

Hopkinsville, Ky. Jan. 7, 1932.

The January meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham with President Paul Shell Powell presiding, and 23 other members present. The usual dinner at 6:30 preceded the business and literary session.

The resignation of Dr. W.E. Gary, submitted by telephone, was reported by the Secretary. On motion of H.W. Linton action was postponed for the reason that the resignation was not in writing.

The first of the two papers was by John L. Street, of Cadiz, on "The Dollar's Own", a financial paper of great interest at the present time, which provoked a spirited discussion. He was followed by Dr. F.M. Brown, who told of "A Trip to Honolulu", taken by him last summer. In a carefully prepared story of the wonderful Hawaiian Islands, he gave a graphic description of these outposts of Uncle Sam in the Pacific Ocean.

Those present were: Dr. F.M. Brown, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, H. A. Long, J.A. McKenzie, H. W. Linton, Ira L. Smith, W.H. Southall, W. O. Soyars, John Stites, S.Y. Trimble, S. Pettus White, *Ira D Smith*, P.C. Walker, Paul Shell Powell, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, Phil E. Chappell, Dr. O. Flener, D.M. Walker, John L. Street, and Chas. M. Meacham.

The collections for the meeting amounted to \$26.50. Meals were served to 23.

The program for February will consist of papers by Frank Rives and Jouett Henry.

Approved,

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Feb. 4, 1932.

The Athenaeum held its monthly meeting at Hotel Latham Thursday night with President Paul S. Powell, presiding, and 25 members and one visitor present to enjoy an excellent dinner and an unusually interesting and instructive program.

After dinner the roll call disclosed the presence of all but three of the members, there being two resignations. The absentees were Frank Rives, Jas. A. McKenzie, and John Stites.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Action on the resignation of Dr. W.E. Gary, postponed was on motion reconsidered and the resignation accepted with regrets. The Secretary also produced the resignation of Denny P. Smith, which was also accepted with regrets.

The following resolution offered by Ira L. Smith was adopted by a rising vote:

"RESOLUTION.

"Whereas, since the last meeting of our society, our beloved host and friend, Col. A.D. Noe, has passed away, we feel deeply the loss to our city and community.

He will be missed by all who knew him, a wide circle of friends, and we feel that we cannot permit the meeting to pass without registering this simple expression of our esteem, appreciation and affection for him, and his memory.

We further extend to his wife and family our sincerest sympathy in the great bereavement they have suffered and direct the Secretary to send them a copy of this resolution."

The Secretary was instructed by vote to have a new edition of the constitution and by-laws of the Society printed. At his request, H.W. Linton and H.A. Long were designated by the President as a Committee to act with him.

The literary program consisted of two papers.

Judge Alvan H. Clark, substituting for Judge Frank Rives, presented a paper on the "Growth of the Christian Religion," historically treated as a world movement.

Col. Jouett Henry followed with a descriptive discussion of the wonderful Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala., in the Tennessee River, near Florence.

Both papers elicited the usual general discussion. Some hazing was attempted and pleasantries injected into the speeches, but both speakers proved to be able to take care of themselves and their spirited rejoinders in conclusion added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

On the program next month are Jas. A. McKenzie and B.W. Gaither.

Those present were: President, Paul Shell Powell, Secretary, Chas. M. Meacham, Jouett Henry, B.W. Gaither, W. O. Soyars, Ira D. Smith, Dr. F.M. Brown, A.H. Clark, H.W. Linton, S. Pettus White, W.H. Southall, S.Y. Trimble, Phil E. Chappell, Jno. L. Street, D.M. Walker, A.H. Eckles, Arkley Wright, Dr. Oscar Flener, Ed L. Weathers, W.B. Holmes, P. C. Walker, and guest, J. Buford Todd.

Collection for the meeting was \$26.00.

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky.

March 3, 1932.

The March meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham between the hours of 6:30 and 10:30 P.M. with 23 members present and 5 absent.

The dinner was served in the Club Room followed by the business session. A motion was made and carried that the hour of meeting be changed from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. for the rest of the season. The vote was 12 to 9.

