

1909

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. Dawner, 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. Fandy, 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 read 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
Secy-

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum
was held in the Ordinary at Hotel
Latham Thursday evening Feb'y 4th
at 7³⁰ P.M. with the following
members present: E. H. Barker, T. J.
Blakely, C. H. Branch, L. H. Davis, J. W.
Dawson, John C. Duffy, W. J. Fowler,
Barksdale Hamlett Prof. E. Harrison,
J. J. Hanberry, C. M. Meacham, B. G. P.
W. L. Nourse, Frank Rivers, L. L. S.
H. W. Smith, Dr. F. M. Stetes, T. C.
Underwood, ^{R. L. Woodard} J. Y. Trouble, E. C. W. D.
J. J. McReynolds, J. W. H.
R. F. McDaniel, Geo. Gary & John S.
sent excuses, but H. C. Smith & W.
Jandy & R. L. Woodard were unexcused
^{minutes of last meeting were read}
Frank Rivers & Dr. W. L. Nourse
made acceptable excuses for being
at Jan'y meeting. Dr. Stephens
was present as a guest of the
Society. Douglas Bell was

unanimously elected a member of
the Society. C. H. H. Branch
proposed an amendment to the
Constitution which was to be
made in writing before the next
meeting. Then followed

three very entertaining papers
by J. J. Hamberry on Islands Water
ways. Passing of the Buffalo

by C. M. Meacham and The
Women of the old testament by
W. J. Fowler. All of the papers
deserve special mention, but the
one by Judge Fowler's brought forth
more discussion as the members
were more familiar with his
subject. Altogether it was one

of the most delightful meetings
(barring the supper) that the
club has ever had and it
was nearly twelve o'clock
when adjournment was taken - J. J. M. C.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham Thursday evening March 4th at 6 o'clock. After supper served in the main dining room the members adjourned to the ordinary and the following responded to the roll call. H. Clay Smith, C. M. Meacham, Barksdale Howlett, B. G. Nelson, W. L. Nurse, Jouett Kewry, Ira L. Smith, W. J. Fandy, L. H. Davis, R. L. Woodard, J. W. Blotay, F. M. Stites, John Stites H. D. Smith, Edmund Harrison, Frank River, John C. Duffy, J. M. Trimble, E. C. McDonald, C. H. H. Branch, J. W. Downer, J. C. Underwood, R. F. McDaniel & J. J. McReynolds. E. H. Parker & G. E. Gary sent excuses, but W. J. Fowler & J. J. Haubery were unexcused. H. C. Smith was excused from July meeting. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved after correction of date from July 3rd to July 4th. Motion made and carried to have open meeting

in May, and that the present officers H. B. Smith, J. L. Smith and T. J. McReynolds be appointed a program committee and that W. J. Fandy, C. H. H. Branch & J. M. Downer act as committee on arrangements and report at next meeting what arrangements could be made for the open meeting and the Society could then take action upon it.

The amendment made to section 8 of the Bylaws by C. H. H. Branch was voted on and lost and Barksdale Hamlett filed another amendment to the same section to be voted on at the April meeting. Motion made and carried that we meet at six o'clock at the regular April meeting and eat supper in the main dining room. Then followed three excellent papers by Col. J. H. Henry on "Troops in ^{campaigns} action on the Field"

Dr. B. F. McDaniell on "Washington Irving"
and B. G. Nelson on "The Bee"
After a general discussion of the subjects
the club adjourned at ten fifteen.

J. J. McPhersons Secy

At a regular meeting of the
Atheneum held at the Hotel Rathau,
Thursday, April 1st, at six o'clock.

