

A regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at the Hotel Latham, Thursday evening January 6th, 1910, at 7:30 P. M. with the following members present.

A. H. Barker, H. G. Brownell, A. G. Chapman, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, G. E. Gary, Barksdale, Hamlett, J. T. Hanberry, Jouett Henry C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, Frank Rives, H. D. Smith, F. M. Stites, T. C. Underwood, S. Y. Trimble, and T. J. McReynolds.

In the absence of Dr. Nourse, Prof. Hamlett, presided. Motion was made and seconded that all absentees of the last meeting be excused. Mr. Ira L. Smith and Dr. Nourse sent excuses which were accepted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. C. M. Meacham made a motion that the Secretary make arrangements with Mr. Note that hereafter supper be served at 6:30, in the Regular Dining Room, and Colonel <sup>Hawley</sup> was appointed as a special Committee of one to order supper for everybody.

The first paper on the program was by L. H. Davis, on "The Capitalist and Labor."

William Walker the Filibuster who conquered Nicaragua" was the subject of the paper by C. M. Meacham.

Professor H. G. Brownell gave a lecture on "Fuel" Economical Burning and Buying of Kentucky Soft Coal.

After an interesting discussion of the papers, the meeting adjourned.

*T. J. McReynolds - secy.*

A regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at the Hotel Latham, Thursday <sup>1910</sup> ~~aftering~~ Feb. 3rd, at 6:30, P.M. with the following members present.

T. W. Blakey, H. G. Brownell, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, Jno. C. Duffy, A. H. Eckles, W. T. Fowler, Barksdale Hamlett, Joett Henry, C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, Frank Rives, H.C. Smith, H. D. Smith, T. C. Underwood, W. T. Tandy, S. Y. Trimble, T. J. McReynolds.

After eating supper in the regular dining Room the Club adjourned to the Ordinary, and in the absence of Dr. R. Nourse, Prof. Hamlett again presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, motion was made and seconded that all excuses of absentees be accepted. After hearing Col. Henry's report, motion was made that same be accepted and Committee be discharged. Committee on new Members was granted another months time to fill vacancies. Mr. Geo. E. Gary being absent he was represented by proxy by Mr. W. T. Tandy, who read a very interesting paper on "Winter of our Discontent" and some Political Observations of a Non Partisan Character". Prof. Hamlett read a very instructive and entertaining paper on "Comets and The Comet".

After quite a lengthy discussion of the papers the meeting adjourned,

Secretary. *J. J. McReynolds*

A regular meeting of the Athenaeum was held at the Hotel Latham, Thursday Evening April 7th, at 6<sup>30</sup>-P.M. with the following members present.

H. G. Brownell, A. G. Chapman, J. W. Downer, Jno. C. Duffy, A. H. Eckles, Geo. E. Gary, Barksdale Hamlett, J. T. Hanberry, Jouett Henry, C. M. Meacham, E. C. McDonald, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, W. T. Tandy, T. C. Underwood, D. A. Clark.

After supper served in the Regular Dining Room, the Club adjourned to the Ordinary and was called to order by Prof. Hamlett. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following members sent excuses which were accepted.

Dr. R. F. McDaniel, E. H. Barker, Jno. Stites, T. J. McReynolds.

Dr. R. F. McDaniel who was first on the program sent his paper by Mr. Geo. E. Gary, as he was unable to be present on account of sickness. The subject of his paper was "Shakespeare's Knowledge of Medicine". Mr. Ira L. Smith read an interesting paper on "Rockefeller Foundation". After a general discussion of the papers, Mr. Chapman as a member of the Committee on Arrangements made the following report.

( R E P O R T )

After hearing Mr. Chapman's report motion was made and seconded to hold the May meeting at the Christian Church, and the vote stood, 9 for to 6 against.

Mr. Downer as a member of the program committee made the following report: for the May Program.

"Inklings & Winklings"	Ira L. Smith
"Days Life These"	Geo. E. Gary
"Shafts At Random"	H. D. Smith
"At the Pole"	Frank Rives
"Sentiment & Story"	C. M. Meacham

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Arrangement employ an Orchestra for the open meeting, in May.

