

At the invitation of Mr. William H. Harrison the following gentlemen met at Hotel Latham in the city of Hopkinsville, on Friday night, April 18th, 1902, for the purpose of organizing a literary society, Messrs ~~W.H.~~ William H. Harrison, Edmund Harrison, Clifton Long, T.C. Underwood, E.B. Bassett, Ira L. Smith, and John Stites, and Drs. Manning Brown and F. M. Stites.

At the conclusion of refreshments the house was called to order, and the object of the meeting stated by Mr. William Harrison, whereupon Mr. William Harrison was chosen Temporary ^{Chairman} ~~President~~, and John Stites Temporary Secretary upon the motion of Mr. Bassett.

Dr. F.M. Stites moved that the society proceed to adopt a name, said name to be selected, provided it met with the unanimous consent of the society- Mr. Clifton Long seconded the motion, and it unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Bassett seconded by Mr. Smith the members proceeded to suggest names and vote on same.

THE REVIEWERS; THE QUERY CLUB; and THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC CLUB were suggested, but as unanimous consent could not be obtained, after much discussion, upon the motion of Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Underwood the selection of a name was postponed until Monday afternoon, April

21st, 1902, at 4 o'clock, at which time a committee composed of all gentlemen present should meet at the office of Dr. F. M. Stites' for the purpose of selecting a name and adopting suitable by-laws.

On the motion of Mr. Edmund Harrison, seconded by Mr. Smith the following offices were created for the society- A President; Vice President; and Secretary- Treasurer.

The election of permanent officers was then taken up, and on the motion of Dr. Stites, seconded by Mr. Bassett Mr. William Harrison was nominated for president and there being no other nominations he was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Jhos Underwood was nominated for the office of Vice President by Dr. Stites; and Dr. F. ~~W~~ Stites was nominated for Vice President by Mr. Bassett, the nomination of Dr. Stites was withdrawn, and Mr, Underwood was unanimously chosen.

John Stites was nominated for Secretary-Treasurer by Mr. E. B. Bassett, and there being no further nominations he was elected to the office.

On the motion of Mr. Edmund Harrison, seconded by Mr. Underwood the officers of the society were selected as the programme committee for the ensuing three ~~on~~

*Upon the motion of Mr. Underwood
seconded by Mr. Stites it was
agreed that the society should
meet on the first Thursday in each
month.*

months- Dr. Stites proposed as an amendment that the of-
ficers should serve for a period of one year- the a-
mendment lost, and the motion as originally offered
carried.

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Upon the motion of Mr. Smith duly seconded
by Mr. Brown the initiation fee was placed at \$1.00.

Upon the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by
Mr. Underwood, the following gentlemen, who were absent
~~from the meeting~~ ^{from the meeting} were admitted to the society as char-
ter members, having previously given the movement their
heartly co-operation and expressed their desire to be
members.-- W.T.Tandy, C.M Meacham, L. McCartney, F.P.
Thomas, ,E.H. Barker,, A.W.Wood, A.P.Crockett, , John
Feland, and J.T.Hanbery.

On the motion of Mr. Clifton Long
the society thanked Mr. William Harrison for his hos-
pitality and adjourned.

*W. H. Harrison
Pres.*

*John Stites
Secy - Treas.*

The members of this society held a special meeting ~~of the society~~ at the office of Mr. J. M. Stites on Monday the 21st day of April at 4 ~~o'clock~~^{P.M.} for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee selected to choose a name and to recommend suitable by-laws for the society -

The secretary read the meeting minutes of the previous meeting and upon the motion of Mr. Bassett seconded by Mr Underwood they were approved ~~by~~ ~~the society.~~

The committee through its Chairman Mr Stites reported that they had selected the name of "The Athenaeum" as ^{a suitable} ~~the~~ name of the ~~society.~~

Upon the motion of Mr Brown seconded by Mr Smith the society ratified the action of the committee in the selection of the name "The Athenaeum."

The committee through its chairman then read the by-laws they had prepared and upon the motion of Mr J. C. Underwood seconded by Mr. Meacham the society considered each section separately and then as a whole. After discussing each section thoroughly and making several amendments to the by-laws as reported by the committee the following by-laws were passed each section separately and then as a whole.