After a very poor supper, served in
the main Dining Room, the members
adjourned to the Ordinary, and the
following members responded to the Roll
Call; E.H. Barker, J. W. Blaney, C.H. Brown
J.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, Geo. C. Duffy, W. J. Fou-
ler, G. E. Gary, Barksdale Haulett, Edward
Harrison, J. J. Hauberry, J. W. Henry, C. M.
Mecham, R. J. McDaniel, W. L. Nourse
Frank Rivers, H. C. Smith, H. D. Smith, Geo
Stites, Dr. J. M. Stites, J. L. Underwood, R. L.
Woodard, S. H. Trumble, E. C. McDaniel, J. J.
McReynolds. W. J. Taubey, sent an ex-
cuse, but Ira Smith and B. H. Nelson were
not excused.

Minutes of the February meeting were
read + approved. Committee on Program
reported the following speakers for the

May meeting. J. C. Underwood, J. W. Blakey,
J. W. Downer, W. J. Fowler, E. C. Mc. Donald,

Mr. J. W. Downer made a report for
the Committee on Arrangements, stating
that Mr. Mc. would furnish us a very
elaborate six course supper at \$1.50 per
plate. Motion was made and carried
that the Committee on Arrangements be
given full power to act in making ar-
rangements for the May banquet at a
price not exceeding \$1.50 per plate. It was
also left with the Committee as to whether
or not we have music at the open
meeting. There being two vacancies
Mr. A. S. Chapman and Mrs. A. S. Eccles
were elected to fill same. After much
discussion, the Amendment to Section "8"
of the By-Laws was voted on and
carried. An election of officers
for the ensuing year was then
entered into. Dr. H. L. Krouse was

Nominated as President and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of the Society for Dr. Nourse.

Prof. Haultett was nominated for Vice President, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of the Society for Prof. Haultett.

The office of Secretary and Treas was again unloaded on J. J. McKay holds. An interesting program then followed, with three very instructive papers - One by S. Y. Trumble on "Property Rights of Married Women". Dr. Nourse on the "Life & Character of John Calvin."

Frank Ross gave some observations on the "Enforcement of the Law"

After a general discussion of the papers, the lights went out and the meeting adjourned.

J. J. McKay
Secy.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1909.

SEVENTH OF THE SERIES

One of the Most Successful
Of Athenaeum
Banquets.

COVERS LAID FOR 78.

Speaking Program Shortened
on Account of Lateness
of the Hour.

The seventh annual banquet of The Athenaeum Thursday night was an occasion of exceptional brilliancy and absorbing interest. These events have come to be looked forward to from year to year as the greatest society events in the city, being the only open sessions held of this literary society which ranks with the most successful organizations of the kind in the State.

There are 30 members and all but four of them were present, accompanied by ladies. About 25 invited guests were present, covers being laid for 78.

A reception was held in the parlors of the hotel from 8 to 9 o'clock, at which hour the guests entered the dining room. The guests were seated at two long tables the full length of the dining room, President W. L. Nourse being at the end of the table near the west door of the room. The speakers of the evening were assigned to seats at the other ends of the tables and one midway of the room on each side.

Dr. Edmund Harrison asked the blessing and the following menu was served in courses.

MENU.

Pickles
Asparagus Soup
Olives
Baked Jack Salmon—
Castronome Potatoes
Tomatoes on Lettuce Leaf
Mayonnaise Dressing
'09 Spring Chicken on Toast
Hollandaise Potatoes
Beaten Biscuit
Country Ham—Pea Patties
Fruit Salad—Wafers
Brick Ice Cream
Fresh Strawberries
Fancy Cakes
Cream Cheese
Wafers
Demi Tasse

The tables were cleared at 11:10 and the speaking began with a brief welcome by President Nourse, the toastmaster. The full program is here given:

PROGRAM.

Invocation and blessing by Prof. Edmund Harrison.

Welcome, Pres. W. L. Nourse, toastmaster.

"A man is like in kind to
that upon which he feeds"
Mr. E. C. McDonald... "Thistles"
Nemo me impune lacessit.

"The Thistle says,
Who ere strikes me,
Should have a place
Where he may flee."

