

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
January 3rd, 1918.

AT the regular monthly 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, G.C. Koffman, H.W. Linton, Charles M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, Lewis Powell, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, F. M. Stites, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, W. O. Soyars,, C. E. Woodruff, and T.W. Blakey.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses presented: J.A. McKenzie, T.W. Perkins and John Stites.

On motion S.Y. Trimble and T. J. McReynolds were excused for absence from the December meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called, and papers were presented and read as follows: L. H. Davis, Subject: "A Prophet without Honor" Lewis Powell, Subject: "Suggestive Therapeutics." The papers were freely discussed by many of the other members present.

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

  
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Hopkinsville, Ky.  
February 7th, 1918.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Audtin Bell, L. H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, George E. Gary, G. C. Koffman, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, T.W. Perkins, Lewis Powell, Ira L. Smith, S.Y. Trimble, C.M. Thompson, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, R. L. Woodard, W.O. Soyars and C. E. Woodruff.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses being presented: J.G. Gaither T.J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, John Stites and Ira D. Smith.

On motion J.A. McKenzie and W. T. Fowler were excused for their absences from January and December meetings respectively.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The program was called. W. O. Soyars read a paper on the subject "Ancient Types of Primitive Man". Frank Rives who was also on the month's program was absent and presented no paper. Mr. Soyars paper was followed by a general discussion.

The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of Mr. Rives to his failure to respond and to report to the next meeting.

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

  
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Hopkinsville, Ky. March 7th, 1918.

At a regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: L. H. Davis, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eekles, L. E. Foster, W.T. Fowler, J.G. Gaither, G. C. Koffman, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, F.M. Stites, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, R.L. Woodard, W.O. Soyars, C. E. Woodruff and T. W. Blakey.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses being presented: Austin Bell, George E. Gary, T.W. Perkins, S.Y. Trimble, C.M. Thompson.

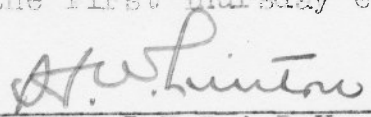
On motion J.G. Gaither was excused for his absences from Jan. and Feb. meetings, and likewise T. J. McReynolds was excused for his absence from February meeting.

On the program were L. E. Foster whose paper was entitled "Kentucky in Rhyme", and Ed L. Weathers who presented a paper "The Virgin Islands." Then followed a general discussion of these papers.

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was resolved that <sup>action</sup> on the excuse of Mr. Rives' for failure to present a paper at the February meeting, when assigned, be postponed to the April meeting.

On motion, duly made and seconded it was decided by the Society to hold the usual Banquet or open meeting on the first Thursday evening in May this year. The President named the following Committee on Arrangements for said occasion S. Pettus White, T. J. McReynolds and the Secretary. The regular program Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President and Secretary was instructed to prepare and submit a program for the occasion, and both committees instructed to report to the April meeting.

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

  
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Hopkinsville, Ky.  
April 5th, 1918.

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, 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, Ira D. Smith, S.Y. Trimble, J.M. Thompson, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, R.L. Woodard, W.O. Soyars, C.E. Woodruff and T.W. Blakey.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse presented: L. E. Foster, and T. W. Perkins.

On motion, Messrs Rives and John Stites were excused for absences from February meeting and Messrs. Thompson, Bell and Gary for absences from March meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

On the program were Br.<sup>a</sup> Bell, whose paper was entitled "Aircraft and its Modern Uses," and Mr.<sup>b</sup> Gary who presented a paper "The Psychology of War." The program was followed by general discussions.

Mr. Rives presented an excuse for failure to present a paper at the February meeting, which was accepted by the Society on condition that Mr. Rives' name head the list on the next year's program and that he donate the sum of Five Dollars to the Red Cross, to which condition he assented.

The program committee reported assignment of speakers on the occasion of the May Banquet or open session as follows:

Grover C. Koffman,  
J.W. Downer,  
J.G. Gaither  
T.C. Underwood  
Ira L. Smith

The subjects of the speakers to be assigned and selected later by said committee or by the speakers themselves.