By-Laws.

§1. Name and Object. The name of this society shall be "The Athenaeum". It shall have for its object the increase of information among its members on subjects relating to literature, science and the arts.

§2. Officers. The officers of the society shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected

ted at the first regular meeting in April of each year, and shall serve for one year, and until their successors are elected.

§3. Committees. The President, Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer shall constitute the program committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare, and announce at each meeting of this Society, a suitable program for the next regular meeting.

§4. Duties of Members. (a) It shall be the duty of any member of this Society, when called upon for service by the Committee on Program to respond promptly, and this committee shall take in writing and report to the next meeting of this Society any excuse which may be offered for failure to accept duty. And should any member, after acceptance of duty, fail to respond without excuse

therefor in writing, and accepted by the society, the name of such member shall after one month's notice be dropped from the roll of members.

(b) Attendance. At each meeting of the society the secretary shall call the roll of the members, and it shall be the duty of any member absenting himself to have presented a written explanation of his absence.

After two consecutive absences, unexcused by the society, the secretary shall notify in writing the member in question to appear before the society at its next regular meeting. If he fail then to appear his name shall be dropped from the roll of members.

§5. Application for Membership. Application for membership in this society shall be in writing

Signed by the applicant and endorsed in writing by not less than three of its members.

Such application shall lie over until the next regular meeting of the society, when it shall be voted on, three adverse votes being sufficient to exclude from membership, the voting being by secret ballot.

§6. Fees. An initiation fee of \$1.00 shall be paid by each member of this society. And the dues of the society shall be 50¢ monthly, payable in advance.

§7. Records. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a correct roll of the membership of this society. All records of the society shall be kept by the secretary in a book set aside for that purpose.

§8. Quorum. Eight members and one officer

present together, shall constitute a quorum.

89. Amendments. These by-laws shall not at any time be suspended. Any amendment to same shall be allowed only with the consent of two thirds of the entire membership, and after one months notice.

Each member shall sign the by-laws and agree to abide by same.

W. H. Harrison Chifton Long.

John Stitt

Geo Friend.

T. C. Underwood.

Chas M. Meacham.

J. T. Hamberg

Geo L. Smith

J. H. Stiles

Merrimay Brown

Edmund Harrison

Livingston McCarthy

M. J. Fawcett

Upon the motion of Mr Underwood
seconded by Mr Smith the
society agreed to hold its next
regular meeting at Hotel
Latham at 7 P.M.

On the motion of Mr.
Smith the society then ad-
journed.

John Stites
Secy

On Thursday the first day
of May ¹⁹⁰⁷ the Athenaeum
held their regular monthly
meeting at Hotel Gatham.

After supper was served
the society was called to or-
der by Pres Harrison and
the minutes of the pre-
vious meeting read by
the Secretary. Upon the
motion of Mr Fuland
seconded by Mr Lueg
the minutes were ap-
proved.

The program was then
rendered. Mr Underwood
read a paper the subject
of which was Cecil rho-
des and Mr Manning
Brawn read a paper
upon "Air ships."

Mr C. B. Bassett who
was on the program
was not present at
the meeting.

The program for the
next meeting was then

announced by Pres. Han-
nson the ~~First~~ Chairman of the
program committee.
It was as follows.

Mr. Stites - A Scientific
paper.

Mr. Smith - Book Review

Mr. Crockett - The Oil Fields

Mr. Meacham - Numerous Papers

Mr. John Filand then
moved that the society
hold its next regular
meeting on the First
Friday night in June
the motion was second-
ed by Mr. Jandy, but
after a lengthy dis-
cussion by the society
upon the motion of
Mr Stites seconded by
Mr Brown Mr. Filand's
motion was tabled.

The application for mem-
bership of Prof A. C. King-
Kendall was then pre-
sented and was filed
away to be acted on

at the next meeting of the society.

Mr. Meacham then moved that at the future meetings of the society suitable ices should be served at 10 P. M. in place of the usual dinner. Mr. Meacham's motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by the society, the vote being 7 to 3.

