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**DIXSON, Zella Allen:**

Author, lecturer, publisher, librarian; born in Zanesville, Ohio; youngest daughter of Josiah Buffett and Mary Caroline (Blandy) Allen. Her father, who was one of the pioneer merchants of Zanesville, was a descendant of Increase Allen, a native of Devonshire, England, who emigrated with his two brothers to Dartmouth County, R. I. (now Massachusetts) in 1661. Her paternal great-grandmother was Rachel Buffet, of Paris, France, a daughter of the famous French author. Her maternal ancestry is wholly English, her grandfather being Benjamin Blandy, of Bristol, England, and her maternal grandmother was Jane Addison, daughter of Leonard Addison of the family of the English essayist, Joseph Addison. Among her cousins she includes Lady Kelvin, who was Mary Blandy of the Madeira Islands. Her education was secured in the public schools of Zanesville, Putnam Seminary and Mt. Holyoke College, A.B., 1880, with additional four years of graduate Greek. Oct. 6, 1881, she married in Zanesville, Ohio, Joseph Ehrman Dixon, of Elyria, Ohio, who died in Dayton, Ohio, April 25, 1885. She pursued a special course in library science and served as assistant librarian in Columbia College, 1885-1886, followed by two periods of study in the British Museum Library as an accredited scholar; received the degree of A.M. from Shepardson College, 1892, and from Denison University, 1902, and the degree of Doctor of Letters (L.H.D.) from Shurtleff College. Dr. Dixon has held many important positions, was professionally engaged as library expert, 1887-1888; librarian of Denison University, 1888-1890; librarian of the Baptist Union Theological Seminary, 1890-1892; organizer and administrative head of the University of Chicago Library since 1892; also, since 1896, lecturer in bibliography and library science, in the University of

Chicago. She was literary editor of the Bulletins of the Northwestern Library Association, 1899-1900, and literary review editor of the First Aid Magazine, 1905; and she is author of: Library Science; Cataloguer's Manual of Authors Names; Subject-Index to Prose Fiction, Children's Book-Plates; Concerning Book-Plates; Charles Kingsley as a Social Reformer, etc. Dr. Dixon founded and owns an unique private book-making plant, occupying a small fire-proof building in the rear of her residence, for which she fills the quadruple role of author, compositor, printer, and publisher, and this private plant, under the name of Wisteria Cottage Press, is noted for its beautiful work. Dr. Dixon is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Ex-Libris Society of London, Ex-libris Verein zu Berlin, Oesterreichische Ex-libris-Gesselschaft of Vienna, Société Française des Collectionneurs d'Ex-Libris of Paris, and Ex-Libris Club of Basle, Switzerland, and has held many offices in the Chicago Woman's Club, the Mt. Holyoke Alumnae Association, the Chicago Club of Chicago, and the State and National Library Associations. Residence: 5600 Monroe Avenue. Office: The Library, University of Chicago, Chicago.

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as Professor of German and Professor of History of Art. Miss Denio has spent several years in Europe, and has studied in Paris, and at Leipzig, Berlin, and Heidelberg Universities, receiving at the latter University, in 1893, the degree of Ph. D., with the grade *multa cum laude*. Her thesis on the Life and Work of Nicolas Pouissin, which was published in Germany, England, and America, is published by Charles Scribner's Sons. Miss Denio is now living in Rochester, N. Y., and is a member of the Central and Western New York Association. Proposed by the Eastern New York, Hartford, and Boston Associations.

Mrs. Zella (Allen) Dixon, A.M., in 1892 became acting head of the University of Chicago Library, which position, with the faculty rank of Associate Professor she now holds. She has also occupied the position of Lecturer in Library Science in University College from its organization. In 1892 Mrs. Dixon received from Shepardson College the degree of A.M. Prior to her connection with the University of Chicago she was librarian at other colleges and universities. Mrs. Dixon has been president and vice-president of the Mount Holyoke Association of the Northwest; director, and chairman of the Philosophy and Science department, of the Chicago Women's Club, and editor of the literature department of the *Bulletins* of the Northwestern Library Association. She is a member of the London Ex-Libris Society, American Library Association, Illinois State Library Association, Chicago Library Club, Chicago Women's Club and Traveler's Club. Besides contributing articles to various magazines and newspapers, Mrs. Dixon is the author of "Subject Index to Fiction" and "Cataloguer's Handbook." Proposed by the Association of the Northwest.

