

Hopkinsville, Ky.
January 2nd, 1919.

At the regular January meeting of the Athenaeum held this date, at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, J.G. Gaither, G.C. Koffman, H.W. Linton, Charles M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, T.C. Underwood, Ed L. Weathers, R.L. Woodard, W. T. Fowler, A.R. Kasey and E.V. Rawn.

Mention is especially made of three of our soldier members with us for the first time at the present meeting viz: Captain J.G. Gaither, Capt. Austin Bell and Capt. R.L. Woodard. James Moss was present as a guest.

The meeting was called to order by the President after supper in the Ordinary. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Geo. E. Gary, T.W. Perkins S.Y. Trimble and C.E. Woodruff.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Woodruff that he has two consecutive unexcused absences, for the December and January meetings.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The program was then called. T. W. Perkins was not present and had no paper. The other member assigned, James A. McKenzie (substituting for Mr. Eckles) read a paper entitled "The Hun", which was followed by a general discussion.

The Secretary was instructed to ^{no-}tify T.W. Perkins to be present at the next meeting so that he might have an opportunity of presenting his reason for failing to have a paper at this meeting.

J. W. Downer moved to withdraw his amendment to the By-laws heretofore offered, which motion was seconded, and on vote duly carried.

The Committee appointed with reference to the resignation heretofore tendered by F. M. Stites, reported that the latter had consented to withdraw the resignation, which report was duly accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee named to prepare resolution as to the death of Lucian H. Davis, asked for further time in which to present the resolution, and which granted and the Committee continued.

Adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in February.



S e c r e t a r y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.
Feb. 6th, 1919.

At the regular February meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, J.W. Downer A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, George E. Gary, J.G. Gaither, G.C. Koffman, Chas. M. Meacham James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White Ed L. Weathers, A.R. Kasey, and Everett S. Smith, and guests Capt. J.H. Hoskins, Sergt. Joseph Stites and Capt. John Franklin Bible.

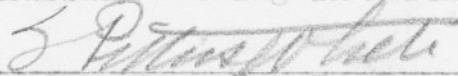
After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. In the absence of the Secretary S. Pettus White was appointed Secretary pro tem. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: T.W. Perkins and R. L. Woodard. On motion excuses of Messrs. Trimble, Gary and Woodruff were accepted for absence from the January meeting.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The program was called when John Stites read a paper entitled "Herr William Hohenzollern" and S. Y. Trimble a paper whose subject was "I Appeal to Caesar." Followed a general discussion. .

The matter of the failure of T. W. Perkins to present a paper when on the program for January, was passed till the March meeting.

Adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in March.


Secretary Pro Tempore.

Hopkinsville, Ky. March 6th, 1919.

At the regular March meeting of the Athenaeum held this date at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T.W. Blakey J.W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, E.E. Foster, Geo. E. Gary G. C. Koffman H.W. Linton Chas. M. Meacham T.J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, T.W. Perkins Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith S.Y. Trimble T.C. Underwood, S.P. White, Ed L. Weathers R.L. Woodard C.E. Woodruff and E.V. Rawn.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by Vice President McKenzie. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: Austin Bell, Frank Rives and Everett S. Smith. On motion R. L. Woodard was excused for absence from February meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary stated that Dr. F.M. Stites had instructed him to insist that his resignation heretofore offered, be accepted by the Society. On motion the resignation was accepted with regrets.

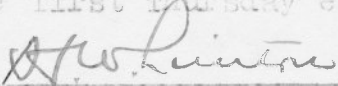
and

On motion ~~was~~ made, seconded, it was resolved that the Society hold the usual Banquet or open session on the first Thursday evening in May of this year. The President thereupon appointed the following committee on Arrangement for the occasion Ed L. Weathers, S. Pettus White and A.H. Eckles. And the regular Program committee of the Society was instructed to prepare and submit a program at the next monthly meeting.

On report of the Secretary that there was a vacancy in the membership, the Committee on Membership retired and then reported by recommending Dr. Leonard W. Doolan for the place. A ballot was then taken and resulted in the election of Dr. Doolan to membership in the Society, and the Secretary was directed to notify him in writing of his election.

The program was called. S. Pettus White read a paper entitled "Bolshevism" and T. W. Blakey a paper on the subject "Petroleum." These papers were followed by a general discussions.

The Society adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening in April.


Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. April 3rd, 1919.

At the regular April meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: Austin Bell, T.W. Blakey, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, George E. Gary, J.G. Gaither, G.C. Koffman, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, T.J. McReynolds, James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, W.O. Soyars, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, S. Pettus White, R.L. Woodard, C.E. Woodruff, A.R. Kasey, Everett S. Smith, E.V. Rawn and L.W. Doolan.

