

Hopkinsville, Ky. Jan. 5, 1933.

The Athenaeum met in its regular monthly session at 6:30 P.M. in Hotel Latham and following dinner the meeting was called to order with 21 members present and Vice-President, Phil E. Chappell, presiding in the absence of the President.

The collection of dues resulted in the payment of \$16.00. The Secretary read a financial statement for the year 1932, showing that the balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1932 was \$9.50. Collections from all sources were \$326.50 and expenditures \$335.80. Balance on hand .12, and \$18 due from members January 1st, and no unpaid bills. Present membership 29, with one vacancy.

At this juncture the Membership Committee retired and reported the name of Prof. Chas. J. Petrie. A ballot was taken and he was elected. Two new members, Gen. H.R. Lawrence, and Prof. Gladstone Koffman, were introduced by the President, and expressed their pleasure at being elected to membership.

Dr. P.C. Walker, who was on the program, was unavoidably absent, and his paper will be presented at a later date.

S. Pettus White read a paper entitled "Up-A-Tree", a humorous recital of his experiences on a duck hunting trip to Reelfoot Lake several years ago, when he was marooned in a windstorm out in the Lake while sitting in a tree shooting ducks, out in the Lake. The high winds delayed his rescue for four hours, until the troubled waters subsided. Mr. White handled his subject in a most entertaining style and the paper worked a general discussion. The meeting proved to be an exceptionally enjoyable one.

Those present were: Ira L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, H.W. Linton, Jas. A. McKenzie, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, Alvin H. Clark, Ed L. Weathers, S.Y. Trimble, Phil E. Chappell, Paul S. Powell, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, John L. Street, Oscar Flener, N. L. Simmons, Gladstone Koffman, and Henry R. Lawrence.

On the program for February, Ira D. Smith and W.H. Southall.

*Chas. M. McEacham*  
Secretary.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Feb. 2, 1933.

The monthly meeting of The Athenaeum met at 6:30 P.M., in the Club Room at Hotel Latham, with dinner served to 24 members, one other member coming in later.

The business session was called to order at 7:30 by President W.B. Holmes. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Collection of dues resulted in the payment of \$26, including the entrance fee of \$5.00 from Chas. J. Petrie.

The Secretary reported a reduction to 75 cents in the price of meals effective with the January meeting. Dr. P.C. Walker made a motion thanking the Hotel Latham management for the excellent meals served and for the concession in price. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. Fred C. Schnabel, who was a guest in the Hotel, was present by invitation of Phil E. Chappell.

The only paper of the evening was by W. O. Soyars, upon the subject: "Economic Ills and Pills" It was a most interesting paper and developed a general discussion, participated in by most of those present.

Those on the program for March are Ed L. Weathers and S.Y. Trimble.

Those present were: James Breathitt, Jr., Phil E. Chappell, Alvan H. Clark, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, F.W. Fink, Oscar Flener, Jouett Henry, W.B. Holmes, Gladstone Koffman, H.W. Linton, H.R. Lawrence, Jas. A. McKenzie, Chas. M. Meacham, Paul S. Powell, Frank Rives, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, W. O. Soyars, Jno. L. Street, N. L. Simmons, S.Y. Trimble, P.C. Walker, S. P. White and Chas. J. Petrie.

  
Secretary .



Hopkinsville, Ky.

March 2, 1933.

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum met at 6:30 at Hotel Latham.

President W.B. Holmes was in the chair and in the absence of the secretary, H.W. Linton was chosen secretary pro tem. The usual good dinner was served in the club room, followed by the business session.

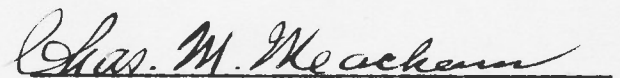
The collection of dues resulted in the receipt of \$14, from those present and \$1.00 was sent in by mail by John L. Street, who tendered his resignation.

