elected to the Literary Group in her place.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs Chapman thanking the Committee

for inviting her to join the group
reexpressing her willingness to
do so. Miss Chapman undertook to send
a short account of the day's readings to
Drama.

Drama League Conference.

Mr Carl Thomson suggested
that, during the Drama League
Conference, the delegates be
offered the freedom of the Club
& the use of Club rooms for
such purposes as they may
desire. The Secretary was
instructed to send a recommend-
ation to this effect to the Executive.

Mr Thomson suggested that
a play should be produced
during the Conference & that it
should be played for not less
than three nights.

This was carried.

It was decided to produce a poetic drama in place of *Ourandolina*.

Mr Wilkinson was asked to produce & decided upon 'The Only Jealousy of Emer,' by Yeats, to be followed by another play which was not decided upon.

The Unnamed Society.

Mr Thomson suggested that the Un-named Society of Manchester be asked to perform at the Club during the Autumn.

This was carried.

Mr Thomson also suggested that, during the Drama League Conference, a play or plays should be produced that have not been played in England.

This suggestion was rejected.

J. C. Field.



1924

Minutes of the Eleventh meeting of
the Literary & Dramatic Group held on
Thursday, July 3rd at 12.30.

Present.

Mrs. Auld.

Miss Pierce.

Prof. Auld.

Prof. Auld was in the Chair.

Dramatic Library.

The Secretary reported that a gift
of nineteen volumes of plays, dated
1777, had been presented to the
Dramatic Group by Mrs MacCunn.

The Secretary was instructed to
write thanking Mrs MacCunn for
her gift.

Librarian.

Mrs MacCunn was asked to be

Librarian to the Dramatic group
accepted on condition that a
lock-up bookcase was provided.

The Secretary was instructed
to apply to the Executive for a
book-case to ask if it might
stand in the office.

Drama League Conference.

A letter was received from the
Secretary of the Drama League stating
that two delegates from each
of the three hundred & sixty
affiliated societies had been
invited to the Conference, but it
was impossible to form an estimate
of how many would attend.

Dr Lethem stated that the
Executive had decided to invite
the delegates to the Club during
the Conference.

The Fantasticks.

Mr Carl Thomson suggested that Miss Chapman be asked to give a performance of 'The Fantasticks' at the Club in the Autumn. The Secretary was instructed to refer the matter to the Executive.

Autumn Production

It was decided to follow 'The Ugly Jealousy of Eros' by scenes from 'Lilium' produced by Mr Carl Thomson.

Scenic Designs.

Mr Wilkinson reported that Mr Carter Preston had promised to do the scenic designs for 'The Ugly Jealousy of Eros'.

Spring Production.

It was decided to ask Mrs Marshall to produce Miss Field's translation of 'The Witch' in the Spring.

1924

Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the
Literary Dramatic Group held on
Friday, July 18.^a at 12:30.

Present.

Mrs. Field.

Miss Pierce.

Dr. Lettner.

Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. Field.

Mr. Field was in the chair.

Business Production.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Ellis of the 'Partnership Players' had refused to allow 'Lilium' to be produced in the provinces as he contemplated producing it in town in the near future. It was decided to try to obtain permission through another source if that failed, to ask Mrs. Marshall

1924

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Literary Dramatic Group held on
Friday, July 18.^a at 12.30.

Present.

Mrs. Field.

Miss Pierce.

Dr. Lettens.

Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. Field.

Mr. Field was in the chair.

Business Production.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Ellis of the 'Partnership Players' had refused to allow 'Lilium' to be produced in the provinces as he contemplated producing it in town in the near future. It was decided to try to obtain permission through another source if that failed, to ask Mrs. Marshall

to produce 'The Witch' in October
in place of 'Lilith'.

'The Only Jealousy of Eve'

Mr Wilkinson submitted his
proposed cast for 'The Only
Jealousy of Eve' to the Committee
and it was approved.

J C Field.

