

Hopkinsville, Ky. January 8th, 1920.

At the regular January meeting of the Athenaeum the following members were present: T. W. Blakey, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, E.V. Rawn, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, W.O. Soyars, T.C. Underwood, S.P. White, C.E. Woodruff, J.W. Gaines, George C. Abbitt and H. A. Long.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: T.J. McReynolds, John Stites, Everett S. Smith, S.Y. Trimble and Ed L. Weathers. On motion Dr. Gaines and Mr. Rives were excused for absence from December meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and adopted.

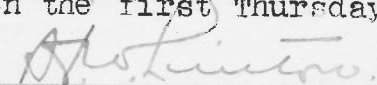
The Secretary reported that Dr. J. G. Gaither had requested him to present his resignation from the Society. The same was accepted by the Society with regrets. The resignation of Judge W.T. Fowler was presented, he having just removed to Frankfort to accept the position of Assistant Attorney General. The resignation was accepted with regrets, and on motion it was resolved that said Fowler be elected to honorary membership in the Society.

The Membership Committee reported three vacancies in the roll of members, and recommended for membership, J. C. Waller, Jouett Henry and George W. Crenshaw. Ballots were spread for each name, resulting in the election of said Waller, Henry and Crenshaw to membership in the Athenaeum.

The program was then called. L.E. Foster, substituting for Mr. Woodruff read a paper entitled "Who Shall Lead in the New Democracy?". Ira D. Smith presented a paper on the subject "Aerial Navigation." After their reading, followed a full discussion of these papers.

There being one vacancy on the program <sup>for</sup> in each of the following months of February, March and April, the program committee conferred and announced the following addition of names to fill the vacancies, Dr. Gaines for February meeting, Mr. Woodruff for March meeting and Mr. Long for April meeting.

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

  
S E C R E T A R Y.

Hopkinsville, Ky.  
February 12th, 1920.

At the regular February meeting of the Athenaeum (postponed from (Feb. 5th) the following members were present T. W. Blakey, Alvan H. Clark, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, A. R. Kasey, H. W. Linton Chas. M. Meacham Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, W. O. Soyars, S. Y. Trimble T. C. Underwood, S. P. White, C. E. Woodruff, J. W. Gaines, H. A. Long, ~~and~~ J. C. Waller, Jouett Henry, and visitor Mr. Thomas Rodman of Louisville, Ky.

After supper in the Ordinary the meeting was called to order by T. C. Underwood, President pro tem. At roll call the following were noted absent with excuse T. J. McReynolds, Frank Rives, and E. V. Rawn. On motion Everett S. Smith was excused for his absences from the December and January meetings.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

On the calling of the program, Alvan H. Clark read his paper entitled "The Use of Gas in Modern Warfare", and Dr. J. W. Gaines responded on the subject "Italy in the Recent War." The papers were followed by general discussions of the subjects.

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

  
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S E C R E T A R Y.



Hopkinsville, Ky. April 1st. 1920

At the regular April meeting of the Athenaeum the following members were present: Alvan Clark, J.W. Downer, L.W. Doolan, A.H. Eckles, Geo. E. Gary, 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, S.Y. Trimble, T.C. Underwood, C.E. Woodruff, H.A. Long, Jouett Henry, J.C. Waller and George W. Crenshaw.

After supper in the ordinary, the meeting was called to order by the President. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuses: L.E. Foster, T.J. McReynolds, Everett S. Smith, J.W. Gaines and Geo. C. Abbitt. On motion T.W. Blakey, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, Geo. W. Crenshaw and J.C. Waller were excused for absence from the March meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The program being called H.A. Long read his paper entitled "The Gap in the Fence", C. E. Woodruff on the subject "The Romance of the Telephone." These were followed by a general discussion.

The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was entered into, and L.E. Foster was elected President, S. Pettus White Vice-President and H.W. Linton, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion duly made and seconded it was resolved that the Society hold the usual annual Banquet or open session on or about the first Thursday night in June, the exact date to be named by the arrangement committee. Thereupon the President appointed the following to constitute the arrangement committee for said occasion, T.J. McReynolds, Chairman, Ira D. Smith and H.W. Linton, and designated the regular program committee to arrange the program, directing both committees to report to the next regular meeting.

