

Hopkinsville, Ky.
January 8th, 1914.

At the January meeting of the Athenaeum held at Hotel Latham on this date, the following members were present: Austin Bell, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, Geo. E. Gary, J. T. Hanbery, Jouett Henry, H. W. Linton, C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, T. J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, H. P. Sights, W. T. Tandy, T. C. Underwood, Jno. F. Bible and P. B. Brooks.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President, and on roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, A. R. Kasey, John Stites, S. Y. Trimble and C. H. H. Branch. + *L. A. Sank*

On motion duly made, seconded and carried Mr. Bible was excused for absence from the December meeting.

The minutes of the preceding ^{meeting} were read and approved..

Judge Hanbery presented his excuse for failure to prepare a paper for his time on the program, November meeting, which excuse after argument, was accepted by the Society.

The Secretary was then instructed to call the program, the first member called, Mr. Rives, was unprepared and stated his excuse to the Society for such failure. After discussion he was excused for the failure and the President authorized to assign Mr. Rives a subject for discussion at a subsequent meeting. Dr. H. P. Sights, the other member on the program read a paper entitled "The Panama Canal." After the reading of this paper a full and lengthy discussion followed.

The Committee on Membership reported one vacancy in the membership and submitted for membership the name of Rev. Calvin M. Thompson. Upon spread of the ballot, the said Thompson was duly elected to membership and the Secretary instructed to notify him of said election.

On motion adjourned.

H. W. Linton
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
February 5th, 1914.

At the regular February meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham the following members were present: Austin Bell, T. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, Jouett Henry H. W. Linton, C. M. Meacham, R. F. McDaniel, Ira L. Smith, H. D. Smith, H. P. Sights, W. T. Tandy, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, and C. M. Thompson. *and C. H. H. Branch*

After supper in the Ordinary, the meeting was called to order by the President, and on roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown Geo. E. Gary, T. J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, John Stites, ~~Jno. F. Bible~~, P. B. Brooks, ~~and C. H. H. Branch.~~

On motion the following excuses for absences were accepted: Messrs. Trimble, Fowler, Foster and Davis for January, Dr. Stites and Rev. ^{Mr.} Kasey for absence from present meeting and Rev. ^{Mr.} Branch for January.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Dr. R. F. McDaniel read a paper entitled "Concerning the Photoplay" and Mr. Ira L. Smith, "Davy Crockett". Following which there was much able discussion of the papers.

On motion adjourned in due form.

A. W. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
March 5th, 1914.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Lathan, the following members were present: Austin Bell, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, George E. Gary, J.T. Hanbery, Jouett Henry A.R. Kasey, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, Frank Rives Ira L. Smith, H.D. Smith, W.T. Tandy, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, Jno. F. Bible, P.B. Brooks and C.M. Thompson. *L.H. Davis*

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President, and on roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: T.W. Blakey, ~~L.H. Davis~~, R.F. McDaniel and H.P. Sights.

On motion the following excuses for past absences were accepted: P.B. Brooks, Frank Rives and G.E. Gary for absences February meeting, and John Stites for January and February absences.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called, and a paper entitled "The Gift of the Nile" was presented by H. D. Smith. The other member on program, S. Y. Trimble reported that he was not prepared to read his paper, and on motion he was excused for such failure to respond. A general discussion followed the reading of the paper read by Mr. Smith.

It was decided that the Society should hold its usual May Banquet on the first Thursday Evening in May, as provided in the By-laws. The President appointed the following committees, looking to the preparations for the banquet: Committee on Arrangement, T.J. McReynolds, A.H. Eckles, and the Secretary, Committee on Program, The President Vice President and Secretary, both committees being instructed to report to the next regular meeting.

On motion adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in April.

H.W. Linton

SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
April 2nd, 1914.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, Jno. C. Duffy, L.N. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Bekles, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, R.F. McDaniel, T.J. McKeaynolds, Ira L. Smith, H.D. Smith, John Stites, W.T. Tandy, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, Jno. F. Bible, P.B. Brooks,

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President, and on roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Dr. F. M. Stites. On motion duly made and seconded Dr. Blakey and Dr. McDaniel were excused for absences from the March meeting. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. H.W. Linton presented a paper entitled "Holmes and the Autocrat" and J.W. Downer delivered a discourse on "Robert Louis Stevenson".