1924

Minutes of the Thirteenth meeting of
the Literary Dramatic Group held
on Monday, Sept 22nd at 10 o'clock.

Present.

Miss Pierce. Mr Legge.

Mr Kennard Davis. Mr Auld.

Mr Auld in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Applications for membership.

Applications for membership were
received from

Miss Rosita Weston.

Mr Mansfield.

Miss Weston was elected.

Autumn Production.

It was decided to produce Molière's
"George Dandin" in Act. with Mr Carl
Thomson as producer.

It was suggested that Dr. [unclear]

"The Storm" should be played as
a curtain-raiser with Miss Pierce
as producer, as Mr. Wikinson was
unable to produce. The Club, Jealousy of Love,
Unnamed Society.

It was decided to ask The
Unnamed Society to play at
the Club in the Spring.

Resignation.

A letter of resignation was
received from Dr. Latham. It was
regretfully accepted.

Drama League Conference.

A letter was received from
the Drama League inviting two
delegates to the Conference in
October.

Mrs. Field & Mr. Legge were
proposed as delegates.

David Lewis.

An invitation to a Conference was received from the Secretary of the David Lewis Club. It was decided to ask Mrs. Auld to attend.

Grants.

Letters were received from Dr. Lettlem stating that £.30 had been voted by the Executive towards the expenses of the production on Oct 23rd & 24th; that a grant of £5 a year had been voted to cover the cost of play-readings & the annual subscription to the Drama League; & that a bookcase would be provided for the dramatic library.

by C. Field.

1924

Minutes of the fourteenth meeting
of the Literary & Dramatic Group held
on Thursday, Oct 16th at 10 o'clock

Present

Miss Field.

Miss Pierce.

Mr Legge.

Mr Field.

Mr Field in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Applications for membership.

Applications for membership were
received from

Miss Coleman. (L)

Miss Mc Gowen. (D)


Miss Mansfield. (D)

Mr Webster. (D)

Miss Mc Gowen, Miss Mansfield & Mr Webster
were elected (Subject to the approval of the Executive)

Properties.

It was proposed by Miss Pierce
& seconded by Mr Legge that no



properties belonging to the Dramatic
Group may be borrowed without the
permission of the wardrobe mistress,
Mrs Anderson. Borrowed properties
must be returned in good condition
or they must be replaced. Application
must be made in writing.

glt ill.

Oct 29th 1924

1924

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of
the Literary & Dramatic Group Committee
held on Wednesday, Oct 29th at 10 o'clock

Present.

Tom Field.

Miss Pierce.

Mr Legge.

Mr Field.

Tom Field in the Chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Dramatic Guild.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Dramatic Guild enclosing forms dealing with

a) Library Catalogue.

b) Costumes & Properties Catalogue.

It was resolved that the books belonging to the Dramatic Library should not be lent, but that books belonging to individual members of the group should be lent. Also that properties should

be let out on hire & that costumes,
that are no longer required,
should be sold outright & not
lent.

Unnamed Society.

A letter was received from the
Secretary of the Unnamed Society of
Manchester stating that they
would give a performance of
'Phoenice' at the Club on
Friday, Jan 30th.

Cabaret. Spring Production.

It was resolved to call a
group meeting to consider
suggestions for the Cabaret & the
Spring production.

by C Field

Dec 4th 1926

Minutes of the Sixteenth meeting of the Literary & Dramatic Group Committee, held on Thursday, Dec 4 at 1.15 p.m.

Present Mr Field, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Field (with chair)

Dramatic Guild

It was decided that the group should join the Dramatic Guild & pay a subscription of 5/- a year.

Spring Production

It was decided that Mr D. L. Webster should be asked to produce The Lady of Belmont by St John Ervine, or Masses & Man by Ernst Toller on March 12th & 13th 1925.

Committee members

It was announced that Professor Boswell & Mr Kenneth Davis had asked to be allowed to resign from the Group Committee. Their resignations were accepted & the following were suggested as possible candidates for election: Mr James Jones, Miss

Mr. Isaac, & Mr D. L. Webster.