The only paper was by S.Y. Trimble on "The First Civilized American", Benjamin Franklin". Mr. Trimble paid a glowing tribute to a great American statesman of early days, presenting a paper of rare literary excellence and most studious preparation. It was discussed by practically all of the members present.

The members present were Ira L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, H.W. Linton, James A. McKenzie, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, S. Y. Trimble, W.B. Holmes, James Breathitt, Jr., Paul S. Powell, F. W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, Oscar Flener, D.M. Walker, N.L. Simmons, Gladstone Koffman, and Charles J. Petrie.

On the program for April are Oscar Flener and Ira D. Smith.

The annual officers will be elected at the April meeting and arrangements made for the open session in May.

  
Secretary.

April 6, 1933.

The Athenaeum met in regular monthly session at 6:30, in the Club Room at Hotel Latham, with 19 members present and President, W.B. Holmes, Jr., presiding.

Following the usual dinner, the business session was called to order. Collection of dues resulted in \$17.00 being paid. Roll call showed nine members absent and most of them were excused.

The Secretary presented the resignations of Ed L. Weathers, and John L. Street, which were accepted with regrets.

It was moved and seconded that the annual open session be postponed from May to June. This was opposed by several members, W. O. Soyars moved as a substitute that no open session be held. This was lost. The original motion amended to hold the session in May, the exact date to be fixed by the Program Committee, was then passed. The Program Committee consists of W.B. Holmes, Phil E. Chappell and Chas. M. Meacham, the retiring officers whose terms expire in April. The President designated F.W. Fink and H.W. Linton, as a Committee on Arrangements. Mr. Linton asked to be excused and later the incoming officers were added.

The following annual officers were elected: President, Phil E. Chappell; Vice-President, Dr. Oscar Flener; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. B.W. Gaither.

The literary program consisted of two excellent historical papers. Judge Ira D. Smith wrote on Judah P. Benjamin, the great Southern jurist, and Senator of the Civil War period, who was in the cabinet of the Southern Confederacy and afterwards moved to England.

Dr. Oscar Flener's paper was on Ghengis Kahn, the great Tartar conqueror who established an ancient kingdom that lasted 600 years. Both papers elicited a general discussion.

Those present were: W.B. Holmes, Charles M. Meacham, Charles J. Petrie, W. O. Soyars, D.M. Walker, P.C. Walker, Oscar Flener, N.L. Simmons, J.W. Downer, F.W. Fink, H.W. Linton, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, Gladstone Koffman, A.H. Eckles, James A. McKenzie, B.W. Gaither, Frank Rives and A.H. Clark.

*Chas. M. Meacham*  
Secretary.



OPEN MEETING ( LADIES' NIGHT) 1933

Thursday, May 25th, 1933

(From The New Era of the 26th. )

## 75 AT ATHENAEUM MEET LAST NIGHT

*Thursday May 25th 1933*  
**C. M. Meacham Misses First  
Open Session of Club  
In Thirty Years**

Members of the Athenaeum and their guests were regaled last night at the Hotel Latham by four addresses ranging from a profound discussion of world peace to a humorous talk on the "Daughters of Eve." The main dining room of the hotel was beautifully decorated for the observance of the thirtieth annual open session which was attended by approximately 75 people.

The president, Phil E. Chappell, said that last night was the first time that Charles E. Meacham, a charter member, had missed an open session of the organization. He told the audience that it could expect most anything or possibly nothing with a preacher and three lawyers as the speakers of the evening.

The opening address on world peace, the title of which was "afraid in the Dark" was given by the Rev. David M. Walker, pastor of the Ninth Street Christian Church. The other speakers and subjects were James Breathitt, Jr., "Here We Are Again"; J. W. Downer, "What Really Counts" and Alvan H. Clark, "Daughters of Eve."

Two numbers well suited to his deep baritone voice were sung by Byron Royster with Mrs. R. M. Fairleigh as accompanist.