The arrangement committee for the banquet reported a menu selected for the occasion and reported that they had been negotiating with the management of Hotel Latham to serve the banquet. Thereupon a motion was made by Dr. Bell, which was seconded, that no food be served at the banquet this year, but that a charge of \$1.00 per person be made and that the amount so realized be donated to the Red Cross by the Society. After general discussion, the motion was submitted to a vote and carried, and the committee instructed to arrange the further details as to the May meeting, such as a place to hold it, flowers etc.

-2-April meeting -

This being the regular time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election was entered into resulting in the election of the following: John Stites, President, James A. McKenzie, Vice-President and H. W. Linton, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion adjourned.

*H. W. Linton*

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He was followed by Hon. J. W. Downer, one of the "charter members" whose speeches are always rare treats of literary excellence. His subject "Handling a Bad Case" was handled in anything but a "bad speech".

Dr. J. Gant Gaither, another of the young members, took as his subject the subject "Gassed" somewhat suggestive of "shop talk" but in reality a bright and catchy speech of rollicking fun and humor.

Another of "old timers", T. C. Underwood, a past master of the art of after-dinner talking, then was "introduced" and tried his hand on an empty stomach. His effort was a continual round of merriment mixed with poetic fancy, with here and there a bit of sky-scraping eloquence.

The last speaker was Mr. Ira L. Smith, another member who has grown bold in the service of the society, who took a fling at the banquet proper with the appropriate theme, "A Biteless Bit" giving a shakespearean turn by quoting from "McAdoo About Everything". Mr. Smith was at his best, which is saying that he had a corking good speech.

(following from issue of May 4 same paper)

"Those present in spite of the absence of "eats" were:  
President and Mrs. John Stites, A. H. Eckles and Miss Flack,  
Mr. and Mrs. T.J. McReynolds, Mr. Ira L. Smith and Miss Smith, Mr.  
and Mrs. L.E. Foster, Mr. W.O. Soyars and Miss Gaither, Mr. and Mrs.  
H.W. Linton and Miss Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Smith, Mr. and  
Mrs. G.C. Koffman, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Underwood, Dr. Austin Bell and  
Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Gaither, Rev. C.M.  
Thompson and Miss Helen Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. T.W. Blakey, Mr. and  
Mrs. Holland Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs.  
Guy Starling, Mrs. F.P. Thomas and Miss Beth Thomas, Mr. M.E. Boyd  
and Miss Forbes, Messrs. Chas. M. Meacham, Pettus White, James A.  
McKenzie, A. W. Wood, C. R. Clark, S.Y. Trimble and John C. Duffy.

Record of Banquet held May 2nd, 1918.

(Copied from Daily Kentuckian issue of May 3, 1918)

"FIFTEENTH OPEN SESSION

ATHENAEUM'S EATLESS BANQUET.

Patriotic Gathering of Literary Lights with Many Happy  
Guests Listen to Dinnerless Orators.

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"The Athenaeum, Hopkinsville's literary society for men, one of the leading organizations of its kind in Kentucky, held its fifteenth annual "banquet" last night at Hotel Latham. The society is 17 years old but had no banquets the first two years. The membership is limited to 30 and the May meeting is always an open session with speeches instead of papers and usually an elegant meal is spread for a maximum of 120 persons, each member being entitled to four seats. This time by a patriotic impulse the members voted to have no "eats" but to pay \$1 for a minimum of 60 tickets and after defraying necessary expenses donate the balance to the Red Cross. Considerably more than 60 were present last night, many of the members availing themselves of the privilege of inviting three guests.

"The members and guests assembled at 8 o'clock in the parlors of Hotel Latham and at 9 o'clock descended to the dining room where the speakers were provided with a table and the members and visitors were arranged in seats around the room. The "menu" cards contained the following tantalizing bill of fare, to be eaten at some future time after the war is over:

"Me-And-You.

(What we don't get this time)

Cream of Tomato Soup  
Olives            Salted Almonds            Celery  
Fried Chicken                    Lamb Chops  
Frog Legs                    Country Ham  
Fricassee Humming-Birds' Tongues  
Hot Rolls                    Beaten Biscuits  
Salt Risen Light Bread.  
Asparagus -- Cream Dressing  
New Potatoes in Balls.  
Peas on Rosette Wafers  
Tomatoes on Lettuce  
French Fried Potatoes            Saratoga Flakes.  
Brick Ice Cream                    Strawberries  
Charlotte Russe                    Peaches and Cream  
Fruit Cake                    Angel Food Cake.  
Lady Fingers                    Macaroons

Apple Pie (cross-barrred) Edom Cheese	Mince Pie (covered) Demi Tasse	Jelly Pie (open faced) Wafers
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"The program at once engrossed attention and was carried out according to the schedule following:

"Feast of Reason

Toastmaster,.....President John Stites.

