

Jan. 1, 1931.

The Athenaeum started the new year with one of the very best meetings held in a long time. After the usual excellent dinner at Hotel Latham, the business session was held, President W.H. Southall, presiding.

One of the two vacancies in the membership of thirty was filled by the election of Dr. Oscar Flener.

There were two papers not unlike in character, but both essayists explained that no efforts had been made to make them companion pieces. F.W. Fink wrote on the "Brotherhood of Man", deploring the present contempt men in many parts of the world are showing for the lives and property of their fellowmen.

Ira L. Smith followed with a paper on "Peace", discussing the ideal of universal peace between men and nations and the tendency in that direction. Both papers provoked much discussion. Those taking part were Messrs. Holmes, Meacham, Clark, Henry, Rives, Wright, White, Linton, Soyars, Powell, Street, Gaither, Kingsbury, Fink and Smith. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Those present were: President, W.H. Southall, Rev. W.B. Holmes, A.H. Ekles, Col. Jouett Henry, J.W. Downer, Rev. B.W. Gaither, S. F. White, Judge Frank Rives, W. O. Soyars, Ira L. Smith, H.W. Linton, Rev. Paul S. Powell, Prof. Arkley Wright, Dr. W.E. Gary, Phil E. Chappell, John L. Street, Dr. Horacé Kingsbury, Judge A.H. Clark, F.W. Fink, and Charles M. Meacham.

Collection for the evening was \$26.00,

The meeting adjourned to meet Feb. 5th, 1931. On the program H.W. Linton and W.B. Holmes.

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Secretary.

Feb. 5, 1931.

The Athenaeum met at Hotel Latham at 6:30 with 25 of the 29 members present. W.H. Southall, the president, occupied the chair.

Following the dinner, the business session and the program of the evening were taken up.

Dr. Oscar Flenor was welcomed as a new member and the only existing vacancy in the membership (limited to 30) was filled by the election of Douglas Graham, president of the Bank of Pembroke.

The literary program was exceptionally fine. H.W. Linton presented a paper on "The Constitution of Kentucky, and the Necessity for a New One". It was an illuminating paper on all of the past constitutions, the present one made in 1891, and called attention to the proposed vote for a new one this fall.

Rev. W.B. Holmes wrote on "See America First", his papers being a vivid description of Yellowstone Park and its wonders and beauties. He visited the park last summer and his article was one of the best the society has listened to for many meetings. Both papers were discussed in a round of oratory, wisdom and humor that lasted for two hours.

Those present were: W.H. Southall, Chas. M. Meacham, Paul Shell Powell, Jouett Henry, F.W. Fink, Arkley Wright, H.W. Linton, F.M. Brown, S. Pettus White, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, A.H. Clark, Horace Kingsbury, Ira D. Smith, J.W. Downer, Phil E. Chappell, Denny P. Smith, W.D. Soyars, Oscar Flenor, W.E. Gary, P. C. Walker, B.W. Gaither, and W. B. Holmes, and guest C. L. Albritton.

On the program on March 5th will be P.C. Walker and Ed L. Weathers

The Collections for the evening were \$30.00.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P. M.

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March 6, 1931.

The March meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham from 6:30 to 10:30 Thursday evening.

The usual dinner in the club room was attended by 17 members and four others detained by other engagements, arrived in time for the program.

In the absence of President, W.H. Southall, Rev. Paul Shell Powell was chosen to preside. Two resignations were read by the secretary. That of the Rev. Horace Kingsbury, who is leaving the city, was accepted with regret. That of Jas. A. McKenzie, was on motion tabled with a view of having it withdrawn, and was later withdrawn. The vacancy created by the Rev. Mr. Kingsbury's resignation was immediately filled by the re-election of S.Y. Trimble, who resigned some months ago.

On motion it was decided to hold the usual open session in May with a banquet at Hotel Latham, May 7. The president was authorized to appoint committees to arrange for same, one on Arrangements, and one to prepare the program. On Arrangements he later named Phil E. Chappell, H.A. Long and Jouett Henry, and on Program H.W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham and Ira D. Smith. The literary program was then called.

Prof. Arkley Wright discussed in a comprehensive paper, the "Negro of Today", dealing with the bringing of slaves into the colonies, the part the Negro paid in developing America, his emancipation, enfranchisement and present status.

John Stites wrote entertainingly on "The History of Marriage". He discussed the marriage relation from all angles; its earliest origin, its practice by nations all over the world, and the diversified laws that govern it in the American states. It was a most interesting and carefully compiled record. Both papers were discussed by various members, under the new rule that limited discussion to one hour.

Those present were Paul S. Powell, Chas. M. Meacham, Douglas Graham, Jouett Henry, P.C. Walker, Arkley Wright, John Stites, Pettus White, Oscar Flenor, H.W. Linton, Phil E. Chappell, Dr. W.E. Gary, Dr. F.M. Brown, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, A.H. Clark, Frank Rives, J.W. Downer, B.W. Gaither, S.Y. Trimble, and A.H. Eckles.

On the program for April, Paul Shell Powell, and P.C. Walker.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P. M.

*Chas. M. Meacham, Sec*

April 2, 1931.

The Athenaeum met at 6:30 P.M. at Hotel Latham with 23 members present. Dr. Oscar Flener arrived later in the evening.

After the usual dinner hour the business meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and \$32 in dues ~~was~~ collected. The roll was called and several absentees excused.

The annual election of officers resulted in the unanimous election of Rev. Paul Shell Powell, as President, Rev. W.B. Holmes as Vice President, and Chas. M. Meacham as Secretary-Treasurer.

The committess for the banquet May 7, reported. Chairman <sup>A</sup> Phil Chappell, announced that plans had been made for each of the 30 members to have from 2 to 4 seats, the usual plan being for each member to be accompanied by a lady with the privilege of inviting two guests.

Chairman, H.W. Linton, of the Program Committee, reported as speakers for the open session, H.A. Long, Frank Rives, Rev. W.B. Gaither and Arkley Wright. The program to consist of brief after-dinner speeches. Both Committees will continue until the open session.

Then came the evening's program. Dr. P.C. Walker's subject was "Life" and Dr. P.S. Powell's "The Literature of the Bible". These members are among the Athenaeum's leading intellectual lights and both acquitted themselves in fine style, with carefully prepared papers, of superior diction, deep thought and literary excellence. When the discussion of their papers began it became evident that they were in for a "hazing", led by the lawyers of their own churches. The discussion was engaged in by Pettus White, Frank Rives, Alvan H. Clark, Denny P. Smith, W. O. Soyars, W.B. Holmes, H.W. Linton, J.W. Downer, and Chas.M. Meacham.

As the attacks upon the papers became vigorous some members came to the rescue of the writers, and the merits and demerits of the papers were discussed for an hour before the writers got the floor to close the discussion. They proved game fighters and made the fur fly, and went after their critics until the room roared with laughter. They even took shots at each other and for once there was a scarcity of dignity in evidence.

Those present were: President, W.H. Southall, Dr. F.M. Brown, Phil E. Chappell, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, F.W. Fink, Oscar Flener, Douglas Graham, Jouett Henry, W.B. Holmes, H.W. Linton, H.A. Long, J.A. McKenzie, C. M. Meacham, Paul S. Powell, Frank Rives, D. P. Smith, Ira L. Smith, J.S. Street, W. O. Soyars, P.C. Walker, S. P. White.

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