

The Athenaeum met in its regular
monthly meeting in the Ordinary
at Hotel Latham, Jan. 2nd 1908 at
7³⁰ P. M. After supper served by
our host, Thompson the meeting was
called to order by President Meacham
with the following members present
Branch, Downer, Duffy, Fowler, Gary, Hamlett
Harrison, Henry, Meacham, McReynolds,
Rice, H. C. Smith, H. D. Smith, D. P. Smith,
Dr. Sites, Underwood, Woodard,
Excuses of Absentees, Hantony, Nourse,
J. L. Smith, Nelson, Davis, Brown, McDaniel,
Blakey offered and accepted.

The following program was then
given.

W. T. Fowler, The Letters of Junius.
Dr. R. L. Woodard, The Profession and Preventive Medicine.
Geo. E. Gary offered his excuse for not
being prepared for his number on the
program, and having assumed the

Society - that his paper would not be worth a fine, on motion his excuse was accepted with the understanding that he be prepared to fill any vacancy that might occur on the Feb. or March program.

Both papers were interesting, practical and well prepared and delivered and appreciated by the society and general discussed.

The secretary having notified the society that it would be necessary for him to be absent at the Feb. and March meetings of the society - by consent, Mr. T. J. McReynolds was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion the meeting adjourned
Frank Pires, Sec.

The Athenaeum met in its regular
monthly meeting in the Ordinary
at Hotel Latham, Thursday night
February 6th 1908, at 7:30 P.M.

After supper (?) served by Mr. Thompson,
the meeting was called to order by
President Meacham, with the following
members present. Parker, Blakey, Davis
Downer, Duffy, Fowler, Garg, Laulet,
Hawberry, Henry, Jenkins, Meacham, McRey-
nolds, Nelson, Nourse, H. C. Smith,
J. L. Smith, H. D. Smith, J. C. Underwood,
F. M. Stites, R. L. Woodard, W. J. Sandy.

The absentees excused were Brown,
Brauch, Harrison, McDaniel, Rice and
Juv. Stites

Mr. D. O. Smith's letter of resignation
was read and accepted.

The following program was then
given:—

Col. J. W. Henry "Rifle Shooting"

Dr. W. L. Nourse "The Ideal Man"
Mayor G. M. Meacham - "Description of
Yellow Stone Park"

The papers were all well prepared,
and were very interesting as well as
instructive, and a general discussion
followed; S. Y. Trumble & J. E. Byars ^{unanimously} were elected to see ^{through}

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

J. W. Reynolds.
Secy. Pro. Tem

The Athenaeum met in its regular monthly meeting in the Ordinary at Hotel Falham Thursday night March 5-1908 at 7³⁰ P.M.

After a good supper served by our host Mr. Brewer the meeting was called to order by President Meacham with the following members present. Barker, Blakey, Davis, Downer, Duffey, Hamlett, Harrison, Hauberry, Henry, Jenkins, Meacham, McReynolds, Nourse, H. C. Smith, J. L. Smith, H. D. Smith, F. M. Stites, Underwood, Woodard, Tandy, and A. Y. Trimble.

The absentees excused were, Brown, Branch, Fowler, Gary, McDaniel, Nelson, Rives, Jno Stites, & J. E. Ryan.

Only one paper was read, and that by Prof. Harrison on the "Literature of the Bible". It was a literary gem and much enjoyed by every one present. After Mr. Jenkins & Mr. Hauber

who were on the program were both carried over to the April meeting - Mr. Jenkins being called away unexpectedly and Mr. Hauberry was not fully prepared. After a discussion of Prof. Harrison's paper, it was moved and seconded we have a special meeting in May. It was also moved and seconded the chair appoint two committees, one on program and one on arrangements both to report at the next regular meeting. The program committee was Dr. Tyler, J. J. Hauberry, Prof. Haulitt.

The committee on arrangements was J. J. McReynolds, L. H. Davis and Dr. R. L. Woodruff.

On motion the meeting adjourned,
J. J. McReynolds
Secy pro tem.