H.A. Long and John Stites were absent but were excused on account of illness. W. O. Soyars, W.H. Southall and Rev. D.M. Walker were also absent without sending excuses.

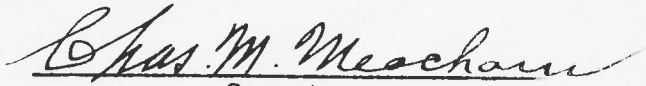
The collection for the evening amounted to \$25.00.

The Secretary asked for further time in compiling the matter to be used in printing a new edition of the Constitution. The Committee in charge was authorized to print a list of all members from the date of organization and such other records as deemed advisable. The report to be submitted before printing.

Judge Ira D. Smith presented as his guest, Circuit Judge Joe L. Warren, of Mayfield, Ky., who was welcomed by the President and asked to take part in the proceedings.

The literary program being in order James A. McKenzie read a biographical paper on "George Washington, The Father of His Country". He was followed by Rev. B.W. Gaither, who wrote on "The Last Frontier" a descriptive article on Alaska and its wonderful resources. He wrote from the standpoint of a former resident of Alaska for a period of five years, as a Missionary. Both papers were discussed in five minute speeches by a number of the members and by Judge Warren after which the writers closed the discussion with brief speeches.

Those present were: Paul Shell Powell, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, S.Y. Trimble, F. M. Brown, A.H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, Jouett Henry, W.B. Holmes, H.W. Linton, Ed L. Weathers, S. P. White, P. C. Walker, Arkley Wright, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, Phil E. Chappell, Oscar Flener, John L. Street, James A. McKenzie, Charles M. Meacham, Ira D. Smith and guest.


Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky.

April 14, 1932.

MINUTES APRIL MEETING.

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The April meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham Thursday night April 14th, having been postponed one week, on account of the absence of a number of members from the city on the regular date.

President Paul Shell Powell presided and 20 other members were present.

After dinner in the Club Room the business session was held. One of the two existing vacancies in the membership was filled by the election of Jas. Breathitt, Jr., a former member, whose name was submitted by the Membership Committee.

Officers elected: Pres. W. B. Holmes, Vice Pres. Paul E. Chaffell, Sec. Chas. M. Meacham.

The program committee submitted through the Secretary, a report for the open session to be held at Hotel Latham on the evening of May 12th, between the hours of 8 and 11 o'clock. Speakers for the occasion will be Rev. Paul Shell Powell, John Stites, Ira L. Smith, and Alvan H. Clark. Each member will be entitled to invite three guests. The report was adopted and the Committee continued with power to make any changes found necessary. The price of plates to be \$1.00 each, the menu to be as good as that of 1931, to be agreed upon later.

The literary program then followed. The Rev. David M. Walker submitted a paper on "Disarmament and the Present World Crisis," in which he urged the necessity of a concerted movement to promote world peace.

F.W. Fink wrote on the Panama Canal, giving a resume of the discovery of the Ithmus, its importance as the connecting link between two continents and the long struggle to connect the oceans by a canal, which was successful in 1915.

The two papers evoked a general and animated discussion.

Those present were: Dr. F.M. Brown, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, Jouett Henry, Rev. W.B. Holmes, Jr., H.W. Linton, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, W.H. Southall, W.O. Soyars, S.Y. Trimble, Ed L. Weathers, Rev. Paul S. Powell, F.W. Fink, Rev. B.W. Gaither, Dr. Oscar Flener, Rev. David M. Walker, John S. Street, and Chas. M. Meacham.

Collection for the evening was \$17.00.

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY CLUB

1932

Banquet Held Last Night At Latham; W. B. Holmes Presided At Meeting

The 29th annual open session of the Athenaeum, held at Hotel Latham Thursday night, May 12th, closed the thirtieth year of the society. It was organized April 21, 1902 with 16 charter members. The open sessions were begun in 1904 and have been held every year since that time. During the war year of 1918, the open meeting was an "eatless banquet," no food being served. Sumptuous banquets have characterized all other open sessions, to which each member was privileged to invite three guests. The membership of the society is limited to 30 and the present number is 29. This made possible the presence of 116 members and guests and including the boys and girls who made up the High School orchestra the full limit was in attendance for the first time in the long series of open sessions. closely approached.

