

Hopkinsville, Ky.
January 7th, 1915.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present:
F.M. Brown, John F. Bible, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, L.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, Jas. A. McKenzie, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, W.S. Peterson, H.P. Sights, C.M. Thompson and T.C. Underwood, W. T. Tandy and Austin Bell

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: ~~Austin Bell~~, T.W. Blakey, C.H.H. Branch, W.T. Fowler, John Stites, F.M. Stites, ~~W.T. Tandy~~ and S.Y. Trimble. On motion duly made and seconded F. M. Brown was excused for absence from the November meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Mr. Duffy, the first member on the program was absent from the city, and presented no paper. The other member on the month's program, Mr. Geo. E. Gary, responded with a paper, entitled "Renaissance," after which followed a general discussion by the other members.

There being no further business before the Society, adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in February.


S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
February 4th, 1915.

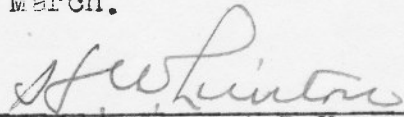
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After supper, served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President Ira L. Smith, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: John F. Bible, C. H. H. Branch, Geo. E. Gary, J.T. Hanbery, C. M. Meacham, R.F. McDaniel, Frank Rives, John Stites and F. M. Stites. On motion, the following excuses were accepted, Mr. Duffy for January meeting, Mr. Trimble, Dr. Blakey. and Judge Fowler for January meeting.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. W. T. Fowler presented and read a paper entitled "Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor," Col Jouett Henry "Extracts from the Hague Peace Conference." which were folowed by a general and intesting discussion by the other members.

There being no further business before the Society, adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in March.



S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
March 4th, 1915.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, John F. Bible, John C. Duffy, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, Jouett Henry, James A. McKenzie, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith W.S. Peterson, John 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- T.W. Blakey, P.B. Brooks, C.H.H. Branch, W.T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, J.T. Hanbery, and R.F. McDaniel and C.M. Thompson. On motion the following excuses were accepted. Mr. Bible, Mr. Rives and Mr. Meacham absences from February meeting, Mr. Stites for absences from December, January and February meetings.

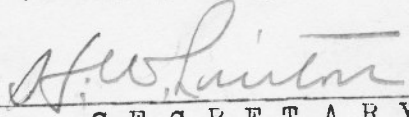
The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called, and was responded to as follows: Mr. Duffy "A History of New York by Washington Irving.", Prof. Foster, "The Carbonari," which were followed by a general and interesting discussion by the other members present.

It was decided that the Society shall hold its usual May Banquet on the first Thursday Evening in May, next, as provided in the By-laws. The President thereupon appointed the following Committee on Arrangement: L. H. Davis, Frank Rives and C. M. Meacham; the regular program committee was instructed to prepare and submit a program for such open session; both Committees to report to the next regular meeting.

On motion, duly seconded and carried it was voted that the June meeting be held as usual, and that Messrs. T.J. McReynolds and C. M. Thompson be placed on the program for that month, both of said gentlemen having failed to present papers at the times when their names appeared on the program, in March and October respectively.

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


SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
April 1st. 1915.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T.W. Blakey, John F. Bible, P.B. Brooks, John C. Duffy, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.F. Foster, W.T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, Jas. A. McKenzie, H.W. Linton, C.M. Meacham, 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. Vistors, Judge J.F. Gordon and Dr. Joseph Severance.

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- Austin Bell and F. M. Brown. On motion, the following absences were excused: Dr. Stites, February and March, Dr. Blakey, March, P.B. Brooks March, and Messrs. Thompson, Gary and Fowler, March, meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called and was responded to as follows: John Stites on the subject of "Income Tax", P. B. Brooks, "Luther Burbank and His Work." which were followed by a general and interesting discussion by a number of those present.

The Committee on Arrangement for the May banquet reported that it had made arrangements with Messrs. A.D. Noe & Son to hold the banquet at Hotel Latham on the first Thursday Evening in May, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, setting out the menu agreed upon, and at the price of \$1.00 per plate, guaranteeing that we take as many as 90 plates; said report was accepted and the Committee continued for the purpose of further arrangement as to the banquet.

The program committee reported the names of the following five as speakers on the occasion of the Banquet, Jas. A. McKenzie, J.W. Downer, W.T. Tandy, A.H. Eckles and C. M. Meacham. However, Mr. Tandy declined to take a place on the program and the committee substituted John C. Duffy, by consent, in place of Mr. Tandy.

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

The resignation of John F. Bible was presented and accepted, with expressions of regret; and the removal of C. H. H. Branch to Texarkana, Arkansas, was suggested, and the Secretary instructed to strike his name from the roll of members, as his removal is equivalent to a resignation from the Society.

To fill said two vacancies in the membership, the Membership Committee submitted the names of Ira D. Smith and S. Pettus White. On ballott the said Smith and White were duly elected to membership in this Society and the Secretary was instructed to notify them of their election.

On motion adjourned.


S. E. C. R. E. T. A. R. Y.

Record of the May Banquet, held May 6th, 1915.