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, Gaither, Bell and Everett S. Smith were excused for absence at the March meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The program committee reported the following members assigned as speakers for the May banquet or open session:

R.L. Woodard,
Ira D. Smith
Everett S. Smith
Frank Rives, and
A.H. Eckles.

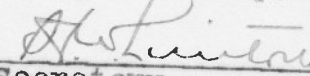
The subjects to be assigned later by the committee or selected by the speakers themselves.

The committee on arrangement for the banquet reported a menu selected which they stated that the management of the hotel would serve at \$2.00 per plate, and recommended that a trade be made with the hotel upon those terms. A substitute motion was made that a menu be served at \$1.50. After discussion the matter was put to a vote, resulting in the adoption of the recommendation of the committee that the banquet be held at the hotel and that the \$2.00 per plate menu be arranged.

This being the regular date for election of officers for the ensuing year, the election was gone into, which resulted in the election of the following, James A. McKenzie, President, L.E. Foster, Vice President, and H.W. Linton, Secretary-Treasurer.

The program for the present meeting was called. H.W. Linton read a paper, "Deliverer of France" and G.C. Koffman a paper entitled "Railways in War and in Peace." and which were followed by general discussions.

On motion adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in June, the next regular meeting following the banquet session.


Secretary.

Record of June Banquet held June 6th, 1919.
(Copied from The Kentuckian issue of June 7th, 1919.)

SIXTEENTH OPEN SESSION.

Athenaeum the Hosts at a Brilliant Banquet at
Latham Hotel Last Night.

FLOW OF ELOQUENCE HEARD.

By the Members and Fifty or More Guests Who Were Present.

The sixteenth annual open session and banquet of the Athenaeum was held last night at Hotel Latham, and the affair was an event of unusual brilliancy.

Covers were laid for about 90 and but few of the members were absent. The membership is limited to 30 and each member was entitled to invite three guests.

The banquet was postponed from the first week in May on account of the illness of one of the speakers and illness in the family of another.

The weather was all that could have been desired and the program was one of the best the society has ever had.

The following menu was served by the efficient management of Hotel Latham in the main dining room, the tables being arranged in three long rows:

	Grape Fruit Cocktail	
	Olives	
Baked Chicken	Baked Hen	Pastry Strips
	Country Ham	
Potato Chips.		Pea Patties
	Head Lettuce--Thousand Island Dressing	
	Saratoga Flakes	
	Strawberries--	Cake
Cheese		Wafers
	Demi Tasse	

After the sides were cleared away the literary program was begun with the following array of postprandial orators.

All of the speakers were in fine trim and their addresses were in lighter vein and teeming with wit and eloquence.

Look and Listen.

Toastmaster, President Jas. A. McKenzie.

This Side of the World..... Ira D. Smith

"The patriot's boast, where'er we roam,
His first best country ever is at home."--Goldsmith.

Flirtations..... Frank Rives.

"A cigar, a French novel, an idle Flirtation,
Are all a man needs for a day's occupation."--Merèdith.

Under the Bough..... T. C. Underwood.

"A book of verses underneath the bough
A (deleted), Loaf of Bread and thou
Beside me singing in the wilderness,
Ah! Wilderness were Paradise enow."---Omar Khayyam.

Memories-..... Everett S. Smith.

"Round me at twilight comes stealing
Shadows of days that are gone,
Dreams of the old days revealing
Memories of life's golden dawn." --- Kahn.

Ghosts Alfred H. Eckles.

" 'Tis now the witching time of night
When the churchyards yawn,
and hell itself breaks out
Contagion to the world."---- Shakespeare.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Sept. 4, 1919.

At the regular September meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, the following were present: Austin Bell, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, L. W. Doolan, W.T. Fowler Geo. E. Gary, J.G. Gaither, A.R. Kasey, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, Ira L. Smith, W.O. Soyars, T.C. Underwood, S.P. White, members, and Rev. Macon C. Vick, guest.

After supper in the ordinary, the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: T. W. Perkins, E. V. Rawn, Everett S. Smith, S.Y. Trimble R. L. Woodard and C. E. Woodruff.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

On calling of the program for this meeting Chas. M. Meacham read his paper: "Izaak Walton and His Book", and W. O. Soyars who presented his paper entitled "The Aztecs." Following these was a general discussion.

On motion, and it appearing that G. C. Koffman, who has been a member, and resided in this city during his incumbency as Principal of the Hopkinsville High School, has removed to a distant city, thus severing his connection with the Society, it was resolved that his name be taken from the roll of membership.