Four of the charter members were present. In many respects the entertainment was the most successful ever held by the society. A bright, beautiful "blackberry winter" day and evening made the weather ideal and the menu provided was all that could have been desired.

The arrangement of tables was a departure from the usual long tables. There were 16 tables scattered about the large dining room, seating from four to 18 persons each. The president and all of the speakers, with their guests, were seated at the largest table on the south side of the room. The orchestra of 16 pieces was located in the northeast corner and rendered delightful selections during the meal.

The party assembled in the parlors at 7:30 and the program moved with clock-like precision. The reception committee, composed of the President and Vice-President, together with the speakers, and their wives, formally welcomed the guests and at five minutes to eight the start was made for the dining room.

The tables were all beautifully decorated with flowers, this work having been done under the supervision of a committee of ladies headed by Mrs. Phil Chappell.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. David M. Walker, and the dinner was promptly served. President Holmes was the first speaker, welcoming the guests and addressing himself to the subject of "Desultory Remarks" assigned him, indulged in flights of eloquence, told jokes at the expense of some of the members and concluded his brief speech by introduc-

ing as the next speaker John Stites, one of the organizers of 30 years ago. Mr. Stites discussed the subject of Tramps from all angles, even drawing upon the Scriptures for some of his proof, that they were not unknown in the earliest ages. Apologizing for the political color of his speech, he discussed Cleveland's army of 600 under Gen. Jacob S. Coxey and the present army of 6,000,000 unemployed under Hoover. Flashes of humor made his speech entertaining as well as instructive.

The next speaker introduced was Alvan H. Clark, whose subject was Foliage. Mr. Clark made a bad start and after hemming and hawing without getting anywhere was called down by the President and confessed that the presence of so many ladies and distinguished guests had caused him to have "a lapse of memory," in other words he had forgotten his speech. He was directed to take his seat and the Rev. Paul Shell Powell was introduced to discuss Heretics. He had taken no chances of having his speech scared out of him, but produced a bulky manuscript. His address was replete with historical information of famous heretics of past ages who had changed the

currents of human affairs by exploring unknown fields out of regular channels of science and discovery as well as religion.

It was replete with instructive information and scientific knowledge.

At the conclusion of Dr. Powell's discourse, President Holmes announced that Mr. Clark would be given another chance. He got off better the second time and was finally stopped without having to call in the police. He took a crack at pretty much everything from Eve's costume of leaves to the absence of foliage in the city parks. At times the ladies blushed, but he was allowed to proceed as his "lapse of memory" had put the hearers in a sympathetic mood. He closed with a flight of eloquence that made them forget some of the other things he had said.

The last speaker of the evening was James Breathitt, who told what he knew about "Birds of a Feather." It turned out that he knew a good deal and he told it well, with all the grace and charm of the finished orator he is. His tribute to the American eagle and his toast to the ladies, even rivalled some of the eloquent flights of the toastmaster. He concluded as the city clock struck eleven and the hilarity ended, with all rising and singing "My Old Kentucky Home."

Those present were:

Members and their wives: President and Mrs. W. B. Holmes, Jr., Vice-President and Mrs. Phil E. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. John Stites and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Col. Jouett Henry and sister, Mrs. Russell; Judge and Mrs. Frank Rives, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles, Mr. and Mrs. H. W.

Linton and son, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKenzie, Judge and Mrs. Ida D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pettus White and daughter,

Judge and Mrs. Alvan H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Soyars, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Southall, Mr. S. Y. Trimble, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Walker, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Breathitt, Jr., Prof. and Mrs. Arkley Wright, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shell Powell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fink and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Street, Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Flener and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Walker.

Guests—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edmunds, Miss Cora Means, Miss Annie Smith, Mr. Stanley Wadlington and Miss Lucy Dade, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Yost, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Keach, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Albritton, Dr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Brown, Mrs. McFarland Wood, Miss Louise Breathitt, Mrs. J. W. Greene, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Henderson, and the following members of the High School orchestra: Director Walter Hibbons, Miss Jamie Arnold Browning, Anne Trice, Katherine Richardson, Dorothy Bell, Ruth Holmes, Charlotte Fuller, Mary Lou Cobb, Euphey Wade, and Guy Barnett, Rex Osteen, Graham Harvey, Marshall Butler, Henry Morris, Edmund Albritton, Robert Dyer and Guy Johnson.