A. D. Field.

17.12.24.

[FOR REFERENCE ONLY].

Minutes of the Sixteenth meeting of the Literary & Dramatic Group, held on Wednesday, Dec: 17th at 8.30

Present. Professor Abercrombie, Mr Legge, Mr Webster, Miss Peice, Mrs H. Wilkinson, Mr Johnson, Mrs Field, Mr Melley, Mr MacCunn & Mr Field in the chair

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The chairman reported that the main business of the evening was the election of the Committee for 1925. After some discussion it was resolved to send the original resolutions to the effect (a) that the members should be appointed from the literary & those from the dramatic group, (b) that voting members of other groups should be "debarred" from exercising a vote on the Dramatic Committee.

The following were proposed as committee

Mr Field voted from the chair that the Committee should
have power to choose a secretary from the Group
to opt him or her onto the Committee. Professor
Bercowicz seconded this motion, which was
carried.

members. Mr Thomson, Miss Peice, Mr Webster,
Mr Field, Mrs Heywood Kelly, Mr MacLean.
As Mr Field said he would not be able
to find time between Committee meetings,
Mr Field was proposed in his stead.
No other suggestions being made, the names
proposed were adopted.

* It was proposed & carried that
Mrs Field & Mr Webster should represent
the Group on the Executive Committee.

Practical Sub-section

The chairman reported that question had
arisen as to the advisability of forming a
sub-section to include people whose
interest in dramatic work was definitely
practical. He personally did not consider
this necessary, as the original terms of
inclusion of dramatic members had been
"those who has taken an active responsible
part in a London production." He suggested

that this should be allowed to extend to such people as had already proved their value to the Group as demonstrators, relay managers etc. It was ^{agreed} ~~carried~~ that no resolution was needed.

Other Business

Mr Field asked for offers of hospitality for 7 members of the Unwound Society of Manchester on January 30th. Mr Wilkison, Professor Abercrombie, Mr Skouson, & Mr Webster, all agreed to put up one person each if asked to do so.

The dramatic Guild of Liverpool was brought before the notice of members of the Group. Though yet in its infancy, it seemed likely that the Guild might develop into a useful important organization.

There being no further business, the meeting was dissolved, & a Committee meeting of the new members was called.

W. H. C. R. C.
Chairman

Minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting of the
Committee of the Literary & Dramatic Group,
held on Wednesday, Dec: 17th at 6.0. p.m.

Present. Mr Webster, Mr MacCunn, Miss Pierce,
Mr Thomson & Mrs Field.

Mr MacCunn proposed & Mr Webster seconded that
Mrs Field be asked to sign the minutes of the
previous meeting.

after some discussion it was agreed that
Mrs Field should act as secretary & that
Mr Webster & Mr Thomson should help
her if occasion arose.

Mr Thomson proposed that Mr MacCunn should
act as chairman of the Committee. No other
suggestion was made, & this proposal was adopted.

Mr MacCunn from the Chair asked
Mr Webster if he had considered the Committee's
invitation to produce the Spring performance.

Mr Webster replied that he had
given considerable thought to the matter

but did not feel he could give the time over.

The question of plays to be produced was again considered & the following plays were suggested.

The Lady of Belmont St John Ervine
Masses & Man. Jolter

The Book of Job Translated from the Polish by Conrad

The Who Kto Slapped Andersen.

The Man with a load of Mischiefs. Ashley, Dukes.

The Secretary was asked to get a copy of the Man with a load of Mischiefs & circulate it to those members who had not read it as the general feeling of the Committee was very much in favour of it.

Adm. ^{Conrad}
Chairman

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Committee of the Literary & Dramatic Group, held on Saturday Jan 10th 1925.

Present. Miss Melly, Miss Peice, Mr MacCunn, Mr Webster, Mr Johnson & Mrs Field.

