

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
January 6th, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, F.M. Brown, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, H.W. Linton, T.J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, W.S. Peterson Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, F.M. Stites, S. Y. Trimble, C.M. Thompson T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White,

After supper 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: John C. Buffy, and George E. Gary.

On motion duly made and seconded the following excuses for past absences were accepted: Dr. Stites and Mr. Thompson for November and December, Mr. Rives and Dr. Brown for December and Mr. Trimble for November.

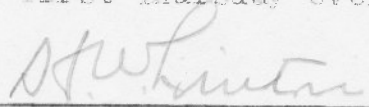
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The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program, S. Pettus White read a paper on ~~entitled~~ "The Monroe Doctrine," and J. W. Downer presented a paper entitled "The Story of a Crime." after which followed a general discussion.

The secretary read the resignations of Col. Jouett Henry, and P.B. Brooks which, on motion were accepted with regrets.

There being a vacancy on the Membership Committee occasioned by Col. Henry's resignation, the President appointed A.H. Eckles to fill said vacancy on the Membership Committee.

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

  
S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
February 3rd, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham the following members were present: Austin Bell, F.M. Brown, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, H.W. Linton, T.J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites Ira D. Smith, F.M. Stites, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, S.P. White and Alvan H. Clark.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President S.Y. Trimble, and at roll call the following: John C. Duffy, W.S. Peterson and J.T. Hanbery were noted absent without excuses.

On motion Geo. E. Gary was excused for absence from the January meeting.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. H.W. Linton responded with a paper entitled "Brook Farm", Dr. F. M. Brown with a paper entitled "Dreams". A general discussion of the papers followed their reading.

After the program Mr. Ira L. Smith read to the Society a letter from former member John Franklin Bible, relating some incident of his plantation life in Mississippi.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Dr. H. P. Sights that he would be expected to present a paper at the March meeting, he having failed to read a paper at the November meeting when he was on the program.

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

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Hopkinsville, Ky.  
March 2nd, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held on this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, W.S. Peterson, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, H.P. Sights, F.M. Stites, T.C. Underwood, S.P. White, J.T. Hanbery, Alvan H. Clark, and Mr. Pollard White, of Cadiz, as a visitor.

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

On motion excuses of Prof. W.S. Peterson and Judge J.T. Hanbery for February absences were accepted.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. H.P. Sights responded with a paper entitled "The Death of the Spirit of A Nation", followed by J.T. Hanbery whose subject was "Should We Prepare for War?" These papers were discussed at length by many of the others present.

There being two vacancies in the membership, the Committee on membership reported the names of Dr. J.G. Gaither and Rev. J. N. Jessup, and after balloting both of said gentlemen were duly elected to membership in the Society.

It was decided by the Society to hold its usual May Banquet provided for in the by-laws. The President thereupon appointed the following as a committee on Arrangement for said occasion: L.H. Davis, S.P. White and H.W. Linton. The regular program committee consisting of the President, Vice-President and Secretary was directed to prepare and submit a program for the occasion, and both committees instructed to report to the next regular meeting.

On motion, adjourned to meet the first Thursday Evening in April.

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S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky. April 6th, 1916.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, L.H. Davis, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark and J.N. Jessup.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by Vice President Frank Rives, in the absence of the president, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F.M. Brown, John C. Duffy, R.F. McDaniel, Jas. A. McKenzie, W.S. Peterson, H.P. Stites, F.M. Stites, and J.G. Gaither. On motion Mr. Stites' was excused for absence from March meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The program was called, and the following papers were read, T. C. Underwood, "Where Are Your Wits?" Frank Rives "Mexico."

The Committee on Arrangements for May Banquet reported that it had arranged with Messrs. A.D. Noe & Son to hold the annual banquet at Hotel Latham on the second Thursday Evening in May, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, reporting the menu agreed upon, to be furnished at \$1.00 per plate, with no guaranty as to number of plates. The report was accepted and the Committee continued for the purposes of further arrangement of details of the occasion.

The Program Committee reported the following speakers and subjects for the banquet:

Dr. C.M. Thompson, ..... "In Passing." *L E Foster*  
H.W. Linton, ..... "Some Words."  
Geo. E. Gary, ..... "Rhyme & Reason"  
Ira L. Smith, ..... "Bald Facts."  
T.C. Underwood, ..... "The Periscope."

Which report was adopted, and the Committee continued.

This being the regular time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election was entered into. Frank Rives was nominated for President and unanimously elected, A.H. Eckles and John Stites were nominated for Vice President, and on ballot the said A.H. Eckles was elected Vice President; and H.W. Linton was nominated for Secretary and duly elected.

The Membership Committee reported a vacancy and submitted the name of T.W. Perkins for membership in the Society; the ballot was taken and said Perkins was duly elected to membership.

Adjourned to the next regular meeting night in June.

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Record of the May Banquet held May 11th, 1916.

(Copied from "Hopkinsville Kentuckian" issue of May 13, 1916)

"THIRTEENTH BUT NO JINX

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Athenaeum Banquet in Many Respects an Unusual Success.