The Athenaeum met in regular session Thursday evening April 7th 1908 in the ordinary at Hotel Latham. Supper was served promptly at 7:30 o'clock and after the dinner man had been well satisfied and the table cleared, the meeting was called to order by President Meacham with the following members present, C. M. Meacham, Frank Rice, Ira L. Smith, W. D. Dandy, Prof. Edmund Harrison, Dr. F. M. Stiles, S. Y. Trimble, E. H. Barker, J. W. Downer, L. H. Davis, R. L. Woodard, J. W. Henry, J. C. Duff, J. J. Hanson, Barksdall Sawlett, H. D. Smith, Gordon Nelson, H. Clay Smith, W. D. Fowler, W. L. Nourse, C. H. H. Beach, J. C. Underwood, and J. J. McRynolds. Those absent for satisfactory reasons were, Dr. Manning Brown

Dr. J. W. Blakey, G. E. Gary, M. A. Jenkins, J. E. Byars, Dr. R. F. McDaniel, John S. Hite, Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Two well prepared papers were then read, one by J. J. McKay on "The Silver Money Panic" and one by B. G. Nelson on "Japan". The discussion of Mr. Nelson's paper was quite animated, and the agitation of the Japo-American war question grew rather exciting at times, but President Meacham in his usual diplomatic way finally routed all the Oriental invaders, and order was once more restored. The Annual Election of officers came next and proved quite exciting. After three exciting ballots

Bro. H. Clay Smith receiving the
majority of the votes cast, W. C. M.
Meacham was then instructed
to cast the entire vote for him
as President for the ensuing
year. As the Smith family
seem to develop such promising
qualities, Mr. Ira L. Smith was
placed in nomination for Vice
President without opposition and
was unanimously elected.

Mr. Frank Rivers threatened
to resign if they re-elected him
Secy & Treas, so the honor was
unanimously inflicted on
J. J. McRye. There came
the report of Committee for
the open meeting, and the Com-
mittee on arrangements report-
ed that Mr. Brewer would
furnish plates for the Bangor

at \$1.00 apiece.

The program committee re-
ported the following program
"Publicity" S. Y. Drinker, "Hop-
town on The Hill" C. H. H. Branch
"Of youth But few" John Stites
"Labels, Trademarks + Copyrights"
John Duffy "If" W. J. Fowler.
On motion the meeting then
adjourned.

J. J. McReynolds Sec'y.

The Athenaeum Banquet 5/7/08

The fifth annual banquet of the Athenaeum took place last night at Hotel Latham. These annual functions of the flourishing club are always looked forward to by the members and their friends with keen and delightful anticipations. All have been enjoyable, and last night the beauty of the scene and the brilliancy of the gathering, as well as the fine literary quality of the program, the happy spirit of congeniality among the guests, and the rapt appreciation with which the addresses were heard, fully preserved the high standard fixed by the former open sessions. And it should be added and emphasized that the excellent dinner served by Mr. and Mrs. Brewer was a most agreeable feature. The Athenaeum has never had more delicious dishes to discuss prior to the oratory on such occasions.

The menu follows:

How shall we take things, boiled or stewed,
 Alive or after life has fled;
 With garnishing or strictly nude.
 Or shall we flee them all with dread?
 One meal or many? Closeted,
 In beaneries or on the streets?
 Our lives are hanging by a thread—
 Oh, tell us, tell us, what to eat!
 —Stoddard

Chicken Bouillon in Cups
 Olives Tomatoes Mayonnaise
 Crab Meat—Maryland Style
 Braised Spring Chicken
 French Peas in Cases
 Potatoes Parisian
 Small Biscuit
 Neapolitan Ice Cream Strawberries
 Assorted Cakes
 Roquefort Cheese Crackers
 Coffee

The addresses were charming, and President H. Clay Smith was an admirable toastmaster. As appropriate to a purely social occasion, the remarks of the speakers were mainly in a lighter vein, yet without being either trivial or flippant.

The program of toasts is here appended:

President H. Clay Smith.....
 Toastmaster
 "Under a spreading 'chestnut'
 tree, * * *
 The Smith, a mighty man is he"
 —Longfellow

Publicity..... Selden Y. Trimble
 "Wisdom crieth out: she uttereth her voice in the streets."
 —Proverbs.

