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I. Title Fortnightly Club, New Haven. Records, 1886-

II. The papers of The Fortnightly Club
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VII. Biographical note: The Fortnightly Club was founded in 1886. Its purpose was described in the following manner in the minutes: "This society is intended to be informal in its nature. The more simple the organization, the more free will be its movements. A secretary will probably be the only officer required, with a Committee of three who will select topics for discussion, and the members who shall furnish the papers and lead in the arguments... It has been thought that topics of current interest will be the most profitable subjects for consideration, those relating to social science, political economy, contemporaneous literature, music and art." Membership included both married and unmarried ladies. The club remains in existence today, carrying on its activities in much the same manner.

VIII. Analysis: This collection consists of three volumes of minutes covering the years 1886-1956.* There are also a large number of copies of papers read by members at various meetings. Memorabilia includes, badges, programs, invitations to meetings, etc. There are also skits which were presented at meetings or parties. Included in the collection is one folder of correspondence.

*The minutes are comprehensive, the rest of the material is widely scattered as for as dates go. The bulk of the material goes only until 1950.

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Folder A - Paper by E.P.C., "The Letters of Rosa Carelli" 1971

Folder B - Paper by Miss Cutler, "Agnes Repplier ... lady of Letters" 1951

Folder B1 - Paper by Miss Cutler, "The Great Rehearsal" n.d.

Folder C - Paper by Mrs. F.B. Dexter, "Reminiscences of New Haven Sixty Years Ago and Later" 1915(?). Photograph of a sketch of Mrs. Dexter in 1939, age 91.

Folder D - Paper by Waleska Bacon Evans, "Seventy-five Years of Fortnightly" January 12, 1961.

Folder E - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Baretti" and "Upstream" 1920's(?)

Folder E1 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Brani" 1934

Folder E2 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Bits of Early Branford" 1937(?)

Folder E3 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Aunt Lily" 1940, "Hard Likker" 1944

Folder E4 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Nut Plains" 1948, "Back of the Horizon" 1950

Folder E5 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "Waiting" 1951; Letter from Harriet Taylor commenting upon the paper.

Folder E6 - Paper by Mrs. Rosamund S. Hammer, "History of the Fortnightly Club" January 14, 1954

Folder E7 - Paper by Mrs. Herbert Edwards, "Serendipity" 1978 [1981 Addition]

Folder F - Miscellaneous Papers

Folder F1 - Miscellaneous Papers -- Programs for meetings, Invitations, Correspondence, Constitution and By-Laws of 1896, Badges, etc.

Folder G - "The Golden Heart, A Masque" written for One Hundredth Meeting of the Fortnightly Club, January 7, 1897

Folder H - Letter from Mrs. Theodore Salisbury Woolsey, read January 10, 1889.

Folder I - "Combined Parties, Fortnightly and Saturday Morning Clubs," includes some correspondence between the two organizations.

[Folders E through E6 returned to author]

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Folder I (cont.) - 75th anniversary skit. [1981 addition]
100th anniversary of the Saturday Morning Club -- poems written about members at Fortnightly 10th anniversary. [1981 addition]

Folder J - "The 5th Decade, 1925-1935, A Revue"

Folder K - Golden Anniversary, December 12, 1935. Invitations, Acceptances and Regrets, Prologue, Skits, Program, Expenses.

Folder L - Meetings and Hostesses, 1934-1954(?)

Folder M - Notebook, Membersip Lists, Announcements, By-Laws, Memorials.

"Unwritten rules" -- Topics Committee decision re Members' papers. [1981 addition]

Folder N - Correspondence

Bound Volumes include the following:

1. "The Fortnightly 1886": minutes 1886-1901 (Oversize #1)
2. "The Fortnightly 1901": minutes 1901-1930 (Oversize #2)
3. "The Fortnightly 1930": minutes 1930-1956 (Oversize #3)

Locations of meetings and the topics for discussion may be found listed in the back of each volume.

Additions to Collection - August 1989

Box 2/Folder A	The Fortnightly - Minutes 1956-1984
Box 2/Folder B	100th Anniversary - Drawing by Mrs. Zallinger and Invitation
Box 2/Folder C	" " - Photographs & Negatives of members and historic house tour
Box 2/Folder D	" " - Miscellaneous material re: celebration
Box 2/ Folder E	Report of October 17, 1977 luncheon