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

  
SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky. May 6th., 1920

At the regular May meeting of the Athenaeum the following members were present: Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, L.W. Doolan, A.H. Eckles, L.E. Foster, A. R. Kasey, H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, W.O. Soyars, T.C. Underwood, S.P. White, C.E. Woodruff, H.A. Long, and Jouett Henry.

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. Blakey, Geo. E. Gary, John Stites, Everett S. Smith, G.Y. Trimble, J.W. Gaines, Geo. Cabbitt, J.C. Waller and Geo. W. Crenshaw. On motion L.E. Foster was granted excuse for absence from the April meeting. It appearing that Everett S. Smith had two prior unexcused absences, the Secretary was instructed to notify him in writing of that fact.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The program was called. A. R. Kasey read his paper "Lake Tandy" and Jouett Henry delivered a discourse on the subject "The War Risk Insurance Act." These were followed by general discussions.

The President announced his appointment of the Membership Committee, as follows, J.W. Downer, Chairman, Ira L. Smith and James A. McKenzie.

The Committee on Arrangement for the June Banquet session reported that the management of Hotel Latham had offered to serve the banquet at \$2.50 per plate for the menu submitted, and the committee recommended that it be accepted. On motion it was ordered adopted, and the Secretary-Treasurer was directed to pay from the funds of the society fifty cents per plate of the cost of the banquet, so that each member should be called on to pay only \$2.00 for each plate taken by him.

The program committee reported the names of the following for the Banquet speakers,

George E. Gary, L. W. Doolan,  
J.W. Downer, Alvan H. Clark  
Charles M. Meacham.

Both of said committees were retained for whatever further action that might become necessary in connection with the Banquet.

On motion adjourned, the next regular meeting, after the Banquet, to be held in September

  
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New Era

# THE ATHENAUM BANQUET

Hopkinsville and Chicago were the most oratorical spots on the map, last night, but, while the Republican convention failed to eventuate in the nomination of a candidate, the Athenaeum, at its seventeenth annual banquet, resolved its conclave of camaraderie into a monarchy of merriment and crowned goodfellowship as king. The dining hall at Hotel Latham, to which the guests repaired after a formal reception in the parlor was beautifully decorated with flowers, the tables were most attractively arranged. A hidden orchestra dispersed sweet music, and the menu pronounced the most delicious club and their guests have enjoyed

The feast was as follows:

- Grapefruit Cocktail
- Olives
- Half Chicken Country Ham
- Peas New Potato Balls
- Hot Beaten Biscuit
- Potatoes and Tomato—French Dressing
- Wafers
- Strawberries and Cake

Coffee  
When the demi tasse was served, Lloyd E. Foster, the new president, assumed the gavel as toastmaster and his happy introductions, well timed words, taste and skill largely anticipated the pleasures of the auspicious occasion.

The postprandial program:  
 TOASTMASTER.....  
 PRESIDENT LLOYD E. FOSTER  
 SINGING POSTS.....  
 .....GEORGE E. GARY  
 slides into verse and hitches in a rhyme." —Chaucer  
 into his order he was a noble post." —Pope

JUST LIVING, THAT'S ALL.....  
 .....W. O. SOYARS  
 "To be or not to be, that's the question." —Shakespeare.

THESE TIMES .....  
 .....J. W. DOWNER  
 "We look before and after  
 And pine for what is not."  
 —Shelley

LUCID INTERVALS .....  
 .....ALVAN H. CLARK  
 "Happiness for man—the hungry sinner—  
 Since Eve ate the apple much depends on dinner." —Byron

JOB.....CHAS. M. MEACHAM  
 "How long will it be ere ye make an end of words"  
 —Bildad the Shuhite

Mr. Gary in his delightful address was untethered as to any special hitching post in history. His Pegasus roamed gracefully through human annals from Eve to September Morn, foxtrotted awhile in ragtime and then paraded with impressive dignity to the sonorous measures of his own impelling muse.