Hoptown on the Hike.....
 C. H. H. Branch
 "With its best foot first,
 An' the road a-sliding past."
 —Kipling.

If Youth But Knew..... John Stites
 "My salad days when I was green in judgment."

Copyrights, Labels and Trademarks..... John C. Duffy
 Labels—"When you put a label on a man he ceases to grow."
 —Hubbard

Trademark—"A mark by which one's wares are known in trade."
 —John Doe vs. Richard Roe.

Finally..... Mayor C. M. Meacham

The first two responses were from new members, and each proved himself to be a valuable acquisition to the oratorical talent of the club. Mr. Trimble is a finished, graceful speaker and he presented, attractively mingled with gentle satire, some genuine food for thought concerning the right and wrong sorts of publicity. Rev. Mr. Branch, in his brisk and buoyant style, talked delightfully of what Hopkinsville had and needed. Mr. Branch wants the streets properly numbered, the bill boards reformed, the old cemetery looked after and the whole town beautified. With pungent yet kindly wit he aroused his hearers to a sense of duty in these matters, and the applause that followed his speech was prolonged.

Mr. Stites' address on "If Youth But Knew," was a gem of eloquence and rare humor. He indicted, prosecuted and convicted the trembling folks around him of the crime of growing old and he compelled them to look at themselves through the eyes of the youths they used to be. Specially was he convincing in his advice on how to be happy though married and the proper manner of raising children. The joyous whimsicality of his argument was greatly enhanced by the severely serious manner in which he presented it.

Mr. Duffy had a triple jointed subject and he handled it in a captivating way. Felicity of diction, freshness and originality characterized his remarks and his talk was one of the most interesting of the club

has had the pleasure of listening to. The toastmaster read a despatch from Judge W. T. Fowler, who was to have spoken on the puzzling subject "If—," stating that he had been detained in Louisville by the Republican state convention and would be unable to attend the banquet. At the last moment, Mayor Charles M. Meacham was substituted on the toast list and his happy talk was a fitting climax to the very pleasant occasion. His droll witticisms and persiflage kept the diners in a constant uproar of merriment.

During the reception in the parlors and while the courses of the dinner were being served, an exquisite program of music was rendered by Lebkuecher's orchestra.

Those present were: Pres. H. Clay Smith, Mr. T. J. McReynolds, secretary; Mrs. McReynolds and Mrs. Poynter, of Mississippi; Mr. John Stites and Miss Sallie George Blakey, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hanbery, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. H. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Dr. Edmund Harrison and Miss Harrison, Dr. T. W. Blakey and Miss Lou Blakey, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Stites, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Underwood, Mr. John Byars and Miss Willie Rust, Mr. Chas. J. McPherson, Mr. S. Y. Trimble, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trice, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Barker, Miss Carothers and Mr. Jas O. Cook, Mr. Dennis Shaw and Miss Olive Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, Mr. Pat erson and Miss Victoy, of Madisonville; Mr. Barksdale Hazzett, Senator Frank Rives and Mrs. Sallie McD. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. James West, Mayor and Mrs. C. M. Meacham, Dr. Geo. Robertson and Miss Mary Moore, Col. Jouett Henry, Rev. G. C. Abbitt, Mr. W. A. Wilgus, Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, Mr. A. H. Eckles and Miss Pat Flack, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy, Mr. G. E. Gary and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Duffy, Mr. John H. Bell and Miss Mag Ellis, Mr. M. H. Nelson, jr., and Miss Mary Bronaugh, Mr. Frank Brewer and Miss Rucker, of Evansville; Mr. Robert Fairleigh and Miss Bettie Lee Smith.