It being stated that Mr. Eckles who is assigned for duty at the October meeting, on account of a recent protracted illness will not be able to have a paper at that meeting, Mr. T.C. Underwood who is on the program for May, 1920, ^{on request of Mr. President} ~~is requested~~ to take the place of Mr. Eckles on the October program, which fact was ordered noted of record.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Noe, of ~~XXX~~ Hotel Latham, had advanced their rates for meals and would charge 75 cents per plate and in addition probably make a charge for the use of the room now used by us. On motion, resolved that the Society agree to pay 75 cents per plate for the ensuing year, but protest at paying in addition for the use of the room.

The President made and announced the following appointment to constitute the Membership Committee, J. W. Downer, Chairman, Ira D. Smith and John Stites.

Adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in October.


Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. October 2nd, 1919

At the regular October meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T. W. Blakey, Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, E. V. Rawn, Ira L. Smith, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, W. O. Soyars, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White, Ed L. Weathers 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 excuse: Geo. E. Gary, J. C. Gaither, A. R. Kasey, T. J. McReynolds, T. W. Perkins, Everett S. Smith, S. Y. Trimble, and R. L. Woodard.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and adopted upon correction with reference to Mr. Underwood's filling the place of Mr. Eckles on the program for the October meeting.

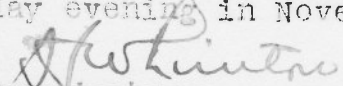
The Secretary read the resignation of Austin Bell. On motion the same was passed for future determination, and the Chairman by request appointed as a committee to call upon Dr. Bell and endeavor to have him withdraw the resignation, the following, Dr. T. W. Blakey, Ira D. Smith and Frank Rives.

The Membership committee reported its recommendation of Dr. J. W. Gaines for membership in the society. Ballot was spread and the name of Dr. Gaines voted on in due form, resulting in his election to membership.

The Secretary then called the program for the present meeting. Dr. T. W. Perkins was not present and presented no paper. T. C. Underwood, who took the place of Mr. Eckles on this month's program, responded with a paper entitled "The Soft Blue Veil". This was followed by general discussions.

A motion was duly made and seconded that the name of T. W. Perkins be stricken from the records as a member of the Society due to his failure to respond when assigned on the program, he having failed to respond when assigned on the program for January 1919, and again at this meeting, and having offered no reason for such failure. The motion was put to the society and duly carried. The President then instructed the Secretary to strike the name from the roll of members and to notify ~~the members~~ Dr. Perkins of the action.

Adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in November.


Secretary

Hopkinsville, Ky. November 6th., 1919.

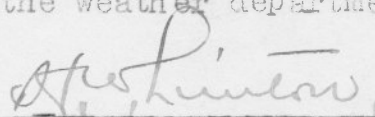
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After supper in the ordinary, the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: T.W. Blakey, J.G. Gaither, A.R. Kasey, John Stites, S.Y. Trimble and R. L. Woodard.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and adopted. It was reported that Dr. Austin Bell had declined to reconsider his resignation and was still insisting that it be accepted. On motion, it was decided that the resignation of Dr. Bell be accepted, with regrets, and his name taken from the roll. On motion the excuses of E. S. Smith, Geo. E. Gary, A.R. Kasey and T. J. McReynolds for absence from the October meeting were accepted.

The program was then called. Papers were read by E. V. Rawn, his subject being "Who Pays?" and by Everett S. Smith, entitled "Our Ethical Standard." A lively discussion of these papers followed.

On motion adjourned to meet on the first Thursday evening, in December, all respectfully petitioning the weather department for at least one fair first Thursday.


Secretary

Hopkinsville, Ky. December 4th, 1919.

At the regular December meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, the following members were present: T. W. Blakey, Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, L. W. Doolan, A. H. Eckles, A. R. Kasey, H. W. Linton, Charles M. Meacham, T. J. McReynolds, Jas. A. McKenzie, E. V. Rawn, John Stites, Ira D. Smith, W. O. Soyars, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White, Ed L. Weathers and G. F. Woodruff.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: L. E. Foster, W. T. Fowler, J. G. Gaither, Frank Rives, Everett S. Smith and J. W. Gaines. On motion the following were excused for absences from November meeting, T. W. Blakey, A. R. Kasey and John Stites.

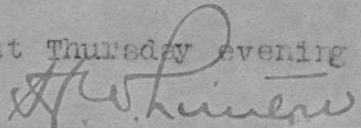
The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read the resignation of Dr. R. L. Woodard, which on motion was accepted with regrets.

The Membership committee reported recommending the names of George C. Abbitt and H. A. Long for membership in the Athenaeum. Ballots were cast in the usual form, resulting in the election of Messrs. Abbitt and Long to membership, and the Secretary was directed to notify them accordingly.

Upon call of the program Mr. T. J. McReynolds read a paper entitled "Strikes, -- Reasons and Remedies," Mr. L. W. Doolan followed, with his paper, subject, "The Democracy Safe for the World." A general and lively discussion followed the reading of these papers.

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


SECRETARY.