Mr. Soyars followed, in his characteristic style, with a theme broad, deep and tall enough, aye, and with a fourth dimension, so as not to cramp him a particle—Life, with a capital L. Never was Mr. Soyars more exuberant or verbally facile, and the freshness and fervor of his sustained flights of oratory gave the diners a genuine thrill.

Mr. Downer's toast, as always, was a model of elegance in expression and keenness in thought, presenting charmingly a mosaic of humorous bits of masterpieces deftly bound together

with the Montaigne-like thread of his own originality.

No speech during the evening was more enthusiastically received than the rollicking talk of Mr. Clark, who, accepting the dictum of Polonius, demonstrated faultlessly that brevity is the soul of wit. It was the shortest address, and none was more captivating in its sparkling wit.

Then, as the delicious cherry in the cocktail of eloquence, came the envoi of Mr. Meacham, who gave convincing evidence anew of his premiership as an after-dinner speaker. Job of Biblical fame was his subject, unhappy Job, most happily delineated. It was a veritable masterpiece of unctuous humor.

Then the orchestra played "Home, Sweet Home."

The diners were:

- Mr. Weathers and Mrs. D. F. Pace, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. John P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gary, Mesdames A. B. Anderson, of Nashville, and David Hamilton of Chicago, Prof. and Mrs. L. E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Alvan Clark, Mr. Oglesby Soyars and Miss Elizabeth McPherson, Mr. Joe McCarroll, Jr., and Miss Martha Ellis Soyars, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Kasey, Rev. and Mrs. George C. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Rawn, Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Woodriddle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ray Moss, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Underwood, Col. and Mrs. Jouett Henry, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crenshaw, Dr. and Mrs. Preston Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Elgin, Senator and Mrs. Frank Rives, Mrs. Mimms, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles, Dr. Manning Brown and Miss Carlotta Gregory, Judge Wallace Hancock and Miss Annie Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McPherson, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Tandy, Mr. Pollard White and Mrs. Pettus White, Mr. and Mrs. John Waller, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Long, Rev. E. S. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Long, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Linton, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tandy, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Mr. Ira D. Smith and Mrs. Lizzie Clark.



# NOTICE

Commencing Monday

11:15 A.M. 1920

and one of the members of the school.  
 On the other hand, members of the club, better known as "man" isn't much classical stuff, but "jazz" and come



Hopkinsville, Ky. September 9th. 1920.

At the regular September meeting of the Athenaeum the following members were present: Geo. C. Abbitt, Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, L. E. Foster, Jonett Henry H. W. Linton H. A. Long, Chas. M. Meacham, Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, E. V. Rawn, Ira L. Smith, John Stites W. C. Soyars S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White, 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: T. W. Blakey Geo. W. Crenshaw A. R. Kasey Ira D. Smith. Everett S. Smith, J. C. Waller and ~~H. J.~~ *C. E. Woodruff* McReynolds. On motion Messrs. Stites and Abbitt were excused for their absences from the May meeting. The excuse of Everett S. Smith was presented by the Secretary covering absences for the meetings of March, April and May, and on motion he was excused for said three absences.

The minutes of the May meeting, that being the regular meeting next before this, were read and approved.

The Secretary read the resignation of Dr. L. W. Doolan which was accepted by the Society with expressions of regret.

The program was then called, when Geo. C. Abbitt read his paper entitled "The Race Question", and John Stites his paper on "Inequality of Federal Taxation." A general discussion followed.

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

*H. W. Linton*

SECRETARY.

Hopkinsville, Ky. October 7th. 1920.

At the regular October meeting of the Athenaeum the following members were present: George C. Abbitt, T. W. Blakey, George W. Crenshaw, Jouett Henry, A. R. Kasey, H. W. Linton, H. A. Long, Chas. M. Meacham, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Everett S. Smith, W. O. Soyars, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White, and T. J. McReynolds, and guest General A. L. Dade.