The Athenaeum met in regular session at Hotel Latham Tuesday evening June 9¹⁹⁰⁸ and supper was served in the ordinary at 7 o'clock. After the test spread was given the Club, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Ira L. Smith and the following members answered present:—

Ira L. Smith, Dr. F. M. Whites, Buxdale
Haulitt, John C. Duffy, J. W. Hurry, C.
W. Machau, E. H. Brauch, Dr. R. L.
Woodard, G. E. Gary, J. J. Hauberry, Bro.
H. D. Smith, W. J. Fowler, J. W. Downer,
J. C. Underwood and J. J. McReynolds.
Dr. J. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, Prof.
Harrison, W. A. Jenkins, B. G. Nelson
Dr. W. L. Morse, Geo. H. C. Smith
and S. Y. Timber sent satis factory
excuse, but the Club would like
to hear from Dr. E. H. Barker, Dr.
Manning Brown, Dr. R. F. McDaniel

Frank Rivers, J. E. Byars W. J. Tandy
and John Stites as to why they were
absent.

The minutes of the April and May
meetings were read and approved.
The Club expected to hear two most
excellent papers from Bro. Jenkins
and J. J. Hawberry, as they had been
given three months longer than any
one else to prepare them. But Bro.
Jenkins left town, and Mr. Haw-
berry announced he was not yet
ready, and gave the same excuse
and inflicted the same old joke
on the Club that he has given
for the past three meetings.

After quite a lengthy discussion
it was unanimously decided
that Bro Jenkins, J. J. Hawberry &
W. J. Fowler, who resigned at the
~~May~~^{April} meeting, be furnished a

list of all delinquents, and at the end of ten days if they had failed to collect a sufficient amount to pay all bills against the Club they were to make the balance out of their own pockets. Mr. E. M. Macham attempted to deliver to the Club his farewell address which he had over-looked when retiring from the Chair in April, but someone made a motion to adjourn and he decided to carry it over and unload it on the press association the following week.

There being no further business, the Club adjourned to meet the first Thursday night in September.

J. J. McReynolds. Secy.

The Athenaeum held its first meeting after the summer vacation at Hotel Latham Thursday evening Sept 30th 1908, and supper was served in the ordinary at 7³⁰ o'clock by our new host Mr. Stove. After the table was cleared the meeting was called to order by Pres. H. D. Smith and the following members answered present:

A. C. Smith, T. C. Underwood, J. W. Dawes
H. D. Smith, H. L. Nourse, R. F. McDaniel,
Barnes & Hamlett, J. J. Ashberry, C. W.
Mecham, J. W. Henry, C. H. H. Branch,
E. H. Barber, W. J. Fandy, F. M. Stites,
R. L. Woodard, Ira L. Smith & J. W. Reynolds.

Excuses were sent and accepted for
Prof Harrison, John Stiles, Dr. M. F. Brown
Dr. J. W. Blaney, J. Y. Trimble, P. S. Nelson,
Frank Rivers & L. H. Davis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bro. H. D. Smith responded with a

paper on the "Influence of the Bible on
the poetry of Tennyson," which was
truly a literary gem. Mr. J. C.
Underwood's paper on, "A State of Alarm,"
was quite apropos, and was delivered
in his inimitable way, although injury
to one leg from making so many home runs
in a ball game the same afternoon
prevented him from being as graceful
as usual. Mr. J. T. Hauberry sprung
quite a surprise on the club, by being
ready with his paper on "Trusts," and
while much was expected of him from
the extended time allowed him as it was
one was disappointed and the familiarity
of the speaker with his subject showed
he has given it a very careful
consideration, and quite an interesting
discussion followed.

On motion of J. T. Hauberry Mr. J. W.
Dowser was appointed a committee

of one to revise the Constitution of the club and present it at our next meeting for consideration.

At a late hour the club adjourned to meet at the same place the first Thursday night in Oct.

T. J. McReynolds
Secy.

The last meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hall Latham Thursday evening Oct 8 at 7³⁰ P. M. and a good supper was served. After the table was cleared the following members assumed present. H. C. Smith, T. L. Muderwood, J. W. Dawson, H. D. Smith, W. L. Nourse, B. G. Nelson, W. T. Fowler, J. T. Hauberry, Barksdale Hamlett, C. M. Meacham, Janet Berry, E. H. Barber, John Stites, Edmund Harrison, Lucian Davis, John C. Duffly, W. T. Tandy, F. M. Stiles, R. L. Woodward, R. F. McDaniel, Frank Rivers, C. H. H. Branch, J. W. Blakey & J. J. M. Reynolds. Excuses were sent and accepted for J. Y. Fumble and Ira L. Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Then followed two excellent papers by Dr. E. H. Barber on "Teeth and their Preservation", and Rev. C. H. H. Branch on "Labor Unions & Labor Organizations".

