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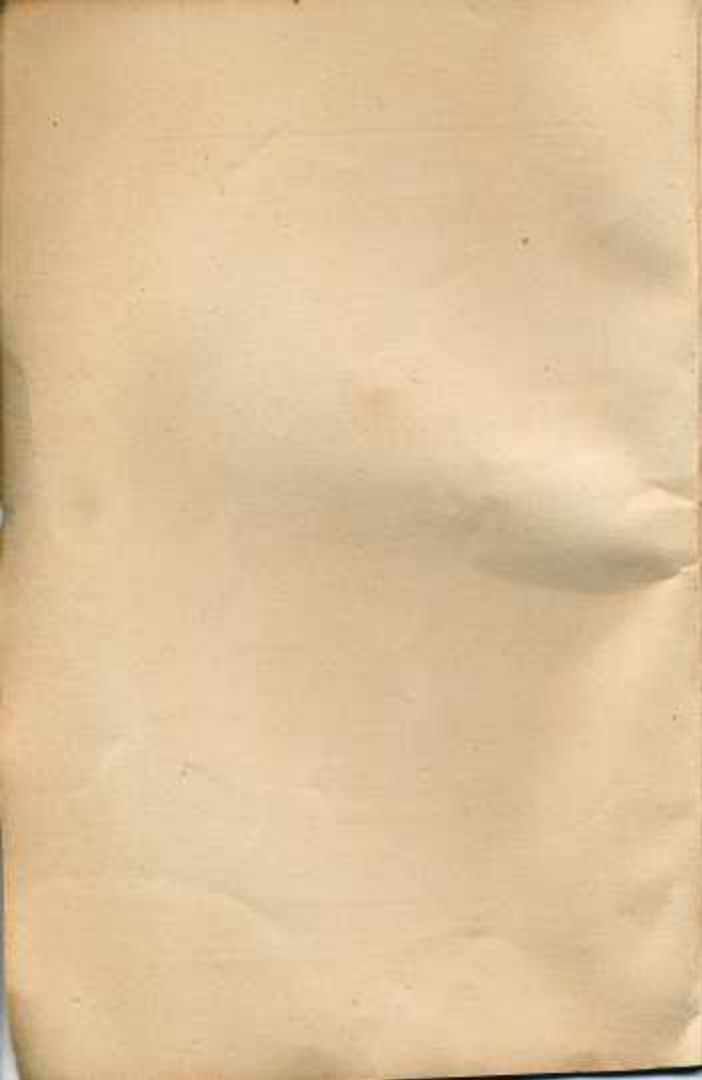
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

Believing that a free and kindly interchange of thought and experience will be mutually helpful and profitable, we organize under the name of the Woman's Club of Baraboo.

Our objects shall be,

1st. To strengthen the feeling of sympathy and fellowship among women, independently of social distinctions, and outside of the natural and proper affiliations of personal friendships or of any existing organizations.

2d. To discuss without personalities such theoretical and practical questions as relate to the well-being of home and society; and also to extend our knowledge and broaden our culture by such reading and study as we shall deem best adapted to our needs.

ARTICLE II.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

Any woman in full sympathy with the objects of this Club, and willing to submit to the rules adopted for its governance, may become a member by signing the constitution after having carefully read the same.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually; but in case of a failure to elect at the annual meeting, they shall hold over until their successors are chosen.

Sec. 2. The duties of these officers shall be those prescribed in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Sec. 3. These officers, with the chairmen of all standing committees, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The regular meetings of the Club shall be held semi-monthly on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Friday in May. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee, or by a vote of the Club, and ten shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in three months, or on a call signed by the President and Secretary, and two-thirds of the committee shall be a quorum. This committee may suggest plans or propose business to the Club for action. No business affecting the status of the Club shall be transacted by the Executive Committee unless specially referred to it for action by the Club.

Sec. 4. All meetings of this Club

shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club, notice of such amendment having been given one month previous, and all members having been duly notified of the proposed amendment, by the Secretary, in writing.

SEC. 2. It shall require a three-fourths vote to amend the Constitution.

SEC. 3. The By-laws may be amended in like manner.

BY-LAWS.

1. In the discussion of topics presented to the Club, the freest expression of opinion, consistent with parliamentary order and decorum, shall be allowed. Topics for discussion shall be proposed at the meeting previous, and the member proposing the topic shall open the discussion and conduct it, relying on the President only to keep order. During the discussion of the topic of the day,

the President shall have the same privilege of debate as any other member.

2. There shall be an initiation fee of 25 cents, and a regular monthly fee of 25 cents payable on the fourth Friday of each month. Any member failing for three months to keep up her dues, shall be notified of the delinquency by the Secretary, in writing, and shall thereupon be dropped from the roll of members, unless satisfactory explanation be given to the Treasurer by such delinquent.

3. No rules conflicting with the Constitution or By-laws shall be adopted.

4. Standing Committees may be elected at any time when the interest of the Club may demand them for special studies or work. These Committees shall regulate their own time of meeting and method of study, but shall report from time to time the result of their study for the general benefit of the Club.

LUCY CASE, Sec'y.