Nothing But Pleasure.

Attendance Slightly under Some That Have Been Held.

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In spite of the absence of eight of the 30 members, due to illness or unavoidable absence, the thirteenth annual banquet of the Athenaeum was in some respects the best one yet held.

The weather was ideal, the arrangements faultless in detail, the menu excellent and well served and the program one of the best rendered at any of the past functions. Messrs. Noe & Son were ahead of time in the dining room arrangements and the only hitch was a slight delay due to late arrivals. There were two long tables running north and south. The speakers were in prominent seats at the end of the tables.

President Frank Rives, the toastmaster, occupied a seat at the south end of the table on the east side of the dining room. Covers were laid for 87 and nearly every chair was occupied with a brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. They entered the dining room at 8:35 and the invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. N. Jessup.

MENU.

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

The meal was served in three courses, promptly and expeditiously, occupying just one hour. It was in Hotel Latham's best style, abundant, well prepared and elegantly served. The tables were beautifully decorated with roses, carnations, lilies and ferns and Blakemore's orchestra played at intervals.

The speaking program began at 9:40 and was concluded at 11:30,

exactly on time. Every moment of the time was filled with pleasure. President Rives presided gracefully and after a short review of the society's past history presented the first speaker. His introductions in each case were brief, appropriate and happy.

#### PROGRAM.

Toastmaster--President Frank Rives.

"Bid me discourse, I will enchant thine ear."  
--Shakespeare.

A Few Words-- H.W.Linton.

"Words are like leaves, and where they most abound  
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."  
---Pope.

Bald Facts-- John Stites.

"All that I know is, the facts I state  
Are true as truth has ever been of late."  
--Byron.

The Periscope-- T. C. Underwood.

"I never saw a periscope,  
I never want to see one;  
Whenever one bobs up, I hope  
That I may swiftly flee one."  
----Jots.

Rhyme and Reason -- Geo. E. Gary.

"Yea, marry now, it is somewhat,  
for now it is rhyme;  
Before it was neither rhyme nor  
reason."

--Sir Thomas Moore.

In Passing -- L. E. Foster.

"For to admire an' for to see  
For to be'old this world so wide,  
It never done no good to me  
But I can't drop it if I tried."  
----Kipling.

"To all and each a fair good night,  
And pleasing dreams and slumbers light."  
-- Scott.

Mr. Linton, one of the younger members acquitted himself handsomely with a speech full of wit, eloquence, originality and wisdom. It set a high standard for those to follow.

Mr. John Stites in his discussion of Bald Facts said many bright things but none of them naughty. He grew eloquent at times, especially when discussing the ladies and much of his speech was about the ladies.

Tom Underwood appeared in a brand new speech that sparkled with humor and teemed with philosophy. He more than sustained his reputation as an after-dinner orator of the rarest gifts.

Mr. Geo. E. Gary's subject gave him an opportunity to present a versatile address of mingled wisdom, poetry and spice. Mr. Gary's speech closed with a poetic gem that was one of his best efforts.

It was not mere rhyme, but real poetry, giving evidence that the author can muse as well as amuse.

Mr. L. E. Foster, who was drafted as a substitute at the eleventh hour, four-flushed with a big roll of manuscript, but quit in twenty minutes leaving the entire audience wide awake and thoroughly pleased. He told some good jokes, complimented everybody and closed with a recital of "The Charge of the Skirt Brigade."

The speeches were uniformly good, so good in fact that the opinion was expressed by more than one guest that the society used all of its best material at one time, leaving nothing so good for another year."

The following were present:

#### MEMBERS AND LADIES.

President and Mrs. Frank Rives, Vice. Pres. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles, Secretary and Mrs. H. W. Linton, and Miss Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Gary and Miss Eva Quarles, Mr. S. Y. Trimble, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gaither, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Perkins, Mr. A. H. Clark and Miss Evelyn Smith, Mr. J. W. Downer and Mrs. Eager, Mr. Chas. M. Meacham, Mr. Jas. A. McKenzie, Mr. John Stites and Miss Susie Boyd of Cadiz; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Pettus White, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith and Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McReynolds and Mrs. B. O. McReynolds, Sr., Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Jesup, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fowler, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Sights, Dr. Manning Brown and Miss Forbes.

#### GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Will Summers, Mr. Runey Bardwell, Clarksville, and Miss Frances Summers; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. John Rives, Mr. Joe McCarroll and Mrs. Ira D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Roseborough, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. McReynolds Jr, Col. and Mrs. Jouett Henry, Mr. T. G. Skinner and Miss Flack, Mr. Earl Fowler and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy."

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
June 1st, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, L.H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, H.W.Linton, Chas. M. Meacham Frank Rives, Ira D. Smith, S.Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson, T.C. Underwood, S. P. White Alvan H. Clark, J. N. Jessup and T. W. Perkins.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by President Frank Rives, 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, T. J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, W. S. Peterson, John Stites, H. P. Sights and J. G. Gaither.