Both speakers showed great familiarity with these subjects and an interesting discussion followed. Dr. Blakely who was on the program asked to be excused but promised to be prepared at the next regular meeting. Dr. Manning Brown's suit in his resignation which was accepted with regret. The Pres. appointed as a committee on membership, J. J. McReynolds, Parkdale Hamlett and John B. Duffy. Mr. J. W. Downer who had been appointed a committee of one to revise the Constitution and by laws presented them for approval. They were received and a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Downer for his trouble. It was decided to let the by laws lay over until next meeting before voting on them and any amendments to same was to be made in writing. There being no other business on motion the society adjourned.

J. J. McReynolds. Secy.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham at 7³⁰ P.M. Nov. 4, 1908 and the following members responded to the roll call, E. H. Barker, J. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, John C. Duffey, Geo. E. Gary, Barksdale Hamlett, J. T. Hauberg, Jovett Henry, C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, B. G. Nelson, Frank River, H. C. Smith, Ira L. Smith, J. M. Stites, John Stites, H. S. Smith, S. Y. Trumble, J. C. Underwood & J. J. McReynolds, W. J. Fowler & M. A. Jenkins sent excuses, but C. H. H. Branch, Prof. Edmund Harrison, Dr. W. L. Nourse, W. J. Fandy and R. L. Woodard were absent without excuse. The resignation of J. E. Byars was accepted with regrets. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The Bylaws which had laid over

from the last meeting were read and after making a few slight changes were adopted as prepared by Mr. J. W. Downer, and it was ordered that the secy have them printed in convenient form for distribution among the members of the Society. Dr Blakey was the only one on the program who was prepared and he gave the club a most interesting paper on Earth quakes. Mr. Davis put up an acceptable excuse for not being ready, and promised to be prepared to fill the first vacancy. The following committee was appointed by the Pres. to furnish a liberal supply of Quail for our next supper.
E. H. Barker, C. H. Branch, Barksdale
Hawlett, B. G. Nelson, W. J. Farady

and R. L. Woodard. It was
agreed that during the winter
months beginning with Dec. we
would meet at 7 o'clock. On
motion the society adjourned.

F. J. McPherson,
Secy.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held in the ordinary at Hotel Latham Thursday night Dec. 3-1908. with the following members present. H. D. Smith, J. C. Underwood, E. H. Barker, J. W. Blakey, C. H. H. Branch, L. H. Davis, J. W. Dawner, John C. Duffy, W. J. Fowler, Darksdale Hamlett, Edmund Harrison, J. J. Harbery, M. A. Jenkins, C. M. Meehan, R. F. McDaniel, B. G. Nelson, W. L. Norris, Frank Rivers, H. C. Smith, J. L. Smith, F. M. Stites, W. J. Tandy, R. L. Woodard & J. M. Reynolds, Mr. B. C. McReynolds of Worcester, Ill, was ^{present} a guest of the Society.

The following absentees sent acceptable excuses, S. J. Friable, G. E. Gary, Jonett Henry & John Stites. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Noe served the club a fine supper with Quail on Toast as the paramount issue.

and a vote of thanks was extended to W. J. Fahey, E. H. Barker & Bardale Harnest for their efforts in furnishing the birds for the occasion.

There being two vacancies in the club, the Committee on new members reported the names of G. C. Abbett and E. C. M. Donald, both of whom were elected. The program for the evening was unusually attractive and three splendid papers were read by J. W. Downs on "The East India Co.", M. A. Jenkins on "The Builders" and John C. Duffy on "Guano and Bird Deposits." A lengthy discussion followed and it was nearly twelve o'clock before the society adjourned to meet the first Thursday night in July 1909.

J. J. McKeever
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