

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held Thursday evening January 3rd 1907 at seven P. M. at Hotel Latham. After being served with supper in the ordinary, society was called to order by President Fowler.

Mr. J. Garland Cooper being absent, Lucian H. Davis was elected Secretary Pro-tem.

The reading of the minutes for the previous meeting, was upon motion dispensed with. Bro. Cooper having failed to send them in. Mr. Davis was requested to get the minutes of the last meeting from Mr. Cooper, if they were prepared.

If not, then he was requested to supply the minutes for the December meeting.

The following gentlemen presented excuses for their absence at this

meeting: Mr. J. J. McReynolds,
Mr. Ira L. Smith, Mr. T. N. Long,
Mr. Frank Rice, Mr. B. G. Nelson,
Dr. Manning Brown.

On motion made, sec^d & carried
unanimously, the absence of these
gentlemen was excused.

The following program was then
given:-

The Old and New Court parties by Mr. J. W. Downer
Denatured Alcohol by Judge W. J. Fowler
The passing of the Log Fire by Mr. Geo. E. Gary.
Mr. J. G. Cooper, who has moved to
Nashville, Tenn., to reside, tendered his
resignation as Secretary of the society.

On motion, the resignation of Mr.
Cooper was accepted with regrets.

Motion was made and carried that
the society proceed to fill the vacancy
caused by the resignation of Mr. Cooper.

Several nominations were made,
and the result was the election of
Senator Frank Pivid as our Secretary.
There being no further business,
the society then adjourned.

Lucius H. Davis.

Secy Pro-tem.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum, was held Thursday evening, Feb. 7th 1907, at 7³⁰ P. M. in the Ordinary at Hotel Latham, W. T. Fowled president being absent, meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Ira L. Smith after the serving of supper and the roll call showed the following members present, Geo. C. Abbott, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downes, Jno. C. Duff, G. E. Gury, Barksdale Hamlett, Dr. Edmund Harrison, Jonett Henry C. M. MacKeney, R. F. McDaniel, T. J. McReynolds, B. G. Nelson, Mr. W. L. Nourse, Frank Rives, H. C. Smith, H. O. Smith, Ira L. Smith and John Stiles.

Reasons and excuses for their absence at previous meetings were offered by Dr. Harrison, Dr. Nourse, Rev. H. O. Smith, Prof. H. C. Smith and Dr. McDaniel, and on motion said reasons and excuses were accepted.

Excuses having been tendered by various

members of the society for the absence
of Mr. Stiles, Mr. Brown, Judge McCarroll,
T. W. Long and T. C. Underwood and all of
same being satisfactory on motion
their absence was excused.

Minutes of last meeting were then
read and approved.

The following program was then
given.

The Negro Soldier by Col. Jonett Henry
The Equalization of Social Equipment by Prof. Barksdale Haulett
and then followed an interesting, entertaining
and amusing discussion of the papers read
by Col. Henry and Prof. Haulett.

Mr. M. L. Cowan having made his arrange-
ments to leave Hopkinsville, Frank Frank
Rivis, tendered his resignation as a mem-
ber of this society which on motion was
accepted. There being no further business
meeting adjourned.

Frank Rivis Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of
the Alhemaum was held Thursday
evening, ^{Mar. 7th 1907} in the ordinary at Hotel
Latham and was called to order
at 7⁴⁰ P. M. by its president W.
T. Fowler after the serving of supper
The roll was called and the follow-
ing members were present:

Geo. C. Abbott, T. M. Brown, L. A. Davis,
J. W. Downer, W. T. Fowler, Barksdall
Hambell, Prof. E. Harrison, J. T. Hamberry,
Jouett Henry, C. M. Meacham, P. F. Mc-
Daniel, B. G. Nelson, W. L. Norner,
Frank Pines, H. C. Smith, Geo. L. Smith,
H. D. Smith and O. P. Smith, T. C. Under-
wood and R. L. Woodard.

The reasons and excuses for the
absence of J. J. McReynolds and
Jno. C. Duffy were offered and some
being satisfactory their absence was
excused. Minutes of last meeting

were then read and approved.

Mr. Harrison being called as the first speaker on the program announced that by agreement with Mr. Underwood he had exchanged position on the program with him and that Mr. Underwood would be on program for this meeting.

The following program was then rendered.

What life means to them, T. C. Underwood.
Trusts, J. T. Hanberry
Napoleon Bonaparte, W. P. Smith.

All of the papers were highly entertaining and instructive and showed careful preparation.

Due to the lateness of the hour the general discussion was limited.

The club enjoyed a few remarks by Mr. McPerson of the Baptist Church who was present by invitation.