On motion Dr. R. F. McDaniel and Judge J. T. Hanbery were excused for April absence.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called and the following papers were read, by Dr. Bell "Heredity and Environment", by Alvan H. Clark, "First Session of the United States Congress." These were followed by a general and interesting discussion.

The President announced his appointment of the Membership Committee, as follows: J. W. Downer, Chairman, Dr. Austin Bell and T. C. Underwood.

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

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Hopkinsville, Ky. September 7th, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: F. M. Brown, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, Geo. E. Gary, J. G. Gaither, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, F. M. Stites, S. Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson, T. C. Underwood and S. Pettus White.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by President Frank Rives, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Dr. Austin Bell, Alvan H. Clark, John C. Duffy, L. H. Davis, W. S. Peterson, T. W. Perkins, and Ira D. Smith.

Excuses were presented by all those present at this meeting for absences from June and April meeting, which on motion were accepted by the Society..

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program Chas. M. Meacham read a paper entitled "Hair". The other member assigned G. N. Jesup was not present and presented no paper. A general discussion followed the reading of Mr. Meacham's paper.

The death of our former member J. T. Hanbery was suggested, and on motion the president appointed W. T. Fowler, Calvin M. Thompson and John Stites as a committee to draft resolutions on behalf of the Society touching the death of Judge Hanbery; and it was ordered that a copy of same be sent to the widow, and that a page of our record be set apart to the resolutions.

The resignation of Dr. H. P. Sights was read and accepted with regrets.

A. H. Eckles offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution: That the President of the Society be instructed that he will in the future have the Secretary strike from the roll without referring the matter to the Society, the name of any member who is subject to dismissal under the By Laws by reason of failure to present his paper at the time assigned on the program, or to pay his dues after two month's delinquency and notice thereof, or his failure to attend after two unexcused absences and notice thereof, as provided in Sec. 5, sub-sections a, b, and c, of the By Laws, and that the Secretary be directed to notify all members absent from this meeting of this resolution. Said motion was duly seconded, put to a vote and unanimously adopted.

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

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S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky. October 5th, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, W.T. Fowler, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, S.Y. Trimble, C. M. Thompson, T.C. Underwood and S. Pettus White.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President Frank Rives, and at roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: John C. Duffy, Geo. E. Gary, R.F. McDaniel, W.S. Peterson, T.W. Perkins, John Stites and F. M. Stites.

Excuses were present<sup>ed</sup> and on motion accepted for the following absentees F.M. Brown, Austin Bell, L.E. Foster, L.H. Davis and J.G. Gaither for September meeting,

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. A. H. Eckles read a paper entitled "South America" and Jas. A. McKenzie a paper styled "A Door Has Got to be Open or Shut." A general discussion followed the reading of the papers.

It appearing that W. S. Peterson and John C. Duffy each had two unexcused absences from meetings of the Society charged against them, and the Secretary having reported that he had given said two members notice in writing of such absences, and they failing to attend or present excuses, it was ordered by the President that the Secretary strike the names of said Peterson and Duffy from the roll of members which was accordingly done.

The resignation of Rev. J. N. Jessup, was read by the Secretary, and on motion the same was accepted with expressions of regret.

The Committee on Membership retired and thereupon returned and reported and recommended for membership in the Society the names of P.B. Brooks, R.L. Woodard, Lewis Powell and G.C. Koffman. Ballots were prepared and said names were voted on by the Society, and all of said gentlemen were duly elected to membership.

The Committee heretofore named to draft resolutions on the death of our former member J.T. Hanbery, made its report which was accepted.

On motion, adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in November.

*H.W. Linton*  
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky. November 2nd, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, Geo. E. Gary, J.G. Gaither, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, T.W. Perkins, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, C.M. Thompson, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, P.B. Brooks, R.L. Woodard, Lewis Powell and G.C. Koffman.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by Vice President A. H. Eckles, the President being absent. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Alvan H. Clark, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, R.F. McDaniel, T.J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, S.Y. Trimble and Ira D. Smith.

Excuses were presented and on motion accepted for the following absentees, F.M. Stites, John Stites and G.E. Gary for October, and T. W. Perkins for October and September.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The program was called. G.E. Gary presented and read a paper which he gave no subject. C. M. Thompson read a paper entitled "An Uncut Gem". A general discussion followed.

The Membership Committee reported and recommended for membership in this Society, the name of Ed L. Weathers. A ballot was taken resulting in the election of said Weathers to membership.

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

*H. W. Linton*

SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky. December 7th, 1916.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, L.H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, J.G. Gaither, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, T.W. Perkins, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, F.M. Stites, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, P.B. Brooks, R.L. Woodard Lewis Powell and Ed L. Weathers.

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

Excuses were presented for absences from November meeting by L.E. Foster and T. J. McReynolds, and on motion accepted.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program W.T. Fowler read a paper entitled "Thomas a' Beckett", and Lewis Powell, subject, "Origin of Man." A general discussion of the two papers followed. T.J. McReynolds, being on the regular program, had exchanged his place on the program with Mr. Powell.

There being no further business, adjourned to meet the First Thursday evening in January.

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