Committee on Membership reported the name of Dr. Austin Bell, who was unanimously elected.

The Club then went into an election of Officers for the following year, which resulted as follows:

For President -- Barksdale Hamlett, Vice President -- G. E. Gary, Secretary - Treasurer -- A. G. Chapman.

On Motion, the Club Adjourned.

SECRETARY.

*A. H. Eckles Secretary*

Following menu is proposed:

Your Committee on arrangement for the open meeting to be held the first Thursday night in May has the honor to report that they submitted the menu herewith to the management of Hotel Latham and received a proposal to serve you at \$1.50 per plate guaranteeing good service, this to include suitable decorations with flowers, etc., but any music would be extra. In discussing the matter with them they seemed anxious to handle the banquet and intimated that they thought it was due them inasmuch as they had served us all the winter. We believe they would make every effort to please.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church, Mrs. Nannie Moore President, propose to serve the menu at \$1. per plate in the basement of their church. Your committee visited the church and find the arrangement of the building is such as would make an elegant place. There is ample room for the tables which have been made especially for such occasions, and the smaller rooms connected on the same floor are suitable for reception, wraps, etc. It can be easily decorated which the ladies propose to do.

Music at either place would be extra. Lebketcher's Orchestra of seven pieces (brass) can be had for \$15. And the Blakemore Orchestra (colored) of four pieces, who furnish a very good grade of string music can be had for \$8.

The Committee feels that either the hotel or the ladies - would serve a satisfactory spread and that in as much as it is largely a matter of taste as to whether this public function be held in the hotel or at the church, they will refrain from a recommendation and let the society decide in any way it sees fit.

The following menu is proposed:

Olives	Fruit Cocktail	Pickles
Hot rolls	Spring Chicken on Toast	Peas in Ranekins
	New potatoes in balls,	
	Asparagus- Cream Dressing	
Tomatoes on Lettuce Leaf---	Stuffed Shrimp, Mayonnaise dressing	
	Cold Tongue	
	Vanilla Ice Cream	
	Strawberries	
	Angel Food Cake	
Black Coffee	Beaten Biscuits	Roqueford Cheese

At a regular meeting of the Antenaem held at the Lathan Hotel, Thursday Evening, March 3rd, 1910, the following members were present:-- T. W. Blakey, A. G. Chapman, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, Jno. C. Duffy, A.H. McKles, W. T. Fowler, Barksdale Hanlett, J. T. Hanberry, Jouett Henry, C. M. Meacham, E. C. McDonald, Frank Rives, H. C. Smith, Ira. L. Smith, H.D. Smith, S.Y., Trimble, T.J. McReynolds.

The following excuses were presented and accepted:-- R. F. McDaniel, T. C. Underwood, F.M. Stites, E. H. Bakker, Geo. E. Gary, Jno. Stites.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved B. G., Nelson's resignation was read and accepted with regrets. The Committee on new members reported the names of Davis A. Clark, and Rev. Geo. C. Abbitt. A ballot was then taken and both gentlemen were unanimously elected. Motion made and seconded that we have an open meeting the first Thursday night in May. The following committees were appointed by the Chairman. On Arrangements -- T. J. McReynolds, L.H. Davis, & A. G. Chapman. " Program -- W. T. Fowler, Dr. T.W. Blakey, J.W. Downer. Then followed three interesting and instructive papers by Col. Henry, on "Marching" -- W. T. Fowler, "On the Conservation of our Natural Resources". -- E. C. McDonald "On the "Utility of the Humanities". Prof. Harrison of Louisville, one of the Clubs former Presidents was the guest of the society. The following resolutions and tribute to the late Dr. W. L. Nourse was offered by C.M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith & T.C. Underwood and un-animously adopted):

## R E S O L U T I O N S

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At the regular March meeting of the Athenaeum held on Thursday Evening March 3rd, the following resolutions and tribute to the late Dr. W. L. Nourse were offered and unanimously adopted.