The Committee on Arrangement for the May Banquet reported that they had made no definite arrangement, but that they had talked with Messrs. A.D. Noe & Son, and were hesitating about closing a trade with them on account of the lateness of the hour of the beginning of the banquet which Messrs. Noe required, and the Committee was continued with authority to act.

The Program Committee for the May Banquet reported the names of five speakers for said occasion, to-wit, J.T. Hanbery, L.E. Foster, John F. Bible, H. D. Smith and C. M. Meacham.

This being the regular time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election was entered into, and Ira L. Smith was elected President, S.Y. Trimble Vice-President and H.W. Linton, Secretary, for the term of one year.

On motion adjourned.

H. W. Linton
SECRETARY.

(Copied from May 3th, 1914, Hopkinsville Daily New Era)

Shells of wit were fired by eloquent speakers in salutation to the flag of fellowship at the eleventh annual banquet of the Athenaeum last night; dull care was bombarded, and bombs of jest and joyousness spread laughter and good will through the big dining room of Hotel Latham, where promptly at nine o'clock one hundred guests were seated at three long and handsomely decorated tables. While the courses were being served, lively music was discoursed by a hidden orchestra.

The following deliciously prepared dishes were the first subject for discussion:

THE MENU.

Fruit cocktail
Olives Pickles
Broiled Spring Chicken
Hot Rolls Beaten Biscuits
Asparagus - Cream Dressing
New Potatoes in Balls
Peas on Rosette Wafers
Tomato on Lettuce
Mayonnaise Dressing
Saratoga Flakes
Vanilla Ice Cream Strawberries
Angel Food Cake
Cheese Wafers
Demi Tasse

Then came the feast of reason and flow of soul. The speakers, catching the spirit of the occasion, talked in a lighter vein, with just a sprinkling now and then of seriousness. Mr. Ira L. Smith, president of the Athenaeum, occupied the important post of toastmaster, and surpassed himself in his bright and happy remarks. He cordially welcomes the guests and characterized the Athenaeum not only as an institution, but a state of mind. Referring to the program, he designated himself as a chef delighting to serve connoisseurs with a five layer cake of richest oratorical pastry; then changing the metaphor, he merrily pointed out the lost list as five reel films of ~~uncensored~~ entertainment.

*begin 10:30
ended 12:40*

POST-PRANDIAL PROGRAM.

President and Toastmaster.....Mr. Ira L. Smith.

The Unvarnished Truth.....Rev. A. R. Kasey.

Truth has such a face and such a mien
As to be lov'd need only to be seen

-Dryden.

Shooting Stars,.....Mr. L. E. Foster.

The fault dear friends is not in the stars
But in you if you fail to see the point.

-Shakespeare (?)

Salute the Flag,.....Judge W.T.Fowler.

And loyal hearts are beating high;

Hats off!

The flag is passing by!

-Bennett.

Rubber Necks.....Mr.John Stites.

I loath that low vice curiosity.

-Byron.

The Prodigal's Return.....Hon.Barksdale Hamlett.

Then bring forth the fatted calf and kill it; and let us
eat and be merry.

- Luke 15:26.

Au Revoir.

The first speaker was the Rev.A.R.Kasey, who with rare humor and perfect taste, told as much of the truth about truth as he could truthfully tell. He admitted that, as quinine was put in capsules, it was sometimes expedient to give truth a coat of varnish. Without intelligence and knowledge there could be no truth, and perfect truth existed only in the mind of the Infinite.

Prof. L.E.Foster declared he was at a loss to know what sort of starts to shoot at, but he took a genial crack at all stellar creation from Starr pianos to the Eastern Stars. His speech was a clever melange of puns and poetry.