The world today is not faced by insurmountable barriers despite the poor outlook for peace, the Rev. Mr. Walker said. Man today is not helpless before the sweep of many diseases which once scourged the human race and is not hunted by wild animals as primitive man was. What men of today need is to keep up their courage and have faith in God, he continued.

Science is a source of facts and knowledge but religion alone has a scale to measure values, the audience was told. The Bible claims that with faith men can move mountains and make the desert bloom as a rose and these statements have been literally carried out.

Turning to the capitalistic system of today, the Rev. Mr. Walker predicted great changes and pos-

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sibly the doing away of the system unless it operates for the good of the whole people instead of a mere few.

In a lighter vein Mr. Breathitt said that Mr. Meacham was discussing his accident a few days ago and said that when he considered the program planned for last night he preferred the accident to listening to the addresses.

Expanding his subject, "Here We Are Again," Mr. Breathitt pointed out that the nation has 3.2 beer and is on the road to bringing more money into the hands of the people. He said that at least the Nation is not dying of stagnation even if the citizens do not know the full significance of some of the steps taken at least what the final result will be.

A life broadened and made happier by books was depicted by Mr. Downer. He said that the habit of reading should be developed in early life and that in the latter years the heroes of the world of books would be at the beck and command at any time, lifting the reader out of the numdrum of life into a land of wonders and delight.

He urged that his hearers concentrate on the things in life that count and not allow doubts to creep in and take too much of life.

The daughters of Eve were pictured by the concluding speaker as entering all professions and in fact threatening man's place in the

commercial world. He said that appearances of women on the streets in men's attire indicated that they might force men to adopt other clothing to make any distinction between the sexes-even to using bustles.



Following are the names of the persons present at the Athenaeum banquet, upon the 31st anniversary of the Society, at Hotel Latham Thursday evening, May 25th, 1933.

Society Members and their wives;-

President and Mrs. Phil E. Chappell,

Vice-President and Mrs. Oscar Flener,

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fink,

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles,

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shell Powell,

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer,

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Holmes,

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Simmons,

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Southall,

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Koffman,

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Linton,

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Petrie,

Col. Jouett Henry and his sister, Mrs. Green H. Russell

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Brown,

Mr. Jas. Breathitt, Jr., and his sister, Miss Louise Breathitt,

Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Walker,

Judge and Mrs. Franklin Rives,

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Walker,

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith,

Mr. and Mrs. W. Oglesby Soyars,

Judge and Mrs. Ira D. Smith,

Mr. and Mrs. Alvan Clark,

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Gaither,

Guests;-

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Royster, Mrs. Jas. McKenzie and Mrs. R. M. Fairleigh,  
Miss Clara Means. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Taylor, Miss Emma Wilson,  
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Quinn of Guthrie, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Nicholson,  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodruff, Mrs. F. W. Macrae, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crenshaw,  
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Albritton, Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Thomas, Mr. Gilmer Pukley,  
and Miss Lilly Gary, Mr. W. E. Rogers, Jr. and Miss Mary Perkins Trimble,  
Dr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Miss Jane Flener and Miss Jane Harvey,  
Miss Goren Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keach, Miss Annie Smith,  
and Dr. Martha Beard, Dr. J. W. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mason.

Minutes of the June Meeting

1933

The Athenaeum met June 1st 1933 in regular monthly session at the Hotel Latham, at 6:30 and was called to order by Dr. Oscar Flener, the vice-president, in the absence of our president, Phil E. Chappell. Seventeen members attended, sixteen at dinner and one<sup>who</sup> came in time to hear the discussion of the program.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Excuses for absences from the April meeting were accepted for Messers Powell and White, and for the June meeting for Messers Linton, Henry and Chappell.

The treasurer collected \$34.00 in dues, and a few days previous to the meeting, collected \$44.00 dues for the open session.