Famish'd people must be slowly nurst,  
And fed by spoonfuls, or else they always burst.  
-Byron.

War and Education,.....Grover C. Koffman

Cease to consult, the time for action calls.  
War, horried war, approaches to your walls.  
-Pope.

Handling a Bad Case,.....J. W. Downer.

I stand for judgment. Can I have it?  
-Shakespeare.

Gassed.....J. G. Gaither

And 'tis remarkable, that they  
talk most, who have the least to say.  
-Prior.

Generally Speaking,.....T. C. Underwood.

"The time has come," the walrus said "to  
speak of many things,  
Of shoes and shops and sealing wax and cab-  
bages and kings,  
And if the sea is boiling hot and whether pigs  
have wings. ---Lewis Carroll.

A Biteless Bit.....Ira L. Smith.

"The less said the better."  
-McAdoo About Everything.

"President Stites was in his happiest vein and started things to moving in a brief speech filled with bright hits.

Mr. Grover C. Koffman in his maiden effort at an open session discussed the closely allied topics of war and education in a thoroughly patriotic and most entertaining style, acquitting himself with much credit.



Hopkinsville, Ky.  
June 13th, 1918.

At the regular June meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, 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, F. W. Stites, C. M. Thompson, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White and Ed. L. Weathers.

After supper in the Ordinary, the meeting was called to order by S. P. White temporary Chairman. Later Vice President McKenzie arrived and took the chair. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Austin Bell, L. E. Foster, T. J. McReynolds, T. W. Perkins, Lewis Powell, John Stites, S. Y. Trimble, R. L. Woodard, and C. E. Woodruff.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

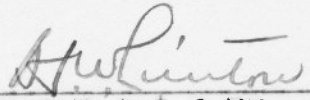
On the program were C. M. Thompson whose paper was entitled "Jerusalem", and W. T. Fowler, on the subject "Our Food Supply." The usual general discussion followed the reading of these two papers.

It was suggested that there be noted of record, which is accordingly done, that since our last regular meeting W. O. Soyars and Ira B. Smith, two of our faithful members and regular attendants have enlisted in the service of our country, and for the present gone from our community.

On motion, duly carried, it was resolved that the proceeds of the May banquet, amounting to \$63.75, be paid over by the Treasurer to the Local Red Cross organization.

The Secretary read the resignation of C. E. Woodruff. It was moved by C. M. Thompson that action thereon be deferred until the September meeting, which motion being duly seconded was put to vote and duly carried.

On motion adjourned to meet on the evening of the First Thursday in September.

  
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Hopkinsville, Ky.  
September 5, 1918.

At the regular September meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, George E. Gary, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, Lewis Powell, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, F. M. Stites, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, and C. E. Woodruff, and visitor Major Jouett Henry.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by John Stites, President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: C. M. Thompson and W. T. Fowler.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

On the program were Frank Rives, whose paper was entitled "After the War-What?", and James A. McKenzie on the subject "Edmund Burke." Following which was a general discussion of the two papers.

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It was suggested/since our June meeting three of our members, namely, Dr. Austin Bell, Dr. J. G. Gaither and Dr. E. L. Woodard, have enlisted in the service of our country, each bearing the rank of Captain in the Medical Corps of the Army, and which fact is now noted of record.

Mr. C. E. Woodruff, being present in person, agreed to withdraw his resignation heretofore offered.

On motion duly made and seconded it was ordered that the Order of Business be changed so that unfinished business and new business follow immediately after reading the minutes and before the calling of the program.

Mr. Downer of the Membership Committee offered a resolution to amend Section 4 of the By-Laws by adding the following provision, to-wit:

"That all members of said Athenaeum Society who are now in, or may hereafter enter, the Military, Naval, or Aviation Service of the United States, shall be considered as Honorary Members of the society with all the privileges of Active Members; and that their places may be filled with Active Members, as in cases of existing vacancies. And that, upon the return of said absent members, and, if they so desire, they shall be reinstated as Active Members of said Society, thereby filling the first vacancies that may thereafter occur in its membership."

which it is ordered will lie over until the next regular meeting for action.