* Upon the motion of Mr. Jandy seconded by Mr. Underwood all papers read should be filed with the secretary and should become the property of the society and should be open to criticism and comments. This motion was carried.

Mr. John Filand in behalf of himself and Mrs. Filand then invited the society to

met at his home on the first Thursday in June.

Mr Meacham then moved that the society unconditionally and collectively extend to Mr and Mrs Fuland their thanks for their proferred hospitality but stated and embodied in his motion that under the circumstances the society was not in a position to accept the invitation. This motion was seconded by Mr Smith. A lengthy discussion then ensued but the motion was carried by the Society.

Mr Jandy then moved that the society should adopt an order of business and that ~~the President~~ ~~the committee~~ should

Upon the motion of Mr Han-
bury seconded by Mr Under-
wood the secretary was ordered
to put the business of this meeting &
any future meetings of the society

by the ~~chair~~ society
be appointed to draw
up same. His motion
was duly seconded &
carried. Whereupon the
~~chair appointed Mr.~~
~~Fandy and Mr. Ireland~~
~~a committee to draw~~
~~up same and to report~~
~~at the next meeting~~
~~of the society.~~
and the chair was ordered
up same and to report
at the next meeting
of the society.

Upon the motion of
Mr Fandy, ^{moved that date of} the next
regular monthly meet-
ing was ^{should be} set for the
first Saturday night
in June at 8 ~~o'clock~~ P.M.
at Hall Gatham, this
motion was seconded
and carried. *

Upon the motion of
Mr. McCartney seconded
by Mr Thomas the so-
ciety then adjourned.

John Dittus
Sec. Treas

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham on Saturday night the 7th day of June, ¹⁹⁰² at 8:30 P. M. Buzz Harrison called the society to order. The roll was then called by the secretary and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved by the society.

The written excuse of Mr. E. B. Bassett for failure to ~~read~~ perform duty was then ~~read~~ presented, ^{upon the motion of Mr. Feland} seconded by Mr. Fandy the same was accepted by the society.

Dr. Preston Thomas' resignation as a member of the society was presented by the secretary and upon the motion of Mr. John Feland duly seconded it was accepted by the society.

The following program was then rendered

Dr. Stiles. Scientific paper entitled "Mental recreation to be found in the study of nature."

Mr Smith, A book review of Kate Bennett, and Mr. Chas M. Meacham read a humorous paper.

The program for the next regular meeting was then announced by the Chairman of the program committee and was as follows:

E. B. Basset - Book Review.
 A. P. Crockett - The old Fields
 J. McCartney - Scientific Paper
 Clifton Lang - Historical Sketch
 W. H. Harrison - Current Topics.

The society then adjourned to the ordinary where ice and cake were served. at the conclusion of refreshments Mr Meacham presented the applications for membership of the following gentlemen who desired to be admitted as members into the Society
 Mr. J. W. Downer, John B. Russell, R. L. Woodward, John C. Deffy, Geo E. Gary, Frank

Rives and Douglas^{Bill} - Said applications for membership were filed with the secretary to be voted on at the next meeting.

The ~~Prst~~ ^{Prst} then reported the order of business which he had drawn up for the society.

~~Business~~

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Roll call & excuses of absentees
- + 3. Reading minutes of last meeting.
- 5. Reports of Committees
- 6. Unfinished business
- 7. New business.
- 8. Adjournment.
- +4. Program with discussion of each paper as read.

Upon the motion of Mr. Sandy seconded by Mr. Underwood the order of exercises as reported by Prst Harrison were adopted by the Society.

John Stiles moved that the following amendment be made to section five regulating the admission of members. That the following words be omitted "Such application shall lie over until the next regular meeting of the Society, when it shall be voted on" and in place thereof the following words be inserted "Said application for membership ~~shall~~ ^{may} be ~~acted~~ ^{acted} on at the meeting at which it is presented".

Said ~~application~~ motion was filed in writing to be voted on at the next meeting.