F. W. Fink appeared first on the program with a paper on Edgar Allen Poe. B. W. Gaither, substituting for Jouett Henry, read a paper on the short, short story.

Messers Clark, Downer, Holmes, Linton, Powell, Rives, Ira L. Smith, Koffman, Petrie, and White participated in the discussion.

The members who attended the meeting were: Ira L. Smith, J. W. Downer, Frank Rives, A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, Jas. A. McKenzie, S. Pettus White, Alvin H. Clark, W.H. Southall, S. Y. Trimble, W. B. Holmes, Paul Shell Powell, F. W. Fink, B. W. Gaither, Oscar Flener, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie.

On motion the meeting was adjourned by the presiding officer until the first Thursday in September.

*B. W. Gaither, Secretary*



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HENRY LAWRENCE

OF

Cadiz, Kentucky

June 1933

*Gratefully acknowledging  
and thanking you for the flowers  
and your kind expression of sympathy*

*Mrs Henry R. Lawrence*



Minutes of the September meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 7th., at seven p. m. the Athenaeum Society met at the Hotel Latham, and in spite of the summer temperature still prevailing after the two months vacation, consumed an excellent dinner. Nineteen covers were laid. Three more members came in time to hear the program, making a total attendance of twenty-two.

Our Vice President, Oscar Flener, called the meeting to order and presided throughout the business session. President Chappell arrived as the first number on the program was announced, and forthwith assumed the ~~exit~~ chair.

The Secretary-Treasurer collected \$32.00 dues and read the minutes of the June meeting, which were duly approved. He later distributed to all members present the Athenaeum programs for the season 1933-34. These programs are the brain product of our retired veteran Secretary, Charles M. Meacham, who also supervised the printing.

The membership committee recommended Charles W. Saunders for election, and the vote of the society was favorable. (The Secretary by letter on the 8th. informed Mr. Saunders of his election to membership, and he responded with a very gracious letter of acceptance.)

Following an exordium by Col. Henry on the Validity of Excuses, the Society accepted excuses from Chas. M. Meacham for absences from the May and June meetings, and from P. C. Walker for absence from the September meeting.

On the program Judge Alvan H. Clark read a paper entitled, "Checkers", in which he gave an explanation of the recent monetary changes instituted by the United States government. "Some Leaves From the New Deal" was the subject of a paper by Mr. James Breathitt, Jr., discussing President Roosevelt's plans which are now being ~~inaugural~~ inaugurated to bring back prosperity to America.

In response to the summons of our presiding officer, the following members participated in the discussion: ~~Messrs.~~ D.M. Walker, A. H. Eckles, Oscar Flener, W. B. Holmes, Jr., C. M. Meacham, B. W. Gaither, Jouett Henry, W. H. Southall, Paul Shell Powell, Pettus White, N. L. Simmons, Chas. J. Petrie, W. O. Soyars, F. W. Fink, Ira L. Smith and J. W. Downer.

The other society members who heard the program were ~~Messrs.~~ S. Y. Trimble, James E. McKenzie, and H. W. Linton.

*B W Gaither*  
Secretary.

Minutes of the October Meeting  
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The Athenaeum met at the Hotel Latham at 6:30 P. M., October 5th. with President Chappell presiding and eighteen members present. There were seventeen at dinner.

The treasurer collected \$31.00 in dues. (The Athenaeum has paid all outstanding accounts and has a small reserve in the bank.)

The secretary was instructed to delete all titles from the names of members in the minutes of the Sept. meeting. (This correction has been made.)

Excuses for absences from the September meeting were accepted for Franklin Rives, Ira D. Smith and Gladstone Koffman; and also from the October meeting for Rev. Paul Shell Powell and N. L. Simmons.

The recommendations of the membership committee resulted in the election of Dr. J. J. Ezell and W. E. Rogers Jr. , to membership in the society.