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

  
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. October 3rd, 1918.

At the regular October meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T.W. Blakey, L.H. Davis, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, G.C. Koffman, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, F.M. Stites, S.Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White and 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 with excuses: T. W. Perkins.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

On the program were Ira L. Smith, who read an original poem entitled Availing of America and Chas. M. Meacham who presented a paper entitled "The Rhine." Following the program was a general discussion of these papers.

The amendment proposed at the September meeting to Section 4 of the By-laws was called up, and the Chair ruled that there was no quorum present and that the proposed amendment could not be voted on at this time, though the proposed amendment was discussed at length by several members.

Thereupon S. Pettus White offered in writing the following amendment to said section 4, to-wit:

"Resolved: That Section Four of the By-laws of this Society be amended so as to increase the membership to 36 for the duration of the present war and 6 months thereafter, after which time no new members shall be elected until vacancies shall reduce the membership to less than 30, and thereafter the membership shall be limited to 30."

which it is ordered will lie over until the next regular meeting for action.

The president announced his appointment of the Membership Committee for the current year as follows:

T.C. Underwood, Chairman  
Ed L. Weathers, and  
A.H. Eckles,

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

*H. W. Linton*  
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
November 7th, 1918.

At the regular November meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T. W. Blakey, L. H. Davis, J. W. Downer, L. E. Foster, George E. Gary, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, C. E. Woodruff and W. T. Fowler.

After supper in the Ordinary the Society was called to order by Vice President James A. McKenzie in the absence of the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: T. J. McReynolds, John Stites and T. W. Perkins. On motion duly made and seconded Mr. Rives' absence from the October meeting was excused.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Rev. Calvin M. Thompson was read by the Secretary and on motion the same was accepted with expressions of regret.

The Secretary read the resignation of Dr. F. M. Stites. On motion duly made seconded and carried the Chairman was instructed to appoint a committee to confer with Dr. Stites with reference to withdrawing the resignation, thereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Koffman, Meacham and the Secretary as such committee.

The removal of Dr. Lewis Powell from the City to his new work in Louisville, Ky. was suggested, and his name therefore ordered taken from the roll of members.

The membership Committee reported and recommended for membership in the Society, the names of A. R. Kasey and Everett S. Smith. Ballots were spread and their names voted on, resulting in the election of each of said gentlemen, and who were notified by committee appointed for that purpose and invited to attend the present meeting.

The program was called. Prof. L. E. Foster read a paper entitled "Tennyson's In Memoriam". Dr. F. M. Stites was not present and presented no paper. A general discussion followed the reading of the paper of Prof. Foster.

Adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in December.

*A. W. Linton*  
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
December 5th, 1918.

At the regular December meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T. W. Blakey, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary, G. C. Koffman, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, A. R. Kasey and Everett S. Smith, and guests Messrs. Thomas Rodman and A. D. Noe Sr.

After supper in the Ordinary, the Society was called to order by the President. At Roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: T. W. Perkins and C. E. Woodruff. On motion duly made and carried Messrs. McReynolds and John Stites were excused for absence from the November meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. Mr. Downer read a paper on the subject of "The Army of the Reserve". Mr. Kasey who took the place of Mr. McReynolds on this month's program, gave a paper entitled "The Voice of Belgium." A general discussion of these papers followed.

The committee heretofore appointed in connection with the resignation tendered by Dr. Stites, reported that it had taken no action and asked for further time, which was granted by the President and the Committee continued.

The Membership Committee recommended for membership in the Society E. V. Rawn. Ballots were spread resulting in the election of Mr. Rawn to membership, and the Secretary was ordered to notify him in writing of his election.

It was suggested that we had lost an honored member by death in the person of Lucian H. Davis, since our last meeting, and on motion, the President/<sup>named</sup> Chas. M. Meacham, T. C. Underwood and J. A. McKenzie as a Committee to draft resolutions with reference to his death, which should be published in the newspaper and a copy transmitted to the family of the deceased member.

Adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in January, 1919.

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