It being agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting

should be taken as usual, the question of the production of the 'Man with the Load of Mischief' was discussed. It was, from a letter received from Mr. Ashby, Duke, there appeared to be considerable difficulty in the way of getting the rights, & the general feeling of the Committee was that it was too difficult. It was decided the play should not be produced. The Unweaned Society.

It was agreed that the Entertainments Office should be advised to charge 2/6 & 3/6 for members visitors tickets respectively for the performance of the 30th Jan.

Hospitality.

Mrs. Heywood Kelley offered hospitality for the Unweaned Society, in addition to the offers already received.

Spring Production.

Mr. MacCann, Mrs. Kelley, Miss Anderson were suggested as possible producers for a Triple Bill, the play suggested being

Erremoff's 'Hearts of the Soul', a short new
Knausches, & Sladen's 'Smiles' & 'Smiles & Stylites'.

Ruling on loss of Drama League Books. //

was agreed that members who should lose League
Books should be asked to pay for them:

Sale of Clothes

An offer of 10/- for the red dress made for "Leas" wife
by Mrs Anderson was refused. The secretary
was asked to forward a request to the Executive
that a hamper or cupboard under lock &
key should be provided for the wardrobe.

Election of Members.

Mrs Miller & Mrs Berille Wilkinson were unanimously
adopted as Group members & it was unanimously
carried that Mr R. H. Case be proposed by the
Group as a member for election by the Executive

Club Elections

Mr Johnson suggested & other members agreed
that the Entertainment Club be asked to ask
Mr Agate to elect to the Club before the Summer
When
Chairman

Minutes of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Committee of the Drama
Dramatic Group, held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1925 at 8:30 p.m.

Present, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. MacLean, Mr. Webster, Mr. Thomson.

Mrs. Field. An apology for absence was received from Mrs. Kelly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

On matters arising out of minutes the secretary reported that the Executive (a) had agreed to provide a lamp or clipboard with lock, if the folder that already existed did not fulfil its purpose (b) wished to be informed of the plays chosen for production & check copies of the same before sanctioning the next production & (c) had elected Mr. R. H. Case as a member of the Club.

Selection of Plays. I. A vote was taken on 'St. Simon Stylites' by Gladys-Smith carried unanimously.

II. A vote was taken on Evreinof's 'Mentor of the Soul' was carried by 5 votes to 1 (Mrs. MacLean sending her opinion for it by post). Mrs. Field says that she wished it to be recorded

that she disliked the play.

iv. Mr MacCune reported that the Playhouse were thinking of producing the most practical play mentioned at the last meeting, & asked instead for suggestions of other short plays. He himself suggested Wilde's 'Florentine Rhapsody', other plays suggested were Galsworthy's 'Little Men' - 'Houseman's ^{"Anglo-Ministers"} ~~Travellers~~'. Finally Mr Thomson proposed that they should decide that the 'Florentine Rhapsody' be produced as the ~~third~~ play, this was carried.

Choice of Producers & Designers

- It was agreed that (I) Mrs Kelly be asked to produce Miss Anderson to design 'The Sun on Strid'.
- (II) Miss Anderson be asked to produce & Mr Thomson to design the 'Theatre of the Soul'.
- (III) Mr MacCune should produce & Miss Connor to design 'The Florentine Rhapsody'.

Suggestions for the casting of the different plays were made but it was agreed that

these were necessarily subject to the wishes
of the producers & the actors concerned & not
binding in any way.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mr MacCann reported that an offer
of £10 to purchase books had been made
by Mrs Horuby, & it was suggested that the
secretary should forward a request from
the Committee to the Executive that copies
of the works of Roscelius Abercrombie & the
reprinted edition of the Bakst book should
be bought.

The meeting then adjourned.

William Cunn
Chairman

27.3.25

Minutes of the (20th) meeting of the Literary & Dramatic Group.

In the Music Room, at 8.30 p.m. on 27th March 1925.

Mr MacCunn was in the Chair.

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs Field, resigning the Secretaryship of the Group; and her seat in the Group C^o: also stating that she was resigning from the Executive C^o.

