

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.

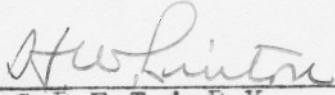
Excuses were presented by Dr. F.M. Stites for his absence from present meeting, and by C.M. Thompson for absence from December meeting, both of which on motion were accepted.

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.



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, L.L.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

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.

Record of May Banquet held May 3rd, 1917.

(Copied from Daily Kentucky New Era issue of May 4, 1917)

▪ SPARKLING WIT AND HUMOR.

And Flights of Oratory Make Athenaeum
Banquet a Delightful Affair.

Sumptuous menu served at Hotel Latham—
Hundred Men and Women at the Table.

▪ A brilliant event in every respect was the fourteenth annual banquet of the Athenaeum at Hotel Latham last night where wit and eloquence and a delicious menu were served to a hundred congenial diners. Three long tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants and during the courses an orchestra played lively music. The affair came as a needed relaxation to men and women burdened with the thoughts of the world war and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. Of course it rained; it always does, but the happiness within the hostelry was in vivid contrast to the elements waging outside.

▪ It was shortly before nine o'clock when President Alfred H. Eckles rapped for order and gay chatter ceased as Dr. Calvin M. Thompson asked divine blessing on the occasion.

▪ The menu cards, in white and blue, with a colored flag and a border of banners, gave a military note to the function, and may have inspired the guests to the ruthless destruction of the following excellently prepared dishes:

Fruit Cocktail
Olives Salted Almonds Pickles.
Baked Hen and Dressing
Country Ham
Hot Rolls. Beaten Biscuits.
Asparagus--Cream Dressing.
New Potatoes in balls.
Peas on Rosette Wafers.
Tomatoes on Lettuce.
French Dressing Saratoga Flakes.
Brick Cream Strawberries
Angel Food cake.
Cheese Wafers
Demi Tasse.

▪ When coffee and cheese were served, Toastmaster Eckles rose and cordially welcomed everybody and in the droll and whimsical

vein characteristic of his humor, he gave an original version of the organization and naming of the Athenaeum and convulsed his audience by the weird sidelights he threw on various historic personages and events. His introductions were all clever and he performed the difficult role of master of ceremonies in a faultless way.

*The postprandial program follows:

*Green Fields and Pastures New.....James A. McKenzie.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters."-Psalms, 23-2.

The Under Dog.....Ira D. Smith.

"The Cat will Mew, and the dog will have his day."

-Shakespeare,

Scraps,.....Rev. Calvin M. Thompson.

*Eye for eye, tooth, for tooth,

Hand for hand, foot for foot.

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Latitude and Longitude,.....W. T. Fowler.

*I must have liberty, withal as large

a charter as the kind,--

To blow on whom I please-As You Like It.

Wise and Otherwise,.....Chas. M. Meacham.

*Where be your gibes now?

Your gambols? your songs? that were wont to

set the table on a roar?"--Hamlet.

*The speakers are among the most accomplished and delightful after dinner talkers in Kentucky, and they added new laurels to their wreaths of fame by the affair last night. Wit flowed spontaneously and apparently all the muses had been invoked with success. It was the unanimous opinion that the Athenaeum had never heard a more charming lot of addresses and the participants were kept busy after the banquet receiving the hearty congratulations of admiring friends.

*Those present were:

Mr. C. M. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rives, Mrs. Ed C. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Pettus White, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Linton, Miss Mary Gannett and Mr. Lute H. Petree, Dr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKenzie, Mrs. Queenie Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cooper, Mr. G. E. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. S. Upshur Wooldridge, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker Wood, Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Underwood, Dr. F. P. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Stites, Dr. Gant Gaigher, Dr. C. M. Thompson, and Miss Thompson, Miss Moorefield, Mr. Guy Starling, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. Will Thompson and Miss Helen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Koffman, and Miss Hemphill, Mr. and Mrs. Durrett Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Thornton Perkins, Mrs. Jouett Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thomas, Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Foster, Mr. Alfred H. Eckles, Miss Carlotta Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy, Miss Mary Goldthwaite, Mr. J. W. Downer, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian H. Davis, Misses Florence and Jennie Bush, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Utley, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Fowler,

Miss Mabel Moore and Mr. Walter Trice, Miss Annie Virginia Trice, and Dr. F. M. Brown, Miss Susie Rutherford, and Miss Annie Smith, Mrs. Lizzie Clark and Mr. Joe McCarroll Jr. Lieut. and Mrs. A. H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Smith, Miss Addie Green and Mr. Joseph Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Smith, Miss Lalla Dennis and Mr. Medley Dennis, Miss Soyars and Mr. Oglesby Soyars, Miss Frances Summers and Mr. Frank Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Will Summers, Mr. and Mrs. John Stites, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. B. Brooks, Rev. F. F. Walter and Rev. Clyde Lee Fife.*

Hopkinsville, Ky. June 14th, 1917.