Judge W.T.Fowler aroused the spirit of national pride to a high degree by his eloquent address on American Patriotism, and his peroration was an inspiring tribute to the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. Stites caught the crowd by saying that he had been in most of the battles described by Judge Fowler, and that at Mantanzas, Cuba, there were two magnificent statues of American patriots. One was Col. Henry's; modesty forbade his mentioning the other one. Mr. Stites discussed hilariously various species rubbernecks, and kept his hearers in an uproar of mirth.

The Hon. Barksdale Hamlett was the last speaker. He cast as ~~for~~ for the nonce his customary mantle of dignity and appeared in cap and bells and let fun and fancy run riot for a bewildering half hour.

The cocks were crowing lustily when President Smith announced the conclusion of the feast and bade the diners "Good Morning."

The Guests.

Those present were- Mr. and Mrs. Irs L. Smith, Mr and Mrs. R.E. Cooper, Mrs. Jacob E. Crider Jr., Mrs. W.D. Cooper, Mr. T.J. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. B.C. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gant Moore, Mr. George DeTreville and Miss Agnes Flack, Mr. Tom Smith and Miss Edwine Gossett, Mr. Robert Wright and Miss Bertha Cayce, Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon W. Kitchen, Col and Mrs. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Roseborough, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Eckles, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Underwood, Mr. Edward W. Moore and Miss Willie Rust, Rev.

C. H. E. Branch, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Fowler, Mrs. John P. Thomas, Mr. Wallace Hancock and Miss Marjorie Carothers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trice, Rev. and Mrs. Calvin M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. B. Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. Preston Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Stites, Prof. and Mrs. L. E. Foster, Mrs. Edward Clark, ^{MI} George Lackey and Miss Addie Green, Mr. L. J. McGinley and Miss Sarah Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Sights, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Radford, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, Mr. Walter Trainum and Miss Margaret Dalton, Prof. J. H. Marion and Miss Ruth Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clark, Mr. C. M. Meachen, Mr. Alvan Clark and Miss Mary Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Linton, Dr. Manning Brown and Miss Virgie Nourse, Mr. Ira D. Smith and Miss Viola Williams, Mr. John Franklin Bible and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stowe, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Kasey, Hon Barksdale Hamlett, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rives, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Knight, Mr. John Stites and Miss Naomi Johnson.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
June 11th, 1914.

At a meeting of the Athenaeum held at Hotel Latham, postponed to this date from the regular meeting time (June 4th.) the following were present: Austin Bell, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, Jonett Henry, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, H.D. Smith, W.T. Tandy, S.Y. Trimble, John F. Bible, and C.H.H. Branch.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by the President Ira L. Smith, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, John C. Duffy, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, A.R. Kasey, R.F. McDaniel, T.J. McReynolds, John Stites, H.P. Sights, P.B. Brooks and C.M. Thompson,

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Upon call of the program, Dr. Austin Bell, read his paper, "Radium, its Properties and Uses" The other member on the program, Mr. Davis, being absent, Frank Rives took his place on the program and presented a paper on "Woman's Suffrage." Then followed a general discussion of these two papers.

The President announced his appointment of Membership Committee as follows, S.Y. Trimble, Chairman, J.W. Downer and T.C. Underwood.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the program Committee in making out a program for the ensuing year, should not arrange for June program until further instructions.

On motion adjourned to meet on the first Thursday night in September.

H.W. Linton
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
September 3rd, 1914.

At a meeting of the Athenaeum held at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, John F. Bible, P. B. Brooks, C.H.H. Branch, L.H. Davis, A.H. Eckles, Jouett Henry, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, F.M. Stites, W.T. Tandy, S. Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson and T.C. Underwood.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President Ira L. Smith, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, John C. Duffy, J. W. Downer, L. E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, A.R. Kasey, R.F. McDaniel, T.J. McReynolds, H. D. Smith, John Stites, H.P. Sights. On motion, C. M. Thompson absence from June meeting was excused.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Mr. Meacham read a paper, "The Battlefield of Europe - Belgium." The other member on the program, Mr. Bible, stated that he had not prepared a paper, but that he had agreed with Mr. Thompson to substitute for him at the next meeting, and Mr. Thompson being present, agreed to the substitution, and to prepare a paper for a future vacancy on the program.