Only once during the eight years since the Athenaeum was organized has death invaded its ranks. At our last meeting our honored President Rev. W. L. Nourse, D. D. was absent from illness that we little dreamed would cause his death a few hours later, yet such was the result, and our Society is called upon to lament the passing away of one whose place cannot be filled in our membership or in our hearts.

Dr. Nourse was truly a man of God and one of earth's noblemen. As a minister he was learned, and distinguished; as a scholar he was ripe in knowledge, and possessed of a wide range of information; as a citizen he was patriotic, decided in his convictions and correct in his judgments; as a literary man he deserved to rank with the leaders of thought and the ablest exponents of advanced idea, amongst those with whom he came in contact; as a friend and associate in our Club life he was near and dear to us all, and his death is a source of grief that cannot find expression in mere words.

Your Committee would recommend that this tribute to his worth be spread upon our minutes and a copy be sent to his bereaved family with expressions of the sincerest condolence and sympathy.

Chas. M. Meacham

Geo. R. Smith

T. C. Underwood

(Committee)

# ATHENAEUM BANQUET

## A Brilliant Affair that Lasted Until Far Into the Wee Small Hours Thursday Night.

### MUCH FINE ORATORY ON THE

The eighth annual banquet of the Athenaeum, at the Christian church Thursday night barring the unusual hour it which it adjourned, was one of the best in the entire series. In some respects it was superior to all the others, notably the convenience of arrangement, the delightful menu and the excellent service. The delicious array of viands is given below:

#### MENU

- Olives
- Fruit Cocktail
- Pickles
- At The Pole
- Frank Rives

Inklings and Twinkling..... Ira L. Smith  
 "He that lights his neighbor torch,  
 Dims not his own."  
 —Anonymous.

Days Like These.....George E. Gary  
 His name struck fear, his conduct  
 won the day.  
 —Roscommon.

Shafts at Random.....Rev. H. D. Smith  
 "Full many a shaft at random sent,  
 Finds mark the archer little meant."  
 —Scott.

- Broiled Spring Chicken
- Hot Rolls-Asparagus-French Dressing
- New Potatoes in Balls
- Cream Dressing
- Roast Spring Lamb—Mint Sauce
- Peas on Rosette Wafers
- Hot Beaten Biscuit
- Tomatoes on Lettuce—
- Mayonnaise Dressing
- Saratoga Flakes
- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Strawberries
- Angel Food Cake

Cheese

Black Coffee

Wafers

The hour to begin was 8:30 but there was a delay of half an hour in the assembling of the guests and it was after nine o'clock when the dinner began, with the invocation by Rev. G. C. Abbitt.

The tables were arranged in a six pointed-star, radiating from a circular table in the center used for decorations. The speakers were assigned to seats at the ends of the tables next to the walls, the Toastmaster, President Barksdale Hamlett, occupying a position at the east end of the center table. The guests assembled in the large class rooms on the east and the dinner was served from those on the west side of the big building, by trained waiters under the direction of the ladies of church. Lebkuecher's orchestra discoursed music from a class room on

Tell it in Copenhagen, or produce your Eskimos.

Sentiment and Story..... Chas. M. Meacham  
 Disguise our bondage as we will,  
 'Tis woman, woman rules us still.  
 —Moore.

President Hamlett dealt in oratory, philosophy and eloquence, telling jokes at the expense of the speakers and introducing each of them as the greatest of his kind.

Mr. Ira L. Smith was at his best and his clever witticisms and bits of original poetry added spice to his excellent speech.

Mr. Gary added to his growing reputation as an after dinner speaker and after taking a whack at all creation, including several of the planets, concluded with his famous poem on "Kentucky."

Dr. Smith sent many shafts of wit, not at random, but with well aimed directness and showed to much advantage the jovial side of his character, which many of his hearers did not know he possessed.

Mr. Rives ably and wittily handled a subject he confessed he had no personal knowledge of and concluded with a criticism of recent North Pole explorers, especially Peary's unsupported claims in the face of his alleged exposure of Dr. Cook.