The secretary read the resignation of Dr. F. M. Brown, a charter member. It was heard and accepted with regrets. This action was followed by a vote that elected Dr. Brown to honorary membership in the society.

President Chappell instructed the secretary to write the proper notices to the three gentlemen afore mentioned. These instructions were subsequently carried out.

H. W. Linton initiated an interesting discussion, which raised the question of propriety in the secretary's use of the adverb "unanimously" when recording the election of members. The subject, including all its various ramified and related branches, was worked up into a fine mist, which blended effectively with the blue haze of tobacco smoke that already beclouded the atmosphere.

Gladstone Koffman appeared first on the program with a paper on Louis Pasteur, who is the father of bacteriological chemistry. He was followed by Jouett Henry, whose paper presented the theme of government economics as affecting the ex-service men,

Members present:

Charles M. MEacham, Ira L. Smith, J. W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Franklin Rives, A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, Ira D. Smith, Alvin H. Clark, S. Y. Trimble, Phil E. Chappell, P.C.Walker, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Fink, Gladstone Koffman, Charles J. Petrie, Charles W. Saunders and B. W. Gaither.

Most of those present participated in the discussion.

*B W Gaither*

Secretary.



## Minutes of the November Meeting

The Athenaeum met at the Hotel Latham November 2nd, with twenty-two members present. Twenty-five plates were served. Dues collected, including two initiation fees, amounted to \$28.00.

(The absence of a member from the meeting without having provided a substitute for his part of the program provoked an animated discussion. Some members interpreted paragraph 6 in the by-laws to indicate that the secretary is responsible for the arrangement of substitutes upon notice of the absenting member. Others, who represented the opinion of the older members, maintained that each member is directly responsible for the arrangement of a substitute when desired, but that the secretary should be notified of the change so he may correctly announce the program ).

Following the reading of the minutes excuses were accepted for D. M. Walker, Oscar Flener, Pettus White, and J. A. McKenzie for absences from the October meeting.

W. B. Holmes, Jr. introduced a motion to invite the mens' literary societies of Princeton and Clarksville to one of our meetings. David Walker, McKenzie and Clark spoke in favor of the motion and designated that the invitation be extended for the December meeting. President Chappell put the motion before the society and it was carried. He then appointed D. M. Walker, A. H. Eckles, and W. B. Holmes, Jr. to constitute a committee on invitation and arrangements.

The name of J. W. Weldon was presented by the membership committee, and the ensuing vote elected him to membership in the society. President Chappell instructed the secretary to notify Mr. Weldon of his election. ( The letter was written Nov. 5th.)

Pettus White moved that a vote of thanks be awarded Charles M. Meacham for his work of compilation and republication of the Society's By-Laws and Constitution. His task involved a great deal of painstaking research and accurate reporting.

A hearty vote of the Society was accorded Mr. Meacham.

Much debate was called forth by the motion of W. B. Holmes Jr. that the Society declare a recess until nine o'clock in order for the members to attend a political meeting at the Court House. It finally developed that no one wanted to go except the lone gentleman on our program, and the vote of the society compelled him to stand his ground and deliver the goods.

*(November meeting, continued.)*

C. M. Meacham, substituting for P. C. Walker, read a paper entitled, "A Dog with a Human Brain."

The appreciative note his story struck was bodied forth in the informal speeches of Ira L. Smith, P. C. Walker, Saunders, Holmes, Clark, Downer, Trimble, Fink, Henry, Koffman, Rogers, Linton, David Walker, and B. W. Gaither. From such heart-felt testimony it is a safe conclusion that the membership of the society is devoted to dogs as much as to books, but most of all, in affectionate gratitude, to Charles M. Meacham.

*B W Gaither*  
Secretary.



Meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup> 1933

The business session was omitted. Special guests were present.