The resignation of Judge Joe
McCarroll was tutored in writing
he stating that his health did not
permit of his attendance with
any degree of regularity and ^{on} motion
same was accepted with regrets
and the condolence of the Athenaeum
extended him in his present illness.
There being 3 vacancies in the member-
ship of the society the name of Mr.
W. F. Tandy a former member was
submitted by the committee on
nominations and on motion a
ballot was taken and Mr. Tandy
was unanimously elected a
member.

On motion it was decided to have
an open meeting and banquet at
the May date of meeting and the
following committees were appoint-
ed. On program, Pres. Fowler, Vice

Pres. Geo. L. Smith and Sec. P. R. Davis.
On arrangements Col Henry and L. H. Davis.

There being no further business meeting
adjourned with the admonition from
the President that the members re-
member the Clerk.

Frank P. Davis, Sec.

The Athenaeum met in regular session
Thursday, evening April 4th 1907 in the
ordinary at Hotel Fatham. Supper
was served at 7⁴⁵ o'clock and after
the inner man had been satisfied
and the table cleared away the
meeting was called to order by
President Fowler and the roll call
showed the following members
present. F. M. Brown, F. W. Blakey
J. S. Downer, J. C. Duffey, W. T. Fowler
B. Hamlett, Dr. E. Harrison, J. T. Har-
vey, C. M. Maclean, R. F. McDaniel
T. J. McReynolds, B. G. Nelson,
Dr. Nourse, Frank Pines, H. C. Smith,
D. L. Smith, H. D. Smith, Mrs Stites,
T. C. Underwood, R. L. Woodard and
W. T. Tully.

The expenses for the absence of L. H.
Davis, Col. Henry, G. E. Garay, Dr. Abbott,
and T. W. Long being offered and

same being satisfactory this absence
was excused.

Minutes of last meeting was then
read and approved and the Clerk
directed to call the first member
on the program, Judge Joe McCarroll
having resigned, Dr. McDaniel was
called and gave the society an
excellent paper on Alexander
Hamilton, which was very much
appreciated by all the members
present, The name of T. J. McRey-
nolds being next called, he gave
us a carefully prepared and an
instructive paper on the over ex-
ploitation of Railroads. After a general
discussion of his paper reports of com-
mittees were called for, the com-
mittee on arrangements for the June
meeting in May being absent no
report was made for same

Committee on program for the
May meeting reported the following
members on the program,

H. W. Smith, G. L. Smith, J. T. Ham-
berry, J. W. Downer, T. C. Underwood,
H. Clay Smith, but all the subjects
not having been assigned, the
subjects were not reported.

This being the time of the annual
election of officers, nominations for
president was called for and Mr.
C. M. Meacham being the only one
placed in nomination on motion
the Clerk was instructed to cast
the vote of the society - for Mr.
meacham, which was done and
he was declared the duly elected
president of the society - for the
ensuing year.

H. Clay Smith, John D. Suter and G. L.
Smith having been placed in nomi-

nation for vice president a ballot was taken and H. C. Smith having received a majority of the ballots cast, was declared elected vice president of the society for the ensuing year. As the result of a well organized conspiracy, Frank Lewis was the only name put in nomination for secretary, and the president was instructed to cast the vote of the society for him for secretary, which was done and he was declared to be the duly elected secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year and was allowed to qualify without bond. He felt and believed that he had good and sufficient grounds for a contest, but decided to waive them provided the members would get the fifty cent tabit.

A communication from Capt. Withrow to the effect that he would serve supper at the May banquet at \$1.50 per

plate was used by the Secretary.

On motion the names of Mr. Meacham and Mr. Audenwood were added to the Committee on arrangements with instruction to confer with Capt.

Whitlow and to try and arrange for the banquet at \$1⁰⁰ per plate with authority to make it \$1²⁵ per plate.

It was moved and carried that each member be charged with two plates on said occasion and each member be allowed to invite an extra couple by notifying the Secretary and paying for the extra plates.

Moved and seconded that Prof. Will Harrison, the first president of the Society together with Mrs. Harrison be invited to attend the May meeting as the guest of the Society, which

motion was unanimously carried
and the secretary instructed to convey
the invitation to Mr. & Mrs. Harrison.

On motion the meeting adjourned

Frank Pines, Secretary

May 2nd 1907

THE ATHENAEUM BANQUET

The fourth annual banquet of the Athenaeum took place ~~Friday~~ night at Hotel Latham and was a charming event. After a reception in the parlors from 8:30 to 9 o'clock, the members of the club and the friends repaired to the dining hall and enjoyed a delicious and excellently served supper. Grace was invoked by Rev. W. L. Nourse, D. D.

What They Ate.

This was the menu:
Salted Peanuts Sliced Tomatoes
Boullion en Tasse Mixed Pickles
Radishes
Filletts of bluefish-ala Bordelaise
Pomme Parisienne
Gingembre Sorbet
Smothered Chicken-ala Persillade
New Potatoes Delmonte Tips
Plum Pudding Hard Sauce
Fruit Salad
Neapolitaine Ice Cream
Strawberries Assorted Cakes
Coffee.

