

The Round Table

Westborough, Massachusetts

Organized

October 18, 1889

A meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. Denfeld's house on October 12, 1889, to organize a literary society. Elected temporary officers were:

Chairman - Mr. Louis E. Denfeld

Secretary - E. A. Gail

The committee appointed:

On Constitution: E. A. Gail, Mr. Thayer, Miss Ida Phelp,
Miss Bullard, Miss Eastman

Literary Committee: Miss Brewster, Rev. Mr. Girrels, Mrs. Kate S. Gail,
Dr. Lilly, Miss Perrin

Preamble

Believing that we can be of mutual assistance to each other in the development of our literary and social faculties we do hereby organize ourselves into a Society subject to the following Constitution and By-Laws.

Constitution

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| Article 1 | Section 1 | Name – The Round Table |
| Article 2 | Section 1 | Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee of three members of the Society. |
| Article 3 | Duties of Officers | |
| | Section 1 | Duty of the President |
| | Section 2 | In his absence Vice President in charge |
| | Section 3 | Duty of the Secretary |
| | Section 4 | Duty of the Treasurer |
| | Section 5 | Duty of the Executive Committee |
| Article 4 | Election of Officers | |
| | Section 1 | Last meeting of the year |
| | Section 2 | Election by ballot |

- Article 5 Annual meeting
- Section 1 Last meeting of the year
- Article 6 Conditions of membership
- Section 1 Name must be proposed and recommended by
2/3 vote of members present and pay initiation fee
- Section 2 Names of candidate voted by ballot
- Section 3 Any person may be made an honorary member
or withdraw (1903)
- Article 7 Fees and dues
- Section 1 Each member pays \$1/yr. fee
- Article 8 Amendments
- Section 1 Constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote

By-Laws

- Article 1 Meetings to be held on the second and fourth Monday of each
month October – May inclusive at 7:45 to 9:30.
- Amendments:
- Meetings shall be held every other Monday evening of each month
in October to May inclusive. (no date)
- Amended as to read “including May” instead of to May inclusive.
(no date)
- Amended to read “said meetings to begin at 8:00 o’clock”.
(Feb. 26, 1894)
- Amended to read “the meetings shall be held on Thursday
evenings”. (April 25, 1898)
- Amended to read “the meetings of this society shall be held every
other Monday evening of each month.”

Article 2 Fines & dues

Section 1

For being tardy a member shall pay a fine of two cents.

Section 2

Any member failing to be present at a regular meeting shall pay a fine of five cents

Section 3

Any member who fails to perform a duty assigned him by the committee in charge, and who does not furnish a substitute, shall pay a fine of twenty five cents.

Amended to read “unless a reasonable excuse for such failure is given”. (Apr. 28, 1890)

Section 4

The annual dues shall be paid on or before the first meeting in November.

Section 5

Any chairman who fails to perform a duty assigned on the program shall pay a fine of one dollar unless a reasonable excuse for such failure be given. (April 13, 1903)

Section 6

The Club may at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, excuse any of the members from the payment of fines or work or committees or both. (Nov. 30, 1903)

Article 3 At the request of three members the President shall call a (meeting) special meeting.

Article 4 Eight members of this society shall constitute a quorum.

Article 5 Only with the permission of those entertaining the club shall guests be invited.

Article 6 These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, provided the amendment receives a two thirds vote of the members present.

Amended to read the chairman for each committee shall post the notices for their meetings one week in advance of that meeting.

Article 7 To allow the committee for the annual meeting to expend all money in the treasury after taking out the sum to be expended for programs for next year. (May 4, 1896)

Amended to read “that not more than three dollars be drawn from the treasury for socials except for the annual social, and for the theatrical evening”.

Amended to read “that the lecture committee for 1903 be authorized to make a special assessment if they deem it desirable and possible, to help out to the amount of ten dollars”. (May 19, 1902)

Roll

Louis E. Denfeld
Anna P. Nason
E. A. Gail
J. L. Fayerweather
Lawrence F. Fales
Sadie C. Brigham
Annie E. Fales
Mattie L. Fisher
Elizabeth G. Harrington
Florence Smith Newton
Miss Bullard