Electon to Group C^o

Prof: P. Abercrombie proposed, & Mr N. W. Whincom seconded: That Professor Case be invited to take Mrs Field's place on the Group C^o: and that if Professor Case declines, the C^o should have power to coopt a member to fill the vacancy.

This was carried.

Vacancy on Executive C^o

As under Rule 25 (c) The Group has no power to elect a successor to Mrs Field on the Executive C^o, Professor P. Abercrombie proposed & Mr Heywood Kelly seconded: That the Executive C^o be informed that the Group strongly recommend that J. R. Keenan

Davies should be selected."

W. Mac Cum
Chairman
7/1/25

Minutes of the (21st) meeting of the Committee of the
Literary & Dramatic Group, 27th March 1925

Present: Mr Mac Cum (Chair), Mr Webster, Mr W. Heywood
Kelly.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were ^{read} read ~~and confirmed~~ ⁱⁿ.

Secretary The Chairman stated that he was prepared to act
as Secretary, pending the return of Miss Pierce, with a
view to her being asked to resume the Secretaryship.

Letter from Unnamed Society. It was decided to recommend
to the Executive ^{Committee} that the Unnamed Society's
invitation to the group to give a performance in
Manchester be accepted: and that three plays by
Evelina (Merry Death, Theatre of the Soul & another)
should be performed.

Library ^{Committee} It was decided that Professor (one should)
be asked to represent the group on the library ^{Committee}.



Play Readings. It was decided to ask the following to arrange Play Readings during the summer - Mr Field, Mr Webster, Mr MacCunn, Mr Fred Withman, Miss Collie, Mr Lygo.

Stage It was decided that a protest be sent to the Executive Com^{tee} against the removal of the stage, for the sake of the Spring Exhibition; and that if the Executive Com^{tee} decide to remove the stage, to request that the

cost might be debited to the Exhibition; ~~and~~ that the cost of production & re-erection should be debited to the general funds of the Club, & not to the next Letters of thanks. The Chairman was instructed to send letters of thanks to Miss Thomson and Mr Borden for their services in connection with the recent performance.

House Storage of Properties. It was decided that immediate steps be taken to obtain a large basket for the safe keeping of curtains & dresses; and that the Chairman ^{was} be instructed to communicate with the Treasurer accordingly.

Ward robe. It was suggested that Miss Ann Thomson be asked to take over the care of the dresses & properties of the group.

Walter Cunn
Chairman
8/5/21.



Meeting Minutes of the (22nd) Meeting of the Committee of the Literary & Dramatic Group, Friday 8th May at 5.30 pm
Present. Mr MacCann (Chair), Mrs Melly, Miss Pierce, Mr Thomas
Minutes. The minutes of the the last meeting were read & confirmed.
Secretary arising out of the minutes, Miss Pierce regretted that she could not resume office. It was decided that, when occasion offered, Mr Webster should be approached.

Unnamed Society's Invitation The Chairman reported that the Executive C^{tee} had sanctioned acceptance.

Play Readings The Chairman reported that Miss Pierce had arranged for a reading of "Mirandolina" on 18th May, Mr Field for a reading of "The Way of the World" on 26th May: himself for a reading of "The Man with a Load of Mischief" on 12th June. Mr Webster & Mrs Collic & Miss Chapman (jointly) had promised to arrange other readings.

Stage. The Chairman reported that, in spite of the Group's protest the Executive C^{tee} had removed the stage for the Spring Exhibition
Property Basket. He announced that Mr Heywood Melly, on behalf of the group, had purchased this, sanction having been given by the Executive C^{tee}.

Members Professionally practicing an Art. A suggested definition
by the Painters & Sculptors group, as under, was approved

- (1) That they be members of the group concerned.
- (2) That they be practitioners of an art as sole or principal
occupation.

Teaching may be accepted as part of the practice of an art,
but not as qualifying alone for professional status.