Dr. T. W. Blakey..... "A Little
Medicine a Dangerous Thing."
II Chron. 16:12, 13.

Mr. J. W. Downer..... "The Athenaeum—History and Prophecy"

"Can such things be,
"And overcome us like a summer's cloud,
"Without our special wonder?"
—Shakespeare

Mr. T. C. Underwood.....
..... "Telling the Truth"

"All the world's a Lyre
And all the men and women merely players."
—Near Shakespeare

"Truth LIES at the bottom of a well."
—Old Proverb

Mr. W. T. Fowler..... "What Next"

"In this, the antique and well-noted face
Of plain old form is much disfigured."
—Shakespeare

" " Geo. E. Gary.
 " " Edmund Harrison.
 Col. and " Jouett Henry.
 Mrs. Barksdale Hamlett.
 Mayor Chas. M. Meacham.
 Mr. E. C. McDonald and Miss Cox.
 Dr. R. F. McDaniel and Miss Ware.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McReynolds.
 " " B. G. Nelson.
 Pres. W. L. Nourse and Miss
 Nourse.
 Mr. H. C. Smith and Miss Naomi
 Johnson.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith.
 Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Stites.
 Mr. John Stites and Miss Lacy.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy.
 Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Woodard.
 Elder and Mrs. H. D. Smith.
 Mr. S. Y. Trimble.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Underwood.

GUESTS AND LADIES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buckner.
 Mr. L. B. Flack and Miss Lucile
 Ellis.
 Mr. R. M. Fairleigh and Miss
 Olive Johnson.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fowler.
 Mr. Fred Jackson and Miss Flack.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kitchen.
 Mr. and Mrs. B. O. McReynolds,
 Decatur, Ill.
 Mr. R. Y. Meacham and Miss Gal-
 breath.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Minty.
 Mr. A. C. Kuykendall and Miss
 Martha McGary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jas. West.
 " " A. W. Wood.
 Mrs. Ford L. Wilkinson.
 Dr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Young.
 Mr. McDonald made his debut as

most pleasing discussion of a diffi-
 cult subject. He developed a vein of
 humor that surprised his friends
 and displayed a knowledge of Scot-
 land's history and traditions that
 showed close study and much re-
 search. His tribute to the Scots
 was eloquent and beautiful in its
 diction. Mr. McDonald's speech
 will rank with the notable ones of
 the series covering seven years.

Dr. Blakey referred facetiously to
 the scriptural quotation telling how
 Asa consulted a physician and "slept
 with his fathers." After joking the
 doctors from the standpoint of a
 doctor, he discussed the rapid devel-
 opment of medical science in a most
 entertaining manner.

Mr. Downer, who was introduced
 as the "Addison of the Athenaeum,"
 gave a most entertaining sketch of
 the society and its career, couched
 in the choice "word pictures" for
 which the speaker is noted. It was
 a gem of its kind in conception and
 diction and was presented with all
 the graces of an accomplished speak-
 er.

Mr. Underwood in a few pleasant
 remarks declined to make a speech,
 on account of the lateness of the
 hour, yielding the floor to the last
 speaker.

Mr. Fowler treated his subject
 from the standpoint of a prophet
 and predicted the final success of
 woman suffrage and prohibition,
 the retirement of Senator Bailey, of
 Texas, and the ultimate election of
 Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, as
 president. Discussing local politics,
 he created amusement by referring
 to the ticket of his own party, re-

MEMBERS AND LADIES.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Barker.
 " " T. W. Blakey.
 Capt. and " A. G. Chapman.
 Mr. and " L. H. Davis.
 " " J. W. Downer.
 " " John C. Duffy.
 " " A. H. Eckles.
 " " W. T. Fowler.

an after-dinner speaker and it was a

cently nominated for county offices,
 as a "one sucker ticket," all of the
 contests having been settled by the
 process of elimination, then making
 it necessary to "harvest only one
 crop of suckers."