It was after one o'clock when the last speaker took the floor and after

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 2nd, 1910.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held in the Parish House of the Episcopal Church the following were present: Messrs. Hamlette, Abbitt, Bell, Brownell, Chapman, Clark, Davis, Downer, Eckles, Gary, Henry, McDaniel, McDanald, McReynolds, Rives, H. D. Smith, Stites, Underwood, Trimble, and Ex-President William Harrison.

After a very nice supper had been served by the ladies of the Church (supper costing 75¢ per plate with a guarantee of a minimum of twenty plates) the roll was called and the following members were absent with no formal excuse presented: Dr. T. W. Blakey, Rev. C. H. H. Branch, Jno. C. Duffy, W. T. Fowler, J. T. Hanberry, C. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, W. T. Tandy. Minutes of last meeting were then read and approved. On motion Messrs. S. Y. Trimble and H. D. Smith were excused for absence from April meeting.

Communication from Dr. F. M. Stites was then read resigning his membership with the Club account of not being able to be present at the meetings. On motion Dr. Stites resignation was accepted with regrets. Mr. McReynolds then presented oral resignation of Dr. Barker which was accepted with regrets. Prof. E. C. McDanald then made a very pleasant talk explaining he wanted to remove from the city and therefore tendered his resignation. Same was accepted with regrets.

Communication from H. Clay Smith was then read explaining that owing to extra duties incident to the closing of his school he had not prepared his paper nor could he be present at this meeting. On motion his excuse was accepted and he was placed on the program for the September meeting.

Then for the program Mr. Rives presented a very interesting paper on Commission form of Municipal Government. The paper was listened to with much interest and lengthy discussion followed.

On motion of J. W. Downer at 10:50 P.M. the Club adjourned to meet the first Thursday in September at a place to be selected by the Secretary.

*A. G. Chapman* Sec



Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 8th, 1910.

By agreement the regular September meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham this date and the following were present: T. W. Blakey; C. H. H. Branch; H. G. Brownell; A. G. Chapman; J. W. Downer; A. H. Eckles; Barksdale Hamlett; Jouett Henry; C. M. Meacham; R. F. McDaniel; T. J. McReynolds; H. C. Smith; I. L. Smith; H. D. Smith; T. C. Underwood; W. T. Tandy; David A. Clark and Austin Bell.

After supper served in the regular dining room the Club adjourned to the Ordinary and the meeting was called to order by the President, Barksdale Hamlett. The roll being called the following were noted absent without excuses being offered: W. T. Fowler; R. F. McDaniel; Frank Rives and John Stites, and the following were excused by the Society for reasons stated: Geo. C. Abbitt, out of city; L. H. Davis, sick; Geo. C. Gary, sick; J. T. Hanberry, out of city; S. Y. Trimble, out of city.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Three interesting and instructive papers were read as follows: "Land as an Investment and High prices of Farm Products" by T. J. McReynolds, and "Woman Suffrage" prepared by S. Y. Trimble and read by H. D. Smith. H. C. Smith offered reasons for postponing his paper and upon motion, his paper being prepared will be called for at the first vacancy on the regular program.

The Committee on Membership then recommended the following gentlemen for membership: Mr. A. W. Wood, H. W. Linton and L. E. Foster, and the ballot being spread they were unanimously elected.

This being the regular time the following members were placed on the Membership Committee for one year: Ira L. Smith, John Stites and Austin Bell.

Mr. John C. Duffy's resignation was then read and upon motion same was accepted with regrets.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to arrange for a meeting place next month and this meeting was then adjourned.

*A. G. Chapman Secy.*

Hopkinsville, Ky., Oct. 6th, 1910.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum society held at Hotel Latham the following were present: President Barksdale Hamlett; T. W. Blakey; H. G. Brownell; A. G. Chapman; J. W. Downer; A. H. Eckles; L. E. Foster; H. W. Linton; C. M. Meacham; R. F. McDaniel; T. J. McReynolds; Frank Rives; H. C. Smith; I. L. Smith; John Stites; W. T. Tandy; S. Y. Trimble; and T. C. Underwood.

After supper served in the regular dining room the Club adjourned to the Ordinary and the meeting was called to order by the President. The roll being called the following were noted absent without excuses being offered: C. H. H. Branch; H. D. Smith and A. W. Wood.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. President Barksdale Hamlett, at the time, explained a very urgent engagement and on motion was excused and Mr. John Stites took the chair.