(Copied from "Hopkinsville Kentuckian" issue of May 8th, 1915)

"TWELFTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ATHENAEUM.

Large in Attendance and Program of Excellent Literary Features -
Flow of Oratory Followed Feast of Good Things.

Mr. Seldon Y. Trimble as President and Toastmaster.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the twelfth annual banquet of The Athenaeum, at Hotel Latham Thursday night, from 8:30 to 12 o'clock was one of the most successful of the series, both in point of attendance and in the smoothness with which things went off.

Owing to the difficulty of finding vehicles to handle the crowd promptly in a downpour of rain, there was a delay in assembling and it was five minutes to 9 o'clock when the 102 members and guests entered the dining room. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. Newton Jessup, and without waste of time the following menu was served in three courses:

Pickles, Puree Tomato
Olives, Mints
Salted Almonds
Chicken Croquettes Country Ham
New Tomatoes - Mayonnaise
Beaten Biscuits
Brick Cream Strawberries.
Assorted cakes Swiss Cheese.
Cafe.

During the meal Sam Blakemore's orchestra of four pieces rendered sweet music in one corner of the big dining room. The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants and there were boutonnières of carnations and rosebuds. Promptly at 10 o'clock the tables were cleared and President S. Y. Trimble assumed the roll of toastmaster. There were three tables running north and south. The President was at the south end of the central table and the speakers were located at the five other end places. Mr. Trimble presided gracefully and his introductions were happy and brief, and the literary program proceeded without a hitch, except that the lights went out for a few minutes just as Mr. Duffy rose to begin his speech. But fortunately Mr. Duffy had a very bright speech and the electric current was not greatly missed. The literary program and sentiments follow:

PROGRAM.

President and Toastmaster - S. Y. Trimble.

"Hang sorrow! Care will kill a cat,
And therefore let's be merry."

Pleasureville- James A. McKenzie.

Pleasures are like Poppies spread,
You seize the flower, its bloom is shed;
Or like the snowfalls in the river,
A moment white, then melt forever. (Burn's Tam O'Shanter)

Some Random Thoughts - J. W. Downer.

Put on your boldest suit of mirth,
For we have friends who purpose merriment.
-Merchant of Venice.

Obiter Dicta - John C. Duffy.

Soft words with nothing in them make a song.--Waller.

Natural Gas - A. H. Eckles.

A fine volley of words, gentlemen,
and quickly shot off - Shakespeare.

A Line of Talk - Chas. M. Meacham.

Psalms 116:6 The lines are fallen unto me in
pleasant places.

Mr. McKenzie's speech was the maiden effort of a new member and the young orator acquitted himself most gracefully. His speech was characterized by beauty of diction, a depth of thought and a charming delivery. Going first, he set a high standard for the rest of the speeches.

Mr. Downer was in an untried role, handling his subject in a lighter vein. Of a distinct literary turn, his speeches heretofore have been rare treats, but as a popular entertainer he is equally as successful and his address was one of his very best efforts.

Mr. Duffy is always a pleasing after-dinner speaker, and his address was fully up to his usual standard of excellence. It abounded in bright things, well told and clothed in eloquent language.

Mr. Eckles was at his very best as a comedian and fun maker. His address, the longest of the evening, sparkled with wit and humor, poetry, sentiment and personal take-offs. He kept his audience in a broad smile for thirty minutes.

Mr. Chas. M. Meacham also spoke and the toastmaster called attention to the fact that his speech this time had a new title. Only one man left during his speech.

The festivities came to an end just as the town clock tolled the hour of midnight.

A portion of the roof of the hotel was lifted off during the speaking, but it is believed that a storm on the outside was a contributing cause.

Those present were.

Members and Ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Linton, Mr. John C. Duffy and Miss Narcissus McKee, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Underwood, Col. and Mrs. Jouett Henry, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Trimble, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Sights, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McReynolds, Dr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Mr. J. W. Downer and Mrs. Eager, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Stites, Mr. Chas. M. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gary, Mr. John Stites and Miss Susie Boyd, Cadiz; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pettus White, Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Rives, Dr. Manning Brown and Miss Annie Forbes.

Guests.

Mr. Robt. Wright and Miss Agnes Flack, Mr. Joe Slaughter and Miss Elizabeth Mason, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Moore, Mr. Geo. Lackey and Miss Addie Green, Mr. A. H. Clark and Miss Mary Garnett, Mr. John W. Vanable and Miss Louise Downer, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Garnett, Mr. Thos. Skinner and Miss Evie Quarles, Mr. A. W. Wood, Mr. Thos. R. Underwood, Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Jessup, Maj. Norton Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Niles, Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Buckner, Mr. F. L. Wilkerson, Nashville, and Mrs. Zarecor, Elkton; Mr. and Mrs. Ben McKeynolds, Mr. J. T. Edmunds and Mrs. Susie Stites, Mr. Joseph Stites and Miss Mary Louise Powell, Rev. and Mrs. Louis Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. West, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Perkins, Mr. Miles Boyd and Mrs. Stella Wash, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Breathitt Jr. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Long, and Miss Cockrill, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Dalton, Mr. A. E. Crume, Clarksville, and Miss Bertha Jones, Edgote; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cooper, Mr. Tom Smith and Miss Edwina Gossett, Mr. W. O. Soyars and Miss Rebece Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodruff.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
June 18th, 1915.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum postponed to this date from June 3rd, and held at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, P. B. Brooks, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, J. T. Harbery, Jouett Henry, Jas. A. McKenzie, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, H. P. Sights, T. M. Stites, S. Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White and Ira D. Smith.

