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Abstract

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Creator

Page, Thomas Nelson, 1853-1922

Creator

Holcomb, Clarinda Adaline

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder

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Bio/Historical Note

The Page Literary Society was established at the State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg in 1922 as a result of the Lee and Lanier Literary Societies reaching their membership capacities. Page Literary Society was organized for the purpose of literary and forensic study and was named after Thomas Nelson Page (1853-1922), a Virginia lawyer and author whose writings frequently invoked a Lost Cause narrative. Membership in the Page Literary Society was obtained by invitation and was open to students who were already members of the Alpha Literary Society for at least one quarter. Clarinda Holcomb ('24), to whom Page's letter is addressed, was a charter member of the Page Literary Society and served as its first secretary. Along with the three other literary societies (Lee, Lanier, Alpha), Page Literary Society was turned into a local sorority in the spring of 1942.

Scope and Content

The Thomas Nelson Page Letter to Clarinda Holcomb, 1922 February 7, describes Page's appreciation for having a literary society at the State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg named in his honor. In the letter he suggests a motto - "Thy Country's, thy God's and Truths - which the society adopted.

The letter is printed in its entirety in the 1923 and 1929 issues of the Schoolma'am yearbook as part of the Page Literary Society spread.

Keywords

Letters (correspondence)
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Literature -- Societies, etc.
Page Literary Society (1922-1942)
State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.)
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