"Drama" A letter from the Drama League regarding special
terms on which members of the group could become
subscribers to Drama was read. It was decided that it
should be posted on the Club Notice Board.

Drama League Exhibition. A letter from the Drama League
inviting the group to offer exhibits for an exhibition
of models, designs etc. to be held in connection with
the University Extension Movement at Oxford from 31 July
to 20 August was read. It was decided to accept the
invitation, subject to the Executive Com^{tee} raising the
necessary money for carriage. Mr Webster & Mr Thomson
were appointed to select the exhibits.

(see over)

Autumn production It was unanimously decided to produce "Homes
& Men" in the autumn, to be preceded by a play of Serenius's
skill to be chosen. Mr Webster was chosen as producer. The
question of designer was left open; as also that of Stage
manager, the names of Mr Borden & Mr Tim Wilkinson
being put forward as possibilities.

Procedure to regulate expenditure on future productions. The Chairman
submitted a scheme, discussion of which was postponed to the
next meeting.

W. H. C. C. C.
Chairman
25/9/25

Minutes of the (27th) meeting of the Committee of the Literary & Dramatic
Group. Monday 27th July 1925

Present. Mr MacCunn (Chairman), Mr Stegwood Kelly, Miss Pierce,
Professor Carr.

Minutes. The Chairman apologised for having omitted to produce
the minute book. The minutes were therefore left over until the
next meeting.

Visit to Manchester. After discussion it was agreed that the
3rd play, to be produced in Manchester on 7th October, should
be The Beautiful Despot by Ercinore; and that Mr Wilkinson
should be asked to produce.

Autumn Production It was decided that the Chairman should
find out when Mr Lennox Robinson was to be in Liverpool
and should fix the production accordingly for either the
29th & 30th October or 5th & 6th November.

Cabaret. It was agreed that a letter should be addressed
to the Entertainments C^{mttee} suggesting that a Revue
should be taken the place of the series of "Turns" that
made up the Cabaret programme in previous years: that
an attempt should be made to complete the stage programme

by 11 p.m.: that the individual turns should be as short as possible,
and that the fullest possible use should be made of his ^{7th} ₁₂ Williams
services.

Playhouse Circle. It was agreed that permission should be
obtained from the Executive Com^{tee} to admit members of the
Playhouse Circle to the performance of Man of Straw at
the same price as members of the Society, provided that the
Playhouse Circle agreed to guarantee not less than 150
tickets.

Secretary and Procedure to govern Expenditure. These matters
were adjourned.

W. H. C. Curran
Chairman
25/9/24

Minutes of the (24th) meeting of the Committee of the Literary & Dramatic Group. Friday 25th September 1928. at 5.15 pm

Present. Mr MacCunn (Chair), Mr Heywood Kelly, Miss Pierce, Mr Webster, Mr Thomson

Minutes. The minutes of the previous two meetings were read & confirmed.

Visit to Manchester. This was discussed very fully and on the proposal of Mr Heywood Kelly, seconded by Mr MacCunn it was decided that in spite of the many unexpected difficulties which have arisen the performance must take place.

Performance at the Playhouse. It was considered that no useful purpose would be served by discussing this.

New Stage. It was considered that the Committee should give careful consideration to this question ~~and~~ if the Club definitely decide to rent the large first floor room known as the Theatre.

Miss Gwen Johns The Chairman reported that this lady had submitted two plays, which he had rejected on his own responsibility.

Autumn Production Mr Webster reported that he had not fully cast "Manes & Men".



Candidate. The Chairman read a letter from him to the members regarding his candidature. The Committee were sympathetic but considered that no definite recommendation could be made, until more was known of his work.

W. Mac Cunn
Chairman
29/10/25

Minutes of the (25th) meeting of the Committee of the Literary & Dramatic Group. Friday 29th October 1925 at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mr MacLennan (Chair), Mr Hayward Kelly, Miss Pierce, Professor Carr, Mr Thomson.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Stage. On the motion of Mr Thomson, seconded by Mr Hayward Kelly, the following motion was passed -

"That as the Literary & Dramatic Group are principally concerned with any arrangements made for erecting a new stage, the Committee of that Group regard it as essential that the following suggestions be carried out.

