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Collection Summary

Identifier

UA 35.1

Title

Athenian Literary Society Records

Creator

Athenian Literary Society, South Dakota Agricultural College

Dates

1887-1924

Extent

0.21 linear feet -- 1 small document case

Language

English

Repository

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Abstract

The Athenian Literary Society developed its members in oratory, debate, and extemporaneous speaking and to promote social activities. This collection is composed of the constitution and by-laws for the society as well as programs for graduation exercises and plays presented by the society.

Historical Note

The Athenian Literary Society was first organized in 1888, as a branch of the literary society known as Lyceum. The Athenians were chartered by the last session of the Dakota Territorial Legislature in 1888. At that time, membership was limited to men only, but this restriction was soon removed and women were admitted with full membership privileges. The purpose of the Society was to develop its members in oratory, debate, and extemporaneous speaking and to promote social activities. The weekly meeting consisted of essays, debates, extemporaneous speaking, declamations, games and music.

Contents Note

This collection is composed of the constitution and by-laws for the society as well as programs for graduation exercises and plays presented by the society. Also included are play programs presented in collaboration with other literary societies.

Key Words

Athenian Literary Society

Delphian Literary Society

Eclectic Literary Society

Miltonian Literary Society

Philomathean Society

Student activities

Students -- Societies, etc.

Administrative Information

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1	4	Meeting minutes (ledger)	1908-1921
1	5	Play programs	undated