After supper in the Ordinary, the meeting was called to order by Dr. T. W. Blakey. Later the vice president S. Pettus White arrived and presided, in the absence of the President. At roll-call the following were noted absent without excuses: Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, George E. Gary, J. W. Gaines, E. V. Rawn, Ira D. Smith, John Stites, Ed L. Weathers and C. E. Woodruff. On motion excuses were granted as follows: for September meeting T. J. McReynolds, E. S. Smith and T. W. Blakey, for May Geo. W. Crenshaw and S. Y. Trimble, for September, Geo. W. Crenshaw.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The Membership Committee reported the name of Dr. Randolph Dade and recommended his election to membership in the Society. Ballots were spread, and tellers appointed who announced the result that Dr. Dade was duly elected.

The Secretary was instructed to call the program. Frank Rives, first on the program, read a paper entitled "The Business of Farming", the next member on the program Ira L. Smith read his paper the subject of which was "Ants." There followed a general discussion of the topics presented.

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

  
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Hopkinsville, Ky.  
November 4th., 1920

At the regular November meeting of the Athenaeum the following members were present: George C. Abbitt, T. W. Blakey, Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, L. E. Foster, George E. Gary, Jouett Henry, A. R. Kasey, H. W. Linton H. A. Long, Charles M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ira D. Smith, W. O. Soyars, S. Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. P. White, C. E. Woodruff, T. J. McReynolds and Randolph Dade.

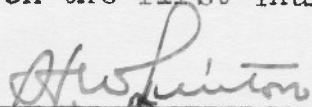
After supper in the Ordinary, the meeting was called to order by President L. E. Foster. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: A. H. Eckles, E. V. Rawn, Everett S. Smith, John Stites and Ed L. Weathers. On motion, excuses were granted as follows: for September meeting Ira D. Smith and A. R. Kasey, for October meeting Ira D. Smith, Jas. A. McKenzie, Geo. E. Gary and C. E. Woodruff.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The President read to the Society the resignation of J. C. Waller as a member, which on motion was ordered accepted, with regrets.

The program was then called, when James A. McKenzie his a paper entitled "Lord Macaulay" followed by S. Y. Trimble who read a paper entitled "The Trial of Jesus." A general discussion of these papers was had by many of the members present.

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

  
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S E C R E T A R Y.



Hopkinsville, Ky. December 9th., 1920.

At the regular December meeting of the Atheaneum, postponed to this date from December 2nd., the following members were present: Alvan H. Clark, George W. Crenshaw, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, George E. Gary, J. W. Gaines, Jouett Henry, H.W. Linton, H. A. Long, Chas. M. Meacham, James A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, E. V. Rawn, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith John Stites, W.O. Soyars, S.Y. Trimble, T. C. Underwood, S. Pettus White Ed L. Weathers, C. E. Woodruff, T. J. McReynolds and Randolph Dade.

After supper in the ordinary of Hotel Latham, the meeting was called to order, and in the absence of the President, the Vice President presided. At roll call the following were noted absent without excuse: George C. Abbitt, L. E. Foster, A. R. Kasey, Everett S. Smith. On motion, excuses were granted to J.W. Gaines, Ed L. Weathers and A. H. Eckles for absence from the November meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and adopted.

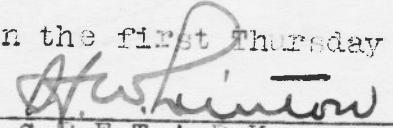
The resignation of Dr. T. W. Blakey from the Society, was read and accepted with regrets.

The Committee on Membership presented the name of James Breathitt Jr., for membership in the Athenaeum. A ballot was ordered spread, tellers appointed who took the ballot and which resulted in the election of said Breathitt to membership. The Secretary was directed to notify him of his election.

The program was then called. J. W. Downer delivered a lecture having for its subject "William E. Gladstone," which was followed by a general discussion of the subject.

It was noted that on account of the resignation of T.W. Blakey a vacancy was created on the program for the February meeting, whereupon the program committee substituted the name of Ira D. Smith to fill the place of Dr. Blakey for that occasion.

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

  
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