(1) That the stage be built on the lines of the old stage, i.e. with apron and steps: and that the space within the wings and between the back curtain & the proscenium arch should be at least as large as on the old stage.

(2) That there be entrances, one on each side, on to the apron direct, as at present.

(3) That adequate space, on the same level as the stage, be provided in the wings and behind the back curtain: the space behind to be not less than six feet in depth.



- (4) That the proscenium be of a plain colour, which will make an harmonious background for dresses of any colour or period (The Com^{tee} consider that black is the most suitable colour).
- (5) That an adequate switchboard & lighting arrangements be provided.
- (6) That the greatest possible consideration be given to the views of Mr. Burden, as he is the only member of the Society who combines technical knowledge with an extensive personal experience of the difficulties & requirements of those working behind the curtain.

Manner & Man A report from Mr Webster was read.

Spring Production The choice of a play was adjourned till the next meeting.

Letter from Mr Alfred Denton. This was read and the Com^{tee} recommended that the Executive Com^{tee} should take no action.

Loan of Curtains Mr Thomson enquired if the Com^{tee} would lend curtains for the performance of Savatini on 28th November. The Com^{tee} agreed to do so.

W MacCormac
Chairman
15/12/25

Minutes of the (26th) meeting of the ^{Committee of} Literary & Dramatic Group
Tuesday 15th December at 1.30 p.m.

Present. Mr MacCunn (Chair), Mr Heywood Kelly, Miss Pierce,
Mr Thomson.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Spring Production It was decided to produce "Lilium", subject
to permission being obtained & subject to the approval of
The Executive C^{tee}: the dates to be Friday & Saturday
5th & 6th March. It was decided that Mr Thomson should
produce.

Meeting of Group. It was decided that the annual meeting of
the group for the election of C^{tee} & representatives on
The Executive C^{tee} should take place on Wednesday 6th
January at 5.30 p.m.

F. Thomson

Minutes of the (27th) meeting of the Literary & Dramatic Group.
Thursday 8th January 1926 at 5:30 in the Music Room

Mr MacCunn was in the Chair

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Representatives of Executive Comtee. Mr Thomson proposed
& Miss Pierce seconded Professor P. Abercrombie. Miss Collier
proposed & Miss Heywood seconded Mr D. L. Webster.
Mr Thomson proposed & Miss Pierce seconded that in the
event of Professor Abercrombie declining to serve, Professor
Field should be elected.

Professor P. Abercrombie } were elected.

Mr D. L. Webster }

Professor G. C. Field was elected provisionally, in case Professor
Abercrombie declined.

Election of Group Comtee.

The following were proposed & elected.

Mr^s Heywood secondly }

Miss Pierce }

Mr D. L. Webster }

Mr C. Thomson }

proposed by Mr MacCunn, seconded by Miss Collier

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Mr J. Wilkinson, proposed by Mr C. Thomson seconded by Miss Pierce.
Professor G. C. Field } proposed by Mr Heywood Kelly
Professor P. Abercrombie } seconded by Miss Pierce.

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the
Literary & Dramatic Group. Jan 14th at 6 P.M.

Present. Mrs Kelly Mrs Purce Professor
Field. Mr Webster Mr Wilkerson & Mr Thomas.

Election of Officers. Mr Thomas proposed
& Mrs Purce seconded the motion that
Mr Wilkerson should be chairman.

Mrs Purce proposed & Mrs Kelly seconded
Mr Thomas for Secretary.

Election of Members. Mrs Spink & Mr
Burdick were elected to the Dramatic
portion & Mr Zimmon to the literary.

Date of Spring Performance. It was
agreed to postpone on the 13th & 14th instead
of on the dates fixed at the
previous meeting

by C. Field.
acting - chairman
Jan 21st 1926