Hopkinsville, Ky. June 9, 1932.

The June meeting of the Athenaeum, postponed from June 2, was held this date at Hotel Latham, with Vice-President, Phil E. Chappell, presiding. There were 18 members present and another came in after dinner had been served.

After dinner in the Club Room the business session followed. The minutes of the April meeting and the May meeting were approved. The resignation of Prof. Arkley Wright was submitted and on motion accepted with regrets. Copies of the new Constitution and By-Laws were distributed by the Secretary and the evening's collection of \$14.00 was made.

The literary program consisted of two papers. Ira L. Smith, substituting for A.H. Eckles, submitted a paper on "Humor and Humorists" and Chas. M. Meacham followed with one on "Lycurgus, the Law-giver and his Disciples". Both papers were in a light vein, and a general discussion was participated in by most of the members present.

Those present were, Vice-President, Phil E. Chappell, Chas. M. Meacham, Ira, L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, H.W. Linton, Jas. A. McKenzie, S. Pettus White, Ed L. Weathers, W.H. Southall, S.Y. Trimble, Dr. F.M. Brown, Jas. Breathitt, Jr., Paul S. Powell, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, and Jno. L. Street.

Adjourned to meet the first Thursday evening in September.


Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Sept. 8, 1932.

The September meeting of the Athenaeum, which has been postponed a week, was held at the Hotel Latham, with 20 members present. Two interesting papers were given.

Dinner was served in the club room, followed by the business session, presided over by President W.B. Holmes, Jr.

The resignation of Herschel A. Long was received and accepted with regret.

The membership committee composed of H. W. Linton, S. P. White, and Dr. Oscar Flener, submitted two recommendations to fill vacancies, which on motion were laid over until the October meeting.

First on the program was A.H. Eckles, whose subject was "The Glass Bill and Its Effect on State Banks". Mr. Eckles handled an intensely interesting question from the standpoint of a state banker and threw much light upon the subject.

He was followed by Rev. Paul Shell Powell with a literary paper on "Matthew Arnold, the Poet". His brief essay paid a high tribute to the distinguished scholar and man of letters.

Both papers elicited a general discussion, participated in by S.Y. Trimble, Ed L. Weathers, Alvan H. Clark, Dr. D.M. Walker, S. Pettus White, F.W. Fink, W. O. Soyars and Phil E. Chappell.

The collection for the evening was \$27.00.

The dinner was excellent and the meeting a most successful one.

H.W. Linton and A.H. Clark are on the program for October.

Present.
Chas. M. Meacham
Fra. L. Smith
J. W. Downer
Janett Henry
A. H. Eckles
H. W. Linton
Rev. A. M. Kempie
S. Pettus White
A. H. Clark
Ed L. Weathers
W. O. Soyars
W. H. Southall
S. Y. Trimble
Phil E. Chappell
P. C. Walker
Wm. B. Holmes, Jr.
Paul S. Powell
G. W. Fink
Oscar Flener
D. M. Walker

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Oct. 7, 1932.

The October meeting of the Athenaeum, postponed from Thursday evening, was held Friday evening, Oct. 7th with 22 members present during the meeting. President W.B. Holmes, Jr. who was present at the dinner, excused himself and the Vice-President, Phil E. Chappell, presided.

The names of N.L. Simmons and Joe Dorris, recommended by the Membership Committee at the last meeting were voted upon, and both gentlemen elected.

John Stites was reported by the Secretary as having been absent three consecutive meetings, without excuses. On motion of S. Pettus White, a Committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Stites relative to the matter. S. Pettus White, S.Y. Trimble and H.W. Linton were appointed.

On the literary program were H.W. Linton and Alvan H. Clark. Mr. Linton's paper was of an historical nature dealing with professional and literary career of Lord Thomas Erskine, one of England's great men of the past.