A lively discussion followed the reading of Mr. Meacham's paper.

On motion, it was voted that the October meeting be postponed to the second Thursday evening, October 8th., on account of the Pennyroyal Fair to be held the week of October 1st.

Adjourned to meet on October 8th.

H. W. Linton
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
October 8th, 1914.

At a meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, F.M. Brown, John F. Bible, P.B. Brooks, J.W. Downer, L.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, J.T. Hanbery, H.W. Linton, T.J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, W.T. Tandy, S.Y. Trimble, and T.C. Underwood.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President Ira L. Smith, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: C.H.H. Branch, John C. Duffy, W.T. Fowler, A.R. Kasey, R.F. McDaniel, John Stites, H.P. Sights and F. M. Stites. On motion the following were excused for previous absences: R.F. McDaniel, June and September, P.B. Brooks, June, L.E. Foster, June and September, J.W. Downer, September, George E. Gary, June, F.M. Brown, June and September.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. J. T. Hanbery presented his paper "The Enforcement of the Criminal Law by the English and American Courts." and John F. Bible read his paper entitled "Genghis Kahn - Racial Prejudice." After which followed a general discussion.

One of our members the Reverend A.R. Kasey having removed from Hopkinsville to Elizabethtown, Ky. since the last meeting, it was suggested that instead of striking his name from the roll of members at this time, it would be better for the Secretary to write to Mr. Kasey and ask that he send formal resignation, so that his name might be stricken from the roll in the usual way, and the Secretary was thereupon directed to do this.

The Secretary stated to the Society that Messrs. A. D. Noe & Son, Proprietors of Hotel Latham, had increased their rates of entertainment, and for that reason would require us to pay for suppers at the rate of 75 cents per plate, not making the charge of \$2.00 for use of Ordinary, as in the past, and would charge for cigars used without making the usual reduction, and which proposition was on motion put to a vote, and it was resolved that we accept said proposition of said Noe & Son and pay said rate for future entertainment at said Hotel continuing to use the Ordinary as place of meeting.

On motion adjourned.

H.W. Linton
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
November 5th, 1914.

At a meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, John F. Bible, P. B. Brooks, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, R.F. McDaniel, T.J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, H.P. Sights, F.M. Stites, W.T. Tandy, S.Y. Trimble, C.M. Thompson, and T.C. Underwood.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President Ira L. Smith, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, C.H.H. Branch, W.T. Fowler, J.T. Hanbery. On motion Dr. Sights was excused for absences from September and October meetings, Dr. Stites, October meeting, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Davis and Col. Henry October meeting.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Mr. S. Y. Trimble read a paper entitled "After Us the Deluge", Mr. T. C. Underwood, a paper, "Gentlemen, Doctor Graves." which were followed by a general and interesting discussion.

The Secretary presented and read the resignation of H. D. Smith from the Society, which was upon vote accepted with regrets.

On motion adjourned.

H.W. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
December 3, 1914.

At the regular December meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, C. H. H. Branch L.H. Davis, A.H. Eckles L. E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, J.T. Hanbery Jouett Henry, H.W. Linton, C. M. Meacham, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, F. M. Stites, W.T. Tandy, S. Y. Trimble and T.C. Underwood.

After supper, served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President Ira L. Smith and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: John C. Duffy and John Stites. On motion W. T. Fowler was excused for absences September, October and November, C. H. H. Branch, October and November Judge Hanbery, November, meetings.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The program was called. Mr. Branch, one of the members on the December program, reported that he was not prepared, and on motion his failure to produce a paper, was excused. The other member on the month's program, Mr. Lucian H. Davis read his paper, entitled "Essentials of a Free Government", the reading of which was followed by a general and interesting discussion.

The Secretary presented the resignation of A. R. Kasey, which upon vote was accepted with regrets.

The Committee on Membership reported two vacancies in the membership, and submitted for ballot the names James A. McKenzie, and W. S. Peterson. The ballot being spread, the said McKenzie and Peterson were duly elected to membership in this Society, and the Secretary was instructed to notify them of their said election.

On motion adjourned.

A. C. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.