

Society Meeting
January 3rd, 1935.

Dr. Oscar Flener, Presiding

The Athenaeum met at 6:30 p. m. with a dinner attendance of twenty-three members, which number remains the total attendance for the evening.

Mr. Thomas L. Smith, who was elected to membership in November and prevented by sickness from attending the December meeting, was present, and given welcome, both officially and individually.

The minutes for both the November and December meetings were read and approved. But the approval was only temporary, as objections were later raised to certain words and phrases in the third and fourth paragraphs of the minutes for November, and some discussion issued. The matter was settled by the adoption of a motion, proposed by Ira D. Smith, which provided in the first part that the secretary use more suitable words in the third paragraph with reference to the benefit of the clergy (who benefitted by having two dinners served them the same evening, but unhappily suffered Miss Nora's menu to go untouched.)

In the second part the said motion directed that the names of the persons responsible for the postponement of the November meeting be written into Mr. White's motion of censure in paragraph four.

The members who claimed this responsibility in the November meeting, and in January jealously reasserted their claims to this honor, are, Flener, Meacham, and Gaither.

The secretary has made the required changes, which attest the blamelessness of the clergy in the Society's records; and the minutes for November have been rewritten, and a special fee of one dollar paid the stenographer for the extra work.

An excuse was accepted for J. A. McKenzie, who on account of sickness could not appear on the evening's program. Excuses were also accepted for the following;- Ira D. Smith for December; David M. Walker for September and October; J. W. Weldon for November; W.B. Holmes, Jr. for October, November and December.

The Secretary reported one vacancy on the roster.

An invitation to the open meeting of the Princeton Forum for the evening of Feb. 11 th. was held over to our meeting of Feb. 7th for official consideration.

A paper by Ira L. Smith, entitled, " The Ethics of Great Foundations of Wealth, Established and Expended in Mass Philanthropy for the Good of Humanity." constituted the program.

Soyars, Saunders, White and Petrie featured in the discussion, which lasted two hours. Others who had something to say were, Ira D. Smith, Fink, Koffman, David Walker, Linton, Southall, Weldon, Trimble, Ezell, Holmes, Thomas Smith, Downer, Handerson,

Rives, and Henry, Meacham ,alone, observed brevity.

B. W. Gaither

Secretary

February Meeting ,1935

The Athenaeum met at the Hotel Latham, at 6;30 p. m. Thursday Feb. 7th, 1935. The Attendance for the evening was twenty-six members, with twenty-five at dinner.

The treasurer collected thirty-eight collars in dues.

Excuses for the following members were accepted, viz;

For absences from the February meeting; Clark, McKenzie, Soyars and White.

For absences from the January meeting; Eckles, Chappell, Rogers and P. C. Walker.

For absence from the December meeting; Rogers/

For absences from the October and November meetings; P.C.Walker

The invitation to the open meeting of the Princeton Forum, Feb. 11 th. was again read. On the motion of Ira D. Smith the Society voted to accept the invitation; and a special roll call was made to ascertain the number of members who would attend. There were fifteen possibilities.

On the program F. W. Fink read a paper captioned; "Life is Earnest."

Charles m. Meacham followed him with the subject, "The Consolidation of Kentucky Counties."

The members who thereupon took up the debate and carried it on until a late hour were, Trimble, Southall, Saunders, Ira L. Smith, Holmes, Koffman, Downer, Rives, Henderson, Clark, Thomas L. Smith, Petrie, Weldon, Ira D. Smith, Rogers, and the two Walkers.

Footnote; The members who attended the Forum meeting at Princeton Ky., Monday, Feb. 11th, were, Eckles, Chappell, Weldon, Henry, Ira L. Smith, Ira, D. Smith, and Rives.

B. W. Gaither

Secretary

Athenaeum Meeting

Hotel Latham March 7th, 1935

Dr. Oscar Flener, Presiding.

Dinner attendance was twenty-five members and one guest.

The treasurer collected in dues \$26.00 .

After dinner J. W. Downer in an appropriate speech introduced his guest, Mr. William H. Harrison, a visitor to Hopkinsville, as the first president of the Athenaeum Society. Mr. Harrison responded with a courtly bow. He took the leading part in the discussion of the program and contributed greatly to our enjoyment of the evening.

The secretary read a letter of resignation from J. A. McKenzie. The Society adopted the motion of Franklin Rives that the President appoint a committee to ask Mr. McKenzie to reconsider this action. Rives and Ira D. Smith were appointed.

A brief and interesting account of the Forum open meeting in Princeton was given by Ira D. Smith.

On the program Chas. J. Petrie appeared first with a paper on "Robert Morris of Revolutionary Fame."

A short story by H. W. Linton , read by the author, completed the program.

Those joining the discussion were;

Meacham, White, David Walker, Wm. H Harrison (Guest), Clark, Saunders, Koffman, Ira L. Smith, Downer, Rogers, Rives, Henderson,

The President announced that he would appoint the committee on the program later.

B. W. Laitner

Secretary.

The open meeting of the Athenaeum, at the Hotel Latham, May 3rd, with Charles J. Petrie, our newly-elected president, chically fulfilling the office of toastmaster, and Mrs. Petrie gracing the place of honor, was lightened by orchestral rendition of appropriate music under the direction of Captain Lebkeucher, darkened by static interference with the lighting system, flavored with the quintessence of cuisine excellence, entertained by a cross section of the Society's talent, and sent home to bed with a final blessing by Alvan H. Clark. The meeting adjourned at ten.

