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The regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held in the ordinary at Hotel Laetam Thursday evening, Jan'y 7th at 7³⁰ P.M. with the following members present;

H. D. Smith, S. Y. Trimble, J. C. Underwood, E. H. Barber, J. W. Blakey, L. H. H. Branch, L. H. Davis, J. W. Sawyer, Jas. C. Duffey, Geo. E. Gary, Barksdale Hamlett, Edmund Harrison, J. T. Hanberry, James Henry, Charles M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, H. C. Smith, Ira L. Smith, F. M. Stiles, John Stiles, W. T. Gandy, R. L. Woodard, E. C. McDaniel & T. J. M. Reynolds.

D. G. Nelson sent his excuse, but W. L. Nourse, Frank Rivers, & W. T. Fowler were unexcused. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The sec'y reported a deficit in the Treasury owing to the fact that the dues were not sufficient to meet the regular monthly expenses, and

on motion of Col. Henry a special assessment of fifty cents on each member was passed in order to keep the Society from going into bankruptcy. Rev. Geo. C.

Abbott who was elected to membership at the Dec. meeting sent in his resignation which was accepted with regrets. Prof. E. L. McDonald

was quite eloquent in his speech of acceptance and his remarks on the glad he was to be with us were very convincing. He also paid

his initiation fee and regular dues but thought he should not be held liable on the special assess-

ment as the deficit was created before he became a member of the Society. Col. Henry who

was suffering from indigestion complained of the bill of fare

and insisted we should have more
for our money.

Mr. Lucian Davis reads a beautiful
paper on "Optimism"; Mr.
Geo. E. Gary gave a very interesting
paper on "Roman Suffrage" and
Mr. Parkdale Hamlett paper on
"The Enamored Movement from a
Psychological Standpoint" needed
no apologies although he claimed
to have some little ones. After
the papers had been discussed
at some length the Society ad-
journed to meet again the first
Thursday night in July.

J. J. McRynolds
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