Mr. Clark's subject was "A Foolish Journey into Speculations on the Present Business Conditions". The paper was non-partisan, but a number of questions were brought out upon which opinions widely differed, as shown by the reception of the paper.

A general discussion of the two papers followed.

Those present were: Phil E. Chappell, Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, H.W. Linton, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, Alvin H. Clark, Ed L. Weathers, W.H. Southall, S.Y. Trimble, P.C. Walker, W.B. Holmes, Dr. F.M. Brown, Paul Shell Powell, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, Oscar Flener, and D.M. Walker, absent John Stites, Jas. A. McKenzie, W. O. Soyars, Jas. Breathitt, Jr. and John L. Street.

Dinner was served to 20. Collection was \$27.00.

On the program for November, Franklin Rives and Phil E. Chappell.

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Nov. 3, 1932.

The regularly monthly meeting of The Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham at 6:30 P.M., with President W.B. Holmes, Jr., presiding, with 22 members present.

The business and literary programs followed the usual dinner. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Of the two new members elected in October, Mr. N. L. Simmons was present and was formally welcomed by the President. The Secretary reported that the formal acceptance of Mr. JoeDorris had not been received.

At the last meeting the Committee on Membership recommended Gen. Henry R. Lawrence of Cadiz, Ky. The ballot was spread and Gen. Lawrence duly elected a member.

Action on a report submitted by S. Pettus White, Chairman of a Committee to confer with John Stites concerning his failure to attend the meetings, was postponed.

The literary program consisted of two excellent papers: Phil E. Chappell discussed "The Irregularity of Opportunity", his paper dealing with the disadvantages of railroads in the present transportation problem, since the development of the national highway system. Judge Franklin Rives discussed "Local Taxation and the Public Highways".

The papers proved to be companion essays, although the subjects had not been announced, and a most interesting general discussion followed upon the subjects of transportation and taxation, in which many members participated. It proved to be an unusually interesting meeting.

Those present were: Dr. F.M. Brown, Phil E. Chappell, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, F.W. Fink, Dr. Oscar Flener, Jouett Henry, W.B. Holmes, H. W. Linton, Jas. A. McKenzie, Chas. M. Meacham, Paul Shell Powell, Franklin Rives, Ira L. Smith, W. H. Southall, S.Y. Trimble, D.M. Walker, P.C. Walker, Ed L. Weathers, S. Pettus White, N. L. Simmons.

W. O. Soyars and J.W. Downer are on the program for December.

Collection ad interim \$5, collection for the evening \$23.00.

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Dec. 1, 1932.

The Athenaeum held its December meeting at Hotel Latham with dinner at 6:30, and the business session afterwards. Twenty-two members were present.

The Committee on Membership recommended Prof. Gladstone Koffman for membership and he was duly elected, and upon being notified accepted. The filling of another vacancy was postponed until January.

W. O. Soyars, who was first on the program, yielded his time to J.W. Downer, who presented a lecture on Washington Irving. In 1911 Mr. Downer had a paper on this noted Literary character in American History, and is more familiar with his life and work than any scholar in this part of Kentucky. The paper presented, as a lecture, occupied an hour in its delivery and proved to be the crowning feature of the year's literary programs.

A general discussion followed the lecture.

Those present were Jas. Breathitt, Jr., Dr. F.M. Brown, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, F.W. Fink, Reb. B.W. Gaither, Jouett Henry, Rev. W.B. Holmes, Jr., presiding; H.W. Linton, Jas. A. McKenzie, Rev. Paul Shell Powell, Dr. Oscar Flener, Ira L. Smith, W.H. Southall, W.O. Soyars, Jno.L. Street, S.Y. Trimble, Rev. D.M. Walker, S. Pettus White, N. L. Simmons, and Chas. M. Meacham.

The Rev. P.C. Walker and S. Pettus White are on the program for January.

Joe Dorris, elected to membership at a previous meeting, expressed his appreciation of the honor, but declined to accept at the present time.

The Committee to ask for a new price for meals was granted further time. Following adjournment the matter was attended to and a new rate of 75 cents obtained under a guaranteed attendance of 20 at each meeting.

Collection for the evening was \$28.00.
Collection after adjournment \$5.


Secretary.