Mayor Charles M. Meacham, the president of the club, acted as toastmaster, and his inimitable wit finely fitted him for that part. He cordially welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers most happily.

The Program of Toasts.

The speakers and their subjects follow:

"Family Affairs,"
..... Eld. H. D. Smith
"Behold I have created the Smith that bloweth *."—Isa. 54:16.
"In Our Town"
..... Judge J. T. Hanbery
"Such is the patriot's boast where'er we roam,
His first, best country, ever is at home."
—Goldsmith.

"When a Man Marries".....

..... Mr. T. C. Underwood
"Needles and pins, needles and pins,
When a man marries his trouble be-
gins. —Mother Goose.

"Poles and Persimmons,".....
..... Mr. Ira L. Smith

As dead sea fruit that tempt the eye
But turn to ashes on the lip,
Virginia Diospyros
Will draw the puckers every nip.

"In Fancy's Realm,".....
..... Mr. J. W. Downer

"Then upon the velvet sinking,
We betake ourselves to linking
Fancy unto fancy."
—Edgar Allen Poe.

"Before Adam".....
..... Prof. H. Clay Smith

"There I came upon a tribe of Tree
people. I crouched in a thicket
and watched them at play. They
were holding a laughing council,
jumping up and down and screech-
ing rude choruses.—Jack London.

Rev. Mr. Smith discussed the Smith Family in a way that delighted his audience. He told of the origin of the Smiths and their achievements. The derivation of the name showed they were born to "Smite" evils and "Smooth" troubles and they had nobly performed their mission. In concluding Mr. Smith eloquently read Eugene Field's noted poem, "John Smith, U. S. A."

Judge Hanbery had a congenial topic in setting forth the virtues of

Hopkinsville. It was one of his ablest efforts and full of fun as well as facts. His peroration was a glowing tribute to the Hopkinsville girl.

Mr. Underwood's talk was in a lighter vein. He accused the toastmaster of wickedly attaching the cynical sentiment on the program to his subject and endeavored to show that "When a man marries his trouble begins" to fade away and vanish.

Mr. Ira L. Smith's response had sparkling wit and much wisdom gracefully interwoven. Mr. Smith is an adept at the skillful use of words and his puns and paradoxes were exceedingly clever.

Mr. Downer's graces and elegance of oratory were well exemplified in his toast. Its literary charm, richness of metaphor and classical allusions made it a veritable pastel in prose.

Prof. Clay Smith is always entertaining and edifying, and his speech was particularly captivating. Its vim and brilliancy electrified the hearers and despite the "wee sma' hours" of the morning when his toast was spoken his hearers would have been glad for him to have talked on indefinitely.

The banquet was one of the most successful from every point of view the club has held. It was essentially a Smith program. "a sort of family reunion," as Mr. Ira L. Smith suggested. "We have four Smiths in our society," said the president in his opening remarks, "and seventy-five per cent of them are on the program."

Those Who Were Present.

The members of the Athenaeum and ladies present were: Mayor and Mrs. C. M. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Blakey, Mr. J. W. Downer and Mrs. Greer Henry Russell, Col. and Mrs. Jouett Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Underwood, Prof. and Mrs. Barksdale Hamlett, Mr. B. G. Nelson and Mrs. M. H. Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. Manning Brown, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Stites, Rev. Dr. W. L. Nourse and Miss Virginia Nourse, Mr. John Stites and Miss Alise Dabney, Senator Frank Rives and Miss Mary Goldthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Duffy, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gary, Prof. H. Clay Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hanbery, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Woodard.

The guests were: Mr and Mrs John C. Latham and Miss Edith Boulware, Mr. Gus Breathitt and Miss Julia Arnold, Mr. Will P. Winfree and Miss Jean Goldthwaite, Mr. Walker Wood and Miss Willie Rust, Mr. W. B. Neely and Mrs. Sallie McDaniel Richards, Mr. Thos. B. Fairleigh and Miss Lelia Mills, Mr. George C. Long and Mrs. Henry Tandy, Mr. Alfred H. Eckles and Miss Inez Moore, Mr. John H. Bell, Jr., and Miss Sallie George Blakey, Mr. John E. Byars and Miss Bet Ware, Mr. L. M. Shepherd and Miss Martha Hardwick, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. Robert Fairleigh and Miss Pat Flack, Mr. Jas. H. Anderson.

*Mrs. and Mrs
Jno. C. Latham
being in the city
the invitation of
the society was
extended to them
to be present*

*And said invitation
was accepted and the society honored with their presence.
The invitation of the society had been extended to its
first President - Prof. Will Harrison to be present and
he had accepted but was unavoidably prevented. The
meeting adjourned at 120 A. M. Friday morning
May, 3rd 1907.*

Frank Rives Secretary

Regular monthly meeting of the
Athenaeum held in the Ordinary
at Hotel Latham, Thurs. evening
Sept. 5th 1907, supper was laid at
7³⁰ P. M. After supper meeting called
to order by President - Meacham and
on the roll call the following
members answered present.