On call for the program Mr. H. D. Smith was noted absent and Mr. John Stites offered excuses for not having his paper prepared and on motion Mr. Stites was excused at this meeting and his paper will be called for at the first vacancy on the regular program. By previous arrangement Prof. H. C. Smith took Mr. Underwood's place on the program and favored the membership with a very interesting paper on Hard Times, which was discussed at much length.

The Membership Committee recommended the name of Dr. H. P. Sites to fill the one vacancy in the membership. The ball being spread Dr. Sites was unanimously elected.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to arrange for the regular monthly meetings at Hotel Latham until further instructions.

On motion adjourned.

*A. G. Chapman*  
Secretary

Hopkinsville, Ky., Nov. 3rd, 1910.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society held at Hotel Latham the following were present: President Barksdale Hamlett, Austin Bell, C.H.H.Branch, H. G. Brownell, A. G. Chapman, David A. Clark, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, J. T. Hanberry, Jouett Henry, H. W. Linton, C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, T. J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, H. C. Smith, H. D. Smith, Jno. Stites, W. T. Tandy,

After being served in the regular dining room the Club adjourned to the Ordinary and the meeting was called to order by the President. At the roll call the following were noted absent without excuses being offered: W. T. Fowler and T. C. Underwood and on motion the following were excused: Geo. C. Abbitt, T. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, L. E. Foster, G. E. Gary and Ira L. Smith. And the following were excused for absence at October meeting: C. H. H. Branch and H. D. Smith.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion corrected by striking out the name of A. W. Wood from list of absentees and then approved.

Dr. Austin Bell being on the regular program favored the Society with a splendid paper on Conservation of Health which was enjoyed and discussed at length by the membership.

A communication from Mr. A. W. Wood, who was elected to membership at the September meeting, was read expressing appreciation at the honor of being selected to membership but explaining that conditions were such that it would be impossible to attend the meetings and he would have to therefore respectfully decline. A vacancy was then declared and the Membership Committee then presented the name of Mr. James West, who was duly elected.

On motion of C. M. Meacham Mr. W. T. Tandy was requested to favor the Society with a discussion at the next regular meeting on the subject of \_\_\_\_\_

On motion adjourned.

A. G. Chapman  
Secretary.

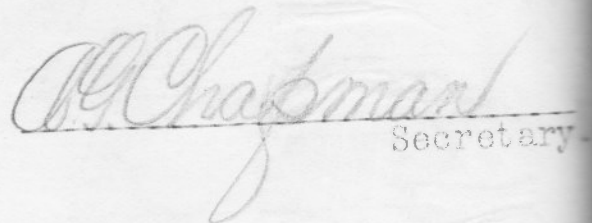
Hopkinsville, Ky. Dec. 1st, 1911

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society held at Hotel Latham the following were present: President Barksdale Hanlette, Austin Bell, H. G. Brownell, A. G. Chapman, David A. Clark, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, H. W. Linton, C. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, H. Clay Smith, I. L. Smith, H. D. Smith, John Stites, W. T. Tandy, S. Y. Trinble, T. C. Underwood and James West.

After being served in the regular dining room the Club adjourned to the Ordinary and the meeting was called to order by the President. At the roll call the following were noted absent without excuses being offered: T. W. Blakey, R. F. McDaniel, Frank Rives and H. P. Sites. On motion the following were excused: Geo. C. Abbitt, C.H.H. Branch, L. H. Davis, W. T. Fowler and J. T. Hanberry. Mr. T. C. Underwood was excused for absence from November meeting.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On the program Mr. W. T. Tandy was excused and Mr. H. D. Smith, taking the place of Mr. Branch, and Mr. H. G. Brownell responded with very interesting papers. Mr. Smith chose for his subject "A fragment of a Great Indian Epic" and Mr. Brownell spoke under the head of "Educational conditions in Kentucky". On motion Prof. Edmund Harrison was invited to meet with us at any and all meetings held while he is in the city.

On motion adjourned.

  
Secretary.