Mrs. Mary (Williams) Phipps, wife of Rev. William H. Phipps of Prospect, Conn., taught one year before her marriage. Mrs. Phipps has been president of the Waterbury Mount Holyoke College Club, and is active in the missionary work of Connecticut, having been for many years vice-president of the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, and recently elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Congregational Home Missionary Union of Connecticut. Mrs. Phipps has also been long identified with the Waterbury Woman's Club. Proposed by the New Haven Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association will be held in the Chapel of Mary Lyon Hall, at 10 A.M., Tuesday, June 17. Some of the items of business to be considered are :—

The report of the committee upon revision of the constitution, notice of which was given at the last annual business meeting—[see Annual Report for 1901]; consideration of plans regarding the Bardwell Memorial Fellowship Fund; action upon the present method of voting for alumnae trustees—[see Annual Report for 1901]; presentation by delegates from local associations of the attitude of the alumnae regarding the pledge for American School at Athens; reports on the Alumnae Association Income Fund, and discussion of plans for general co-operation in securing its support—[see Annual Report for 1901]; election of one member to the Board of Directors.

The alumnae luncheon will be served in the Rink at 12.30, followed by speeches and literary program.

When returning coupons please do not fail to state whether you expect to be present at the luncheon, the price of which will be not over seventy-five cents.

The time after three o'clock, will be free for class meetings.

The office of Miss Purington, in Mary Lyon Hall, will be the bureau of information for alumnae.

*My choice for Alumna Trustee*.....

*Signed*.....