Dr. Brown, Dr. Blakey, L. H. Davis, J. W.
Dorner, J. C. Duff, Prof. Hamlett,
Dr. Harrison, J. T. Hawberry, Col. Henry
C. M. Meacham, T. J. Mc Reynolds, B. G.
Nelson, Dr. Morse, Frank Rivers
Prof. H. C. Smith, J. L. Smith, Mr. H.
D. Smith, Jno. Stiles, T. C. Underwood
and W. F. Tandy. The society was very
pleased to have Mr. B. O. Mc Reynolds
as its guest for the evening.

Excuses of Mr. Stiles, Geo. Gary, W. T.
Fowler, R. F. Mc Daniel and S. P. Smith
were offered and accepted
as motion reading of minutes of last meeting
were postponed.

The resignations of Res. Geo. C. Abbott
and T. W. Long were tendered and
accepted, the society expressing
their regrets that circumstances
were such as to make the
resignations necessary.

The following program was
rendered

H. Clay Smith, The Golden Rule

Gra L. Smith Acts

R. L. Woodard The White Plague

All three of the papers were
exceptionally good and were
highly enjoyable and instructive
to the society; and were general discussed
by the members. On motion

The following committee on
membership was appointed by
the president - to wit: J. T. Hanberry,
J. C. Duffy, Col. Jonett Henry. On
motion, society adjourned to Thurs.
evening Oct. 3rd 1907. Frank Paris Sec

Regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum
was held in the ordinary at Hotel Latham, Wytheville
ville, Ky. Thurs. Oct. 3rd 1907. Supper was
laid at 7³⁰ P. M. and after supper the meeting
was called to order by president Meachum, and
on the call of the roll the following members
answered present, Dr. T. W. Blakey, Geo. Downer
W. T. Fowler, Geo. E. Garty, Prof. Hamlet, Prof. E.
Harrison, J. T. Hamberry, Col. Henry, C. M.
Meachum, B. G. Nelson, Mr. Nourse, Frank Pive
H. C. Smith, J. L. Smith, Mrs. Stiles, Mr. Stiles,
T. C. Underwood, R. L. Woodard, and W. T. Tandy.
The excuses of absentees, W. P. Smith, L. D. Davis
and T. J. Mc Reynolds offered and accepted,
minutes read and approved

The following program was then
rendered, Mr. Stiles, Weather Service
Mrs. Stiles, Earl of Beaconsfield
which was highly enjoyed by the society
and generally discussed by the members.
Committee on nominations recommended

The names of Mr. E. H. Barker and
Rev. M. A. Jenkins for membership, and
after due consideration, ballots were
taken and they were elected members
of the Athenaeum.

On motion the meeting then
adjourned.

Frank Pires, Sec.

The regular monthly session of the
Athenaeum held at Hotel Latham,
Hopkinsville, Ky, Thurs. day evening
Nov. 7th 1907, supper was announced at
7³⁰ P. M. and after supper, the meeting
was called to order by President C. W.
Mecham, the Secretary Frank Rios
being absent Mr. J. C. Mulhwood
was appointed secretary pro tem.
and on the call of the roll, the fol-
lowing members answered present

The following program was then
rendered

The Athenaeum met in its regular
monthly session at Hotel Latham
Thursday, evening, Dec. 5th 1907 at 7:30 P.M.
After partaking of supper, the ordinary
the meeting was called to order by
President Meachem and on the
call of the roll the following num-
bers answered present. T. W. Blakey
E. H. W. Brauch, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer
J. C. Duffy, B. Hamlett, Prof. E. Harrison
J. T. Harbery, J. W. Henry, C. M. Meachem
B. G. Nelson, W. L. Rouse, Frank Rives,
H. C. Smith, I. L. Smith, H. D. Smith,
Dr. Frank Stites, T. C. Underwood, Dr. R. L. Woodard
Dr. E. H. Barber.

The excuses of Absentees, Dr. Brown,
T. J. McReynolds, W. T. Fowler, and Dr.
McDaniel were offered and accepted
and J. W. C. Duffy was excused for
not being prepared for his num-
ber on the program. The reading of

The minutes was dispersed with, because
some had not been written for Nov.
meeting.

The following program was then
given

L. H. Davis, Increase Consumption & Mfg. of Cement
J. W. Downer, Sir Walter Scott.

Both productions were highly enjoyed and
appreciated by the members present.
On motion the meeting adjourned to
meet Jan. 2nd 1908 at same place.

Frank Rivers Sec.