It was ten minutes to one o'clock
 when the program was concluded,
 just as a rain storm followed the
 "brain storms" of the evening. The
 delay caused in getting away from
 the hotel without spoiling the "glad
 rags" of the guests, was the one
 thing that marred the pleasure of
 the occasion.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum
was held in the ordinary at Hotel
Latham June 10. 1909. at 8 o'clock
with the following members present:
H. D. Smith, S. Y. Trimble, J. C. Underwood
J. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, J. W. Sawyer,
Jas. C. Duffy, W. J. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary,
Parksdale Hamlett, Edmund Harrison,
J. J. Hanberry, J. W. Henry, C. M.
Meacham, W. L. Nourse, Frank
Rivers, F. M. Stites, Ira L. Smith
John Stites, W. J. Fandy, & J. J. McRipold
A. H. Eckles & A. G. Chapman.

E. H. Barker, R. F. McDaniel & H. C.
Smith were excused, but R. L. Woodard,
C. H. A. Branch & B. G. Nelson sent no
excuses. The minutes of the
May meeting which were a
clipping from the Kennebecian
were read, and on motion of Mr.
Meacham they were approved.

Prof Harrison offers his resignation
which was accepted with regrets.

The program of the evening was
cut short on account of Prof. H. C.
Smith playing "Lookie" and Dr.
Stiles not having been given time
enough (12 months) in which to pre-
pare his paper. By unanimous
vote of the club, Dr. Stiles was excused
as this was his first absence, and
he promised not to do so again.

This left the club entirely to
the mercy of the seer J. J. McKeown
who read a paper on "American
Export Trade", which had the
effect of throwing the club
into a political wrangle over the
Tariff. The discussion was finally
cut short by some members making
a motion to adjourn to meet again
the first Thursday night in Sept.

J. J. McKeown

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Howe Lathum Thursday evening Sept 2 1909 at 7³⁰ o'clock with the following members present - R. L. Woodard, W. J. Jandy, J. C. Underwood, C. H. Branch, Dr. J. W. Blakey, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, Geo. E. Gary, Barndale Hamlett, Jovett Henry, C. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, W. L. Nourse, H. C. Smith, F. M. Stiles, J. Y. Trouble, T. J. McReynolds, John Stiles, E. H. Barker, A. G. Chapman, E. C. McDonald, H. D. Smith were excused but Jno. C. Duffey, L. H. Davis, W. J. Fowler, J. J. Hauberry, R. F. McDonald, B. G. Nelson and Frank Rivers failed to send excuses.

Minutes of June meeting were read and approved. The Committee on Programs for the ensuing year reported by passing around the Programms. The committee on

new members reported the name
of Prof H. G. Brownell to fill
the vacancy made by the resig-
nation of Prof Harrison and
he was unanimously elected.

The ~~Chair~~, appointed as a
committee on new members
for the coming year - J. W. Downer,
Mr. J. J. Jandy & Mr. Meacham.

Mr. J. W. Downer delivered a message
to the club from Prof Harrison
expressing his good wishes and
regrets at not being able to meet
with us further, and by unanimous
vote Mr Downer was delegated to
express our thanks to Prof
Harrison and say how much we
missed him. Col. Henry
expressed himself as much pleased
with Land Lord Hoar's supper and
suggested that the society use his

best efforts to keep him up to the
bill of fare furnished. John
Stiles being quite ill was unable to
appear, but promised to fill the
first vacancy on short notice. Dr.
R. L. Woodard read a very interest-
ing paper on "Forest Production," and
a very entertaining discussion
followed until Mr. Meacham reached
the North Pole when the club
adjourned to meet the first
Thursday night in Oct.

J. J. McPherson
secy

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum
was held at Home Latham Thursday
evening Oct 7th at 7³⁰ P.M., with
the following members present.