The society then voted on the application of Prof. A. C. Key Kendall and he was admitted as a member ~~of the~~ ~~society~~

Mr. John Filand then

moved that the next regular meeting of ~~the society~~ be held on the first Thursday ~~night~~ in July at 7.30 P.M. at Hotel Gatham, and that supper be served to the Society in the ordinary and that the dues be increased to 75¢ if necessary to pay expenses which motion was seconded by Mr Stites and was carried by the society.

Mr. Jandy then moved that the constitution and its new standards be furnished to the New Era for publication which motion was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. McCartney then moved that the Society authorize the Secretary to buy postal cards and have necessary printing done in order to notify members of the time of meeting and assignments be

duty, which motion was
seconded by Dr Brown and
was carried.

Upon the motion of Mr.
Fandy the Society then ad-
journed.

John Stiles Sec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held on Thursday, July 3rd, 1902, at Hotel Latham at 7.30 P.M.

After supper was served in the ordinary the society was called to order by Priest Harrison.

The excuses of Mr Clefau Long and Mr A. P. Crockett stating their inability and regret for their failure to perform duty on the program was presented and on motion accepted by the society.

The resignation of Mr. L. H. McCartney was then read and on the motion of Mr. C. M. Macclain, duly seconded the resignation of Mr McCartney was regretfully accepted.

The roll was then called by the secretary and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The program was then rendered.

Mr E. B. Bisset read

a book review entitled the "Leap and Spots" and Mr W. H. Harrison read a paper on Current Topics. Each paper was discussed as read.

The proposed amendment regulating application for membership was then called up and after a long discussion a vote was taken on same and on the failure to receive the two thirds vote of the entire membership necessary for its passage it was defeated. Dr Stites one of the adverse voters then made a motion for the reconsideration of the proposed amendment at the next meeting of the society.

The applications for membership of Mrs McDaniel and Mr H. H. Abernathy were then presented by Messrs

J. C. Underwood and H. M. Meacham respectively

The following gentlemen who had applied for membership into the society were admitted as members, J. W. Lawrence, John B. Russell, R. L. Woodard, John C. Kieffy, G. E. Gary, Frank Rivers and Vang Lee Bell.

The Chairman of the program committee then reported the following program for the next meeting.

A. P. Crockett --- The oil fields
 G. C. Lang, Jr --- Historical sketch
 J. J. Hanbery --- To be selected
 John Stiles --- Asthucian Canal.

Upon the motion of Mr Meacham duly seconded and carried by the society the secretary was instructed to have the by-laws of the society printed.

Upon the motion of Mr Meacham the society

then adjourned.

John Stites
Sec.

T. C. Underwood, V. P.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held on Thursday Aug. 7th ¹⁹⁰² at Hotel Latham at 7.30 P.M.

After supper was served in the ordinary the society was called to order by Vice-President Underwood who took the chair on account of the absence of President Harrison.

The Roll was then called and the excuse of Mr Stiles for his absence was presented and accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and an motion approved.

The program was then rendered which consisted of a paper on the "Isthmian Canal" by John Stiles.

Judge J. T. Hanbery in person presented his excuse for failure to prepare his paper, and upon motion his excuse was accepted.

The applications for membership of H. H. Abernathy, and

Mr R. F. McDaniel [redacted] had been presented in writing and filed with the secretary were then considered and after the usual ballot both gentlemen were elected members.

The applications for membership of Judge W. T. Fowler, per J. W. Blakey and Gordon Nelson were then presented and filed.

On account of the absence of Pres. Harrison, the chairman of the program committee, the announcement of the program for the next regular meeting was postponed.

Upon the motion of Mr Smith duly seconded the society then adjourned.

John Stiles

~~the~~ Omitting the words "Such application shall be
over until the next regular meeting of the society, when it
shall be voted on" and in place thereof the following words to
be added: "Such application for membership may be added at
the meeting at which it is presented."

The regular monthly meeting of the
Atheneum was held on Thursday
Sept 4th, 1902, at Hotel Latham at
7.30 P.M.

After supper was served in the
ordinary the society was called to
order by President W. H. Harrison.
The roll was then called and the
excuse of Mr Stiles for his absence
was presented and accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and an motion appro-
ved.

The program was then rendered
which consisted of a paper by
Mr John C. Duffy on Socialism.