Account written by Mr Dudley Taylor. Clipped from Kentucky New Era of Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

## HITLER PICTURED AS NEURASTHENIC

### Clarksville, Princeton Visitors Present For Athenaeum Meeting

Chancellor Hitler of Germany was painted in a paper given by County Attorney Herman Southall at the Athenaeum meeting last night at the Hotel Latham as a demagogic leader who gained his ascendancy among the German people largely by appeals to prejudice and taking advantage of economic conditions.

Forty-six members of the society, local guests and guests from the Forum Society of Princeton and the Philomathean Society of Clarksville, were present. Phil Chappell, president, presided.

In an address of an hour and ten minutes, J. W. Downer, local attorney, delivered what visitors and members of the club described as one of the most carefully prepared and well delivered lectures they had ever heard on the "Life of Robert Louis Stevenson," poet, essayist, novelist and incomparable short story writer.

More than half of those present commented on the two papers, a few disagreeing with one or both of the speakers on the stand they had taken toward their subjects. There was considerable difference of opinion about Hitler's real character—whether in reality he is a true leader or an egoist trying to imitate Premier Mussolini of Italy.

With faultless diction and admirable choice of words, Mr. Downer held his audience's attention so completely the drop of a pin could have been heard during most of the hour and ten minutes he was on his feet, as he painted the picture of a born story-teller who roamed the four corners of the earth in search of health while from his pen there dropped story after story that during the years enchanted both the old and young. The speaker never once referred to a note or hesitated a second as he unraveled the skein

of Stevenson's life story.

The early childhood of the present master of Germany's destiny was outlined by Mr. Southall as a background for his paper. Hitler was described as living near the Austro-German border where he was influenced by the nearness to Germany. On the other hand he was early imbued with a hatred of the Jews on account of the Austro-Hungarian Jewish problem and the agitation of the minority elements as in Bohemia and other parts of the dual empire which existed prior to the World War.

Although Hitler is waging a war for German racial purity, he is not one of the fair, blue-eyed, tall Teutons but shows clearly the strain of blood of swarthy races, the speaker reminded his hearers.

Mr. Southall characterized Hitler as primarily an agitator. To Protestants he desires to appear as a Protestant and to Catholics as in sympathy with their ideals. He is neither a financier nor economist, but took advantage of the conditions in Germany and promised in fiery addresses to make the nation again respected among world powers if given the leadership. He attempts to impress his inferiors by arrogance and bursts of temper. The speaker spoke of him as an unbalanced "neurasthenic."

The German Jews are being made the scapegoat by Hitler, the audience was told. The Germans are essentially a land-owning people and not bankers and financiers. The Jews, who are largely the bankers of Germany, were the ones who financed the German indemnity payments following the World War and in the German mind were connected with the victors. For that reason it was easy to arouse Germany on this score.

The following is the list of those present, most of whom took some part in the discussion of the papers:

Members—President Phil E. Chappell, Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, Dr. J. J. Ezell, F. W. Fink, Dr. Oscar Flener, Rev. B. W. Gaither, Col. Jouett Henry, Rev. W. B. Holmes, Jr., H. W. Linton, Gladstone Koffman, James A. McKenzie, Charles M. Meacham, Charles J. Petrie, Franklin Rives, W. E. Rogers, Jr., Ira L. Smith, W. H. Southall, W. O. Soyars, S. Y. Trimble, Rev. D. M.

Walker, Dr. P. C. Walker.

Local guests—Rev. Charles E. Craik, Jr., L. Grinston, Hunter Mooss, Denny P. Smith, Dudley H. Taylor.

Clarksville guests—Rev. Dr. John A. Davidson, Rev. Dr. J. H. Lacey, F. N. Smith, Collier Goodlett, Frank Goodlett, Prof. C. H. Moore, W. G. Ladd, C. W. Speight.

Princeton guests—Kenneth L. Barnes, Samuel Pogrotzky, R. S. Gregory, D. D. Dugan, M. P. Eldred Johnny Graham, E. E. Diggs and F. T. Linton.