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

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by President A. H. Eckles. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Alvan H. Clark, L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, T. W. Perkins, P. E. Brooks, R. L. Woodard,

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program the paper of F. M. Stites was read by Mr. Trimble, entitled "Democracy and Patriotism". Dr. Stites was called away before the program was begun. Ira D. Smith read a paper entitled "Modern Poetry." The reading of the papers was followed by a general discussion.

On motion duly made and seconded the Secretary was directed to drop from the roll of members the name of R. F. McDaniel, who had removed from the State more than a year since.

The motion heretofore made at the April meeting that the Secretary be relieved of the payment of dues to the Society, was called up for action, and the question being submitted to a vote, the same carried.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in September in Hotel Latham Ordinary, 7 o'clock P. M.

H. W. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
September 6th, 1917.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, George E. Gary, J. C. Gaither, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Charles M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, Lewis Powell, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, F. M. Stites, C. M. Thompson, T. C. Underwood, R. L. Woodard.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by President A. H. Eckles. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: F. M. Brown, W. T. Fowler, and S. P. White. On motion L. E. Foster and R. L. Woodard were excused for absences from June meeting.

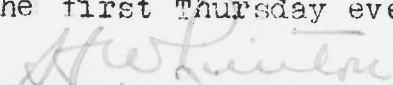
The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called, when Chas. M. Meacham read a paper entitled "Women in War". S. Y. Trimble furnished his paper entitled "Treason" which in his absence was read by John Stites. A general discussion followed the program.

The President announced his appointment of the Membership Committee for the current year as follows, J. W. Downer, Chairman, Chas. M. Meacham and S. Y. Trimble.

The resignation of P. B. Brooks was presented, which on motion was accepted with regrets. The program committee was instructed to attempt to supply the vacancy in the November program caused by Mr. Brooks resignation.

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



S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
October 4th, 1917.

At the regular meeting of the Athenæum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: J. W. Downer, W. T. Fowler, George E. Gary, J. G. Gaither, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, S. Y. Trimble, C. W. Thompson, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White and R. L. Woodard.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by Vice President John Stites in the absence of the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: Austin Bell, F. M. Brown, L. H. Davis, L. E. Foster, T. J. McReynolds, T. W. Perkins, Lewis Powell and Ed L. Weathers.

and W. T. Fowler were their
On motion S. P. White/~~was~~ excused for his/absence from September meeting.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

On call of the program S. Pettus White read a paper entitled "David Lloyd George", and Dr. R. L. Woodard a paper on "The Army Medical Corps." A general discussion of the papers followed.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, it was resolved that any member of this Society now or who may be hereafter away from the City by reason of being in the service of our Country in war, be given an indefinite leave of absence during the continuance of such service, and excused from payment of dues for such period of time.

The Secretary read to the Society the resignation tendered by F. M. Brown. Action thereon was deferred, and on motion the chairman appointed a committee composed of the President, Vice-President and Secretary to confer with Dr. Brown.

The Membership Committee retired and then reported and recommended for membership in this Society the name of W. O. Soyars. A ballot was then taken resulting in the election of said Soyars to membership.

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

H. W. Linton
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
November 1st, 1917.

At the 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, W. T. Fowler, J. G. Gaither, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, T. W. Perkins, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, C. M. Thompson, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, R. L. Woodard and W. O. Soyars.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses presented: L. E. Foster, Frank Rives, Ira D. Smith. On motion the following excuses for past absences were accepted Ed L. Weathers for September and October, T. J. McReynolds, L. H. Davis, Austin Bell and T. W. Perkins for October.

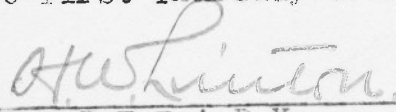
The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

On calling of the program a paper entitled "Genus Gypsy" was presented by H. W. Linton, and "Mars and the Muse" by T. C. Underwood, which were followed by a general discussion.

The committee heretofore appointed to confer with F. M. Brown with reference to a withdrawal of his resignation reported that Dr. Brown declined to withdraw the resignation, but was still insisting on its acceptance, on motion the Society voted to accept same with regrets.

The committee on Membership reported and recommended for membership in the Athenaeum the name of C. E. Woodruff. A ballot was then taken resulting in the election of said Woodruff to membership, and the Secretary was instructed to so notify Mr. Woodruff.

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



S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
December 6th, 1917.

At the regular monthly 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, J. G. Gaither, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Charles M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, T. W. Perkins, Lewis Powell, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, F. M. Stites, C. M. Thompson, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed. L. Weathers, R. L. Woodard, W. O. Soyars, C. E. Woodruff.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses being presented: W. T. Fowler, T. J. McKeaynolds, S. Y. Trimble. On motion excuses for past absences were excused as follows: Messrs. Frank Rives, Ira D. Smith and Jas. A. McKenzie for November, and Messrs. L. E. Foster and Lewis Powell for October and November.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Mr. McKenzie read a paper entitled "Opium", Mr. Koffman, on "The Social Value of History." which were followed by a general discussion.

The name of T. W. Blakey was proposed by the Membership Committee. A ballot was then spread resulting in the election of said Blakey to membership in the Society.

On motion adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in January, 1918.

H. W. Linton

S E C R E T A R Y.