After supper served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President S. Y. Trimble, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses- T. W. Blakey, F. M. Brown, John C. Duffy, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, R. F. McDaniel, W. S. Peterson, and John Stites. On motion Dr. Bell's April absence was excused by vote of the Society.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Mr. T. J. McReynolds presented a paper entitled "James Whitecomb Riley", Rev. Calvin M. Thompson on the subject "Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy." which were followed by a general and interesting discussions by a number of the other members present.

The Secretary presented and read the resignation of W. T. Tandy but no action was taken thereon, and the same ordered to lay over until the next regular meeting in September.

The President announced the appointment of Membership Committee, as follows: Chas. M. Meacham, Chairman, Jouett Henry and John Stites.

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

H. W. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
September 2nd, 1915.

At a regular meeting of the Athenæum held on this date at Hotel Latham the following members were present: Austin Bell, F.M. Brown, John C. Duffy, L.H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, R.F. McDaniel, T.J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, ^{and} Ira D. Smith, F.M. Stites, S.Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson, S. P. White.

After supper served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President S. Y. Trimble and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses - P. B. Brooks, W.T. Fowler, W.S. Peterson, John Stites, H. P. Sights and W.T. Tandy.

On motion Messrs. Gary, Brown and Duffy were excused for June absences from Society.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called; Mr. Meacham presented a paper entitled "The Difficulties of Eating", Mr. Ira L. Smith "The Newspaper". The usual lengthy and interesting discussion followed these papers.

On motion duly made and carried, the President was directed to appointed a Committee to intercede with Mr. Tandy who had in June tendered his resignation, and insist upon his withdrawal of the resignation; the President appointed the following Committee for that purpose- Messrs. Meacham, Downer and Thompson, with request that they report ~~their-succeses~~ to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in October.

H. W. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
October 7th, 1915.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, P. B. Brooks, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, Jouett Henry, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McKeynolds, James A. McKenzie, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, H. P. Sights, F. M. Stites, S. Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson, S. P. White and J. T. Hanbery. Visitor Prof. McHenry Rhoads of Frankfort, Ky.

After supper served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President S. Y. Trimble, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: T. W. Blakey, Geo. E. Gary, R. F. McDaniel, Frank Rives and T. C. Underwood,

On motion, John Stites was excused for June and September absences, Dr. Sights and W. T. Fowler, for September absences, from meetings of the Society.

The meetings of the September meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called; James A. McKenzie presented a paper "Some Phases of Country Life", and F. M. Stites a paper entitled "Socialism in America", after which followed discussions by a number of members and Prof. Rhoads.

The Committee which had been appointed to request Mr. Tandy to withdraw his resignation reported that the latter had agreed to reconsider it, and it was ordered that this committee be continued till the next meeting.

There being no further business the Society adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in November.

H. W. Linton
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
November 4th, 1915.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blekey, P. B. Brooks, John C. Duffy, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Mescham, T. J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, S. P. White,

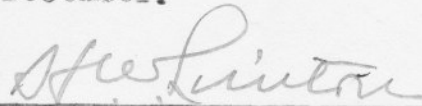
After supper served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by Vice President Frank Rives, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, W.T. Fowler, W. S. Peterson, R. F. McDaniel, Jas. A. McKenzie, H.P. Sights, F. M. Stites, S.Y. Trimble, Calvin M. Thompson and J. T. Hanbery.

On motion, Dr. Blekey and Mr. Rives were excused for October absences.

The program was then called. Dr. Sights, the first on the program was not present. Prof. L. E. Foster, who substituted for A. H. Eckles, read a paper entitled "Some Rural Life Problems," after which followed numerous discussions.

The Committee which had been appointed in regard to Mr. W.T. Tandy's resignation, reported that he declined to withdraw same, and said resignation was accepted.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in December.



S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
December 2nd, 1915.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, P. B. Brooks, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, Jouett Henry, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, W. S. Peterson, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, H. P. Sights, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White.

After supper served in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President S. Y. Trimble, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, John C. Duffy, R. F. McDaniel, Frank Rives, F. M. Stites, and C. M. Thompson.

On motion Jas. A. McKenzie was excused for November absence and W. S. Peterson for November, October and September absences.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program W. S. Peterson read a paper entitled "Our Neglected Southern Coast," and Ira D. Smith responded with a paper entitled "The Borgias." After which followed a general discussion of the papers read.

The Secretary read the resignation of T. W. Blakey, which on motion, was accepted with regrets.

The Membership Committee reported the name of Alvan H. Clark for membership, and on ballot, said Clark was duly elected to membership.

On motion adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in January.

H. W. Linton

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