The applications for membership
of Judge W. F. Fowler, Mr T. W. Blakey
and Gordon Milsau having been
presented in writing and filed
were then considered and after the
usual ballot all three of the
gentlemen were admitted as
members.

The proposed amendment to Sec-
tion five of the constitution was then
considered and an motion of John

* Stites, seconded by Mr Smith said amendment was adopted by the society, receiving the two thirds necessary vote.

The applications for membership of Mr. H. L. McPherson, J. F. Burns, J. T. Edmunds, ^{W. M. Alexander} and H. Clay Smith were presented in writing and on motion of Mr Macham the applications of Messrs. McPherson, Burns ^{Smith} and Edmunds ^{+ Smith} were considered and all ~~three~~ of the gentlemen admitted as members.

The program committee then announced through its chairman the following program for the next meeting.

- 1 J. T. Haubery
- 3 Edmund Harrison
- 2 H. H. Abernathy
- John F. Claid

Upon the motion of Mr Smith the society adjourned.
John Stites Sec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held on Thursday Oct 3rd, 1902 at 7.30 P.M. at Hotel Latham.

After being served with supper in the ordinary the society was called to order by President Harrison. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following program was then rendered.

Judge J. T. Hauberg + + "The Law
 Mr H. H. Abernathy + + "The Smart
 Mr Edmund Harrison + + "The Duties
 of the House, the
 Stability of the Government

The application for membership of Colonel Jauett Hurry was filed by Mr Underwood and upon the motion of Mr Meade was considered, after the usual ballott Mr Hurry was elected a member of the society.

The program committee through its chairman announced the following program

gram for the next meeting. ~~The~~
~~subjects~~

W. J. Gandy + + somethings about Louis Napoleon
 J. W. Newmer + + "Nathaniel Hawthorne"
 Frank Rivas + +

Mr C. W. Meadum stated that Mr
 Alexander desired to withdraw
 his application for membership
 and moved that he be allowed to
 do so, said motion was duly sec-
 ured and carried.

Upon the motion of Mr W. J.
 Gandy duly secured the society
 then adjourned.

John Stiles Sec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held on Thursday Nov 5th, 1908 at 7.30 P. M. at Hotel Latham.

After being served with supper in the ordinary the society was called to order by President Harrison. The roll was then called and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following program was then rendered.

W. T. Tandy - Something about Louis Napoleon.

J. W. Sawyer - "Mathaniel Hawthorne"

Mr Frank Rives in person presented his excuse for failure to prepare his paper and on motion duly seconded it was accepted by the society.

The program committee through its chairman then announced the following program for the next meeting

Frank Rives - could "President day Politics"
 Mr Blakey
 Mr Woodard

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the next meeting of the society was to be held at 7 P. M. instead of 7.30 P. M. as heretofore.

Upon motion the society then adjourned.

John Stiles Sec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held on Thursday Dec 4th 1902, at Hotel Latham at 7:00 P.M.

After being served with supper in the ordinary the society was called to order by President Harrison.

The roll was then called and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following program was then rendered.

Frank Rives -- "Present day Politics"
 Mr J. W. Blakey -- "Heredity"
 Mr R. L. Woodard -- "Public Sanitation"

The excuse of Prof A. C. Key-Murdall for his failure to attend the meetings of the society was read and an motion accepted.

Mr J. W. Blakey then proposed the following by law for the government of the Program Committee.

Be it enacted by the Athenaeum:--
 "That the program committee be and the same is hereby ordered and directed to arrange a program of three papers on subjects for each regular

order
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 out.

ordered
out

Meeting of the society, and in case
all of said persons are duly prepared
and present, then the third per-
son on said program be con-
tinued to the next meeting."

Said motion was duly se-
cured and defeated.

The program committee through
its chairman then announced
the following program for Jan-
uary + Feby.

January.

2. Feb. J. J. Edmunds, Absent
W. G. Fowler, "The Labor Question"
G. E. Gary Postponed by the Committee
Feby

1. Feb. H. C. Smith
H. L. McPherson
Janett Hurry

Upon motion the society
then adjourned.

John Steen, Sec.