

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
January 4th, 1917.

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, Jas. A. McKenzie, T. W. Perkins, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, C. M. Thompson T.C. Underwood, S.P. White, P.B. Brooks, R. L. Woodard, Lewis Powell, G. C. Koffman 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, Geo. E. Gary, R.F. McDaniel, and T.J. McReynolds.

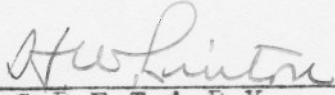
Excuses were presented by Dr. F.M. Stites for his absence from present meeting, and by C.M. Thompson for absence from December meeting, both of which on motion were accepted.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program J. G. Gaither presented and read a paper entitled "The Passing of Francis Joseph" Mr. Trimble, the other member on the program was not present. The usual entertaining discussion followed the program.

The Secretary read the resignation presented by S. Y. Trimble. Thereupon J. W. Downer moved that the resignation not be accepted, and that a committee be appointed by the President to confer with Mr. Trimble in regard to withdrawing the resignation; the motion was carried, and the President appointed the following committee, J. W. Downer, W.T. Fowler and H.W.Linton, for that purpose with instructions to report to the next regular meeting of the Society.

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

  
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S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
February 1st, 1917.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, LL.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, J.G. Gaither, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, T.W. Perkins, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, T.C. Underwood, P.B. Brooks, R.L. Woodard, Lewis Powell, G.C. Koffman 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: Alvan H. Clark, W.T. Fowler, R.F. McDaniel, S.Y. Trimble and S. Pettus White. Excuses were presented and on motion accepted for Messrs. Gary and McReynolds for their January absences.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program, T.W. Perkins responded with a paper entitled, "The Physician in the time of Chaucer" John Stites read a paper styled "Aristotle, Philosopher." Following which the papers were general discussed by the other members present.

J. W. Downer, Chairman of the Committee appointed with reference to the resignation tendered by S. Y. Trimble, reported that the latter had consented to withdraw his resignation, and promised to prepare a paper to be presented in case of any future vacancy occurring in the program. Said report was accepted and the committee discharged.

It appearing that L. H. Davis, assigned on the March program, would not be able to respond at that time, Mr. T. J. McReynolds, who had been assigned for duty on the past December program, but did not then respond, was notified that a paper would be expected of him at the March meeting to take the place of Mr. Davis. Mr. McReynolds being present agreed to prepare and present his paper at the next meeting.

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

*H. W. Linton*  
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
March 1st, 1917.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, F.M. Brown, Alvan H. Clark, L.H. Davis, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, J.G. Gaither, H.W. Linton Chas. M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith F.M. Stites, S.Y. Trimble, C.M. Thompson T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, P. B. Brooks, Lewis Powell G.C. Koffman and Ed L. Weathers. Rev. T. C. Gebauer was present as a visitor.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by President Rives. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Geo. E. Gary R.F. McDaniel T.W. Perkins and R. L. Woodard. Excuses were presented, and on motion accepted for A.H. Clark, S. Pettus White and W. T. Fowler for their absence from the February meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The Program was then called. T. J. McReynolds read a paper on "Alaska". Ira L. Smith responded with a paper entitled "The Ways and Means of Old Rome" Following the papers was a general discussion by a number of those present.

It was decided by the Society to hold the usual May Banquet, provided for in the by-laws. The President named the following Committee on Arrangement for said occasion S. P. White, L.H. Davis, Ed L. Weathers and the Secretary. 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 in April.

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

*H. W. Linton*  
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S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
April 5th, 1917.

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, Geo. E. Gary H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, S. Y. Trimble. C. M. Thompson, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, P.B. Brooks, R. L. Woodard, G.C. Koffman, and Ed L. Weathers.

After supper in the ordinary the Society was called to order by Vice-President Eckles. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Alvan H. Clark, W. T. Fowler, R. F. McDaniel, T.W. Perkins. On motion Mr. Gary was excused for absence from March meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. L. E. Foster read a paper entitled "Patriotic American Literature. J. W. Downer delivered a lecture on "Thackery".

The Banquet Arrangement Committee reported that it had arranged with A.D. Noe & Son to hold the annual "May" at Hotel Latham on the first Thursday evening in May, beginning at 8:15 o'clock, and reported the menu which had been arranged for at the price of \$1.25 per plate, with no guaranty as to number of plates to be taken. The report of the Committee was accepted, and the Committee continued for the purpose of making further arrangements for the banquet.

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

W. T. Fowler,....."Latitude and Longitude."  
Ira D. Smith,....."The Under Dog."  
C.M. Thompson,....."Scraps."  
Alvan H. Clark,....."Lucid Intervals."  
Chas. M. Meacham,....."Wise and Otherwise."

Which report was adopted and the committee continued.

This being the regular meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election was entered into when A.H. Eckles was elected President, John Stites, Vice President and H.W. Linton Secretary-Treasurer.

Chas. M. Meacham made a motion that the By-laws be amended to provide that the Secretary not be required to pay regular monthly dues to the Society, which motion was duly seconded, and ordered to lie over to the next regular meeting for action.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

*H. W. Linton*  
SECRETARY.