

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."

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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.

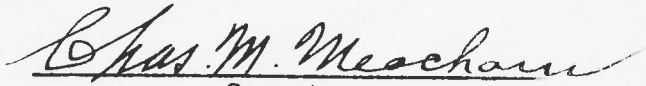
The collection for the evening amounted to \$25.00.

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.