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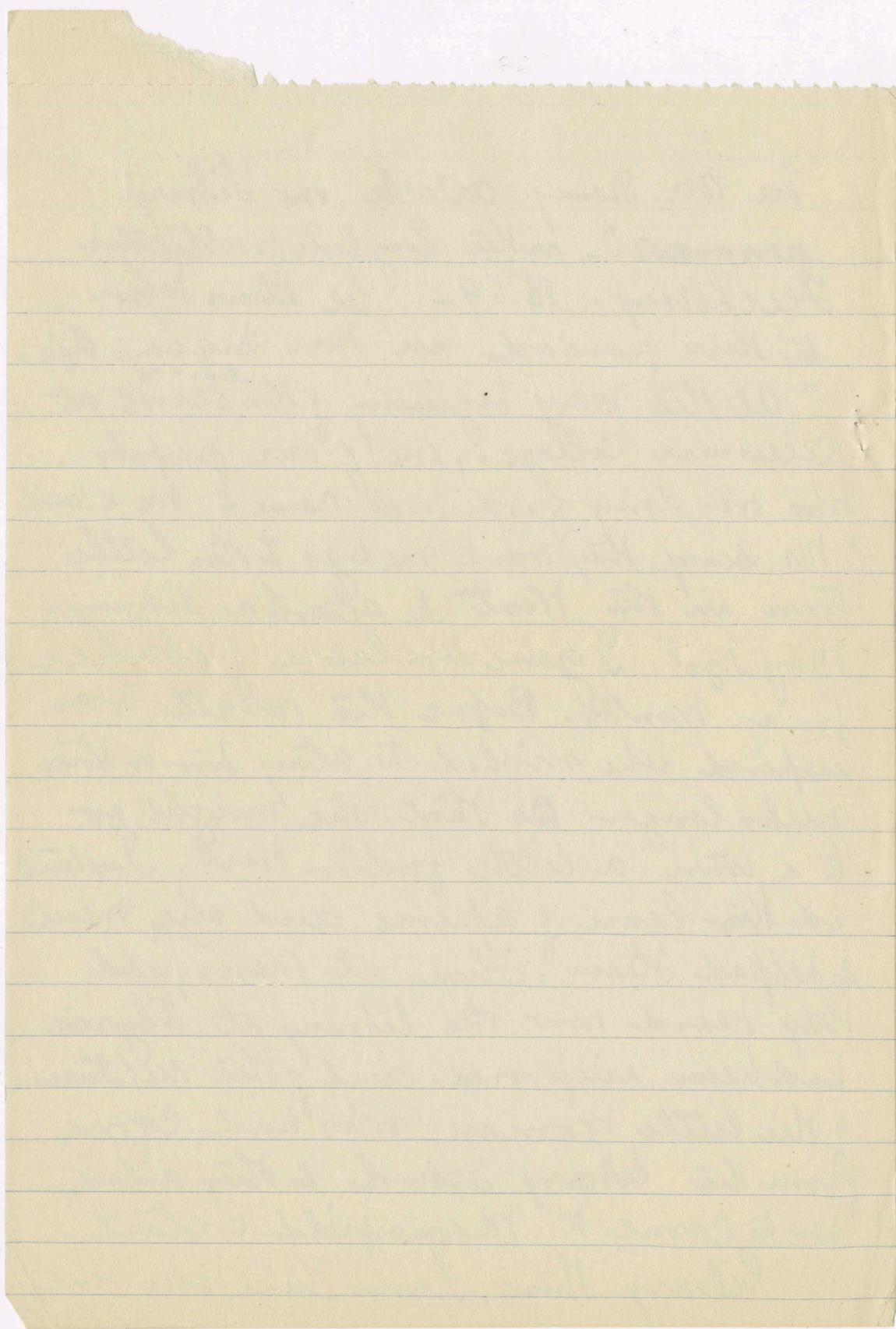
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In Mr. Deacy article on "Library  
progress" - in the English publication  
The Librarian - 1889 - he thus refers  
to this period in Mrs. Dwyer's life -  
"At the very beginning of the <sup>Library</sup> School at  
Columbia College, one of our pupils  
who was doing good work came to me & said  
'Mr. Deacy, they want me to go to this little  
town in the West to start a library -  
May I go?' I gave her leave of absence  
for a month. Before the month was  
expired she wished to stay two or three  
weeks longer so that she might go  
to a town a little further West. I extend-  
ed her leave of absence and she went  
& helped them. Then at Mansfield  
they heard how the library at Elyria  
had been improved. and of the enthusiasm  
of the little woman, who had come  
from the library school. & they asked  
her to come to Mansfield to start  
a library there. From there she went





on to other things. I said to her 'I gave you  
leave of absence for a month and you  
have been gone two years!'



on to other things. I said to her 'I gave you  
leave of absence for a month and you  
have been gone two years!'



and after three months I was again  
sent to the hospital for a month and  
then to the hospital again.



Dr. Zella Allen Dixson of Chicago, one of Granville's most popular summer hostesses, entertained a few friends at Wisteria Cottage on West Elm street on the evening of August 2nd with a wigwam supper, which was a grateful change from the customary dinner served in the dining room. The guests gathered round a table in the rustic summer house on the lawn artistically decorated with Japanese lanterns and were served with picnic dainties, both appetizing and refreshing. After supper the company sat on the lawn and told stories, witty or grave or gay, until a late hour.

Mr. James A. Gainfort who



ers have sat by while a great pianist has broken the cord of a grand piano, but at Lord Burnham's on one occasion Rubinstein broke not a cord, but a key. That great composer was a strong man of his hands. The key was a "natural," an ivory note, and when it snapped he threw the fragment over his shoulder and went on.—  
London Chronicle.

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### **An Omnivorous Insect.**

There is in Egypt a little shaggy black and tan insect about an eighth of an inch long that eats almost everything under the sun. In most countries ivory brushes are pretty safe from insects. In Egypt this little terror eats the ivory and eats the bristles. It eats your toothbrush and eats your toothpick. It eats the wool with