John Stiles, R. L. Woodard, W. J. Fandy,
C. H. Branch, J. W. Plakey, A. G. Chap-
man, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles,
Bartholomew Hainlett, Ira L. Smith,
W. L. Nourse, H. C. Smith, F. M. Stiles,
J. Y. Trimble, & J. J. McKeay,
H. D. Smith, T. C. Underwood,
E. H. Barker, L. H. Davis, W. J. Fowler,
Jouett Berry, C. M. Meacham, E. L.
McDana, R. F. McDaniel, B. G. Nelson,
& Frank Rivers were excused, but
John C. Duffly, Geo. E. Gary & J. T. Hanberry
failed to send any excuse.

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved.

Mr. W. J. Fandy read a very entertaining
paper of giving an account of the

favorable Wilkeson Trial which
was held at Harrodsburg Ky
in 1898. Mr. John Stites acted
as substitute for J. C. Underwood
who was ill, and gave the
club a very interesting paper
on "Stars." Both papers were
very favorably commented on and
the club adjourned at 10³⁰ P.M.

J. W. Reynolds.
Secy.

A regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at the Hotel Latham, Thursday evening November 4th, at 8 P.M. With the following members present:--

R. J. Woodard, W. T. Tandy, H. D. Smith, ~~T. C. Underwood~~ ^{H. G. Reynolds}, E. H. Barker, C. H. H. Branch, Dr. T. W. Blakey, A. G. Chapman, J. W. Downer, Jno. C. Duffy, L. H. Davis, A. H. Eckles, W. T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, Barksdale Hamlett, J. T. Hanberry, Jouett Henry, C. M. Meacham, E. C. McDonald, R. F. McDaniel, Era L. Smith, W. L. Nourse, Frank Rives, H. C. Smith, F. M. Stites, T. J. McReynolds.

The four absentees, T. C. Underwood, S. Y. Trimble, B. G. Nelson, and John Stites sent excuses which were acceptable to the club. Jno. C. Duffy, G. E. Gary, J. T. Hanberry made excuses for being absent in October, and September, which were accepted. Dr. Barker was on the program for the evening, but had arranged for a substitute, so there were only two papers read, one by Dr. Blakey, on "Quaint & Historic Shakertown". And one by C. H. H. Branch, on "Some Phases of Evolution". Both papers were well received, and brought forth a general discussion of the subjects, which proved quite interesting. Motion was made and seconded that we meet an hour earlier during the winter months, and if we couldn't get supper any sooner, to have one paper read before eating. The club adjourned to meet the first Thursday night in December.

T. J. McReynolds
secy.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Dec. 9th, 1909

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at the Hotel Latham, Thursday evening December 9th, 1909, With the following member present.

"E. H. Barker, T. W. Blakey, H. G. Brownell, A. G. Chapman, J. W. Downer, Jno. C. Duffy, A. H. Eckles, Barksdale Hamlett, Jouett Henry, C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, E. C. McDonald, T. J. McReynolds, B. G. Nelson, Dr. W. L. Nourse, I. E. Smith, Jno. Stites, T. C. Underwood, R. L. Woodard, W. T. Tandy. "

Geo. E. Gary and S. Y. Trimble were out of town, and L. H. Davis and J.T. Hanberry sent excuses which the Club accepted. The motion was made and seconded that the motion made at the Nov. meeting to meet an hour earlier and have one paper read before supper be rescinded and that hereafter we meet at the usual hour, 7:30, and have supper first. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary consult with Mr. Noe and if the same arrangements for next year could be continued that he be instructed to hold the meetings at the usual time and place.

Dr. R. L. Woodard offered his resignation because he is going to move away from the city, and same was accepted with regrets.

Three interesting and instructive papers were read by A. G. Chapman on the "How and Why of Fire Insurance". "Othello" The Moor of Venice". By J. W. Downer, "Internal Improvements and the Constitution of the United State" By Jno. C. Duffy. A general discussion of the papers followed, and the club adjourned at 11:00 o'clock.

J. J. McReynolds
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