Since the printed program and the newspaper account are both appended the secretary does not feel obligated to do more than supplement these records.

The Toastmaster, according to the best class-room traditions, enjoining Frances Fairleigh and Oglesby Soyars to open their programs at page 2, pointed out that the unique spelling of "Souffle" was a trick of the linotypist and not an innovation of his own. Why he said so is a matter of conjecture, but our guess is that he was attempting to forestall an impromptu editorial in the Society Column of the New Era under the special heading of "False Spelling — A Pedagog Caught in the Very Act;" and from another quarter to prevent the bitter invective of that brilliant exponent of the Bench from flaying alive on the first Thursday evening in June a teacher, who under the regime of the N. R. A., sought to emulate the spelling system of Teddy Roosevelt— not because T. R. was a radical, but for the reason that he was not a democrat.

The Secretary of the Society, as the first number on the program, read his short, short story entitled, "Hope Deferred". It was short, all right.

Ira D. Smith in his fine and entertaining speech indicated the diversion of the communistic element in the world from the established culture and religion of society. Communism under the symbol of the onion deflating, devaluing, defeating, destroying everything except that of practical utilitarian value. Society under the symbol of the orchid stands in peril of destruction unless more of the utilitarian values taught by the social-minded prophets become incorporated in the fragrant and graceful orchid. And that meat and bread and raiment for men be not all in the sum and substance of their existence, the orchid must impart to the lowly Bermudian some of its ideals of refinement, culture and religion.

Never was a grander subject, we venture to say, offered by an abler orator to a dinner party under more difficult and trying conditions. If the fury of materialistic communism or the wrath of selfish society had sought a more dramatic symbol of the ultimate fate of mankind than the speaker's floral and vegetable figures, surely it came in the unleashing of nature's elemental forces and extinguishing of the lights. Did Nature prophesy another dark age if the orchid lends not some beauty to the ugly onion; and the onion partake not of the orchid's

fragrance ?

The last speaker appealed to the far corners of the spacious dining room as those who were seated out yonder between the stanpipe and Billy-goat Hill — a Mark Antonian appeal for the laon of their ears.

This prince of after dinner speakers eloquently plead for some Burbank to graft the orchid on the Polecat's tail, but maintained, that at least his nostrails preferred the orchid without any stultifying onion odors.

He gave his version of a short, short, short story, allegedly read by the secretary at a previous meeting of the society. The climax brought the hero and heroine into the bonds of matrimony, and they had quintuplets the next day. And out of their necessity of money-making to pay the milk bills, they forsook their old ways of love making, and remained daffy forever after.

The speaker's closing words glowed with affection and goodwill as he expressed his best wishes for all the Society members and the guests.

Dues collected for the Open Meeting -----\$ 27.82

Amount paid New Era \$4.12

Amount paid Hotel \$20.00

Credit on Mr.

Henderson's bill- .87.

Total \$24.99 \$ 24.99

A Bal. \$ 2.83

Paid Penelope Gaither two months
work and envelopes and stamps-----\$ 2.84

Bal. in bank -----\$0000 one cent

By check to Hotel \$7.57

Leaving balance
due Hotel Latham --- \$87.00

B. W. Gaither
Sec.

Clipped from the Kentucky New Era
of Friday May 3rd 1935. Reported

JUDGE DENIES HE BROUGHT STORM

Three Speakers Heard At Athenaeum Session At Latham Last Night

As Circuit Judge Ira D. Smith recalled last night at the open session of the Athenaeum Society at the Hotel Latham that on a similar occasion several years ago the lights went out and the speaker had to proceed in the darkness, the roar of a storm was heard and hail rattled on the windows and wind shook the window panes. Suddenly the storm cut out the electric lights and judge had to speak by candle light.

Judge denied "responsibility" for the storm as he discussed "Orchids and Onions." Windows had to be lowered hurriedly to keep out the roar of the storm sweeping the city but the jurist appeared little concerned about what was happening outside as he appeared at intervals to be serious and at other times insisted that people were "too inclined to take themselves too seriously."

The opening speaker was the Rev. B. Wood Gaither, who took for his subject "Hope Deferred"—"A Short, Short Story." He told of the long wait of a woman for a man lost in an attempted air flight to the Orient.

Judge Alvan H. Clark was the last speaker on the program. He spent some time telling the good and bad points of the first two addresses, and commenting on the orchids, onions and daisies that Judge Smith brought to illustrate his talk.

Judge Clark climaxed his address with the declaration that the Athenaeum had taught him that the one who gives the most gets

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the greatest return. His subject was "Terminal Station."

Judge Smith suggested that the modern world would do well to "have less employment" but hurried to add that he did not wish to be misunderstood. He explained that men and women greedy for gain often rushed themselves to an early grave. He suggested that more time devoted to fishing or lazily looking at the clouds, flowers of the field and the wonders of nature would pay greater dividends.

The High School Orchestra, directed by Band Master H. L. Lebkuecher, played during the dinner hour. Miss Alberta Wood, winner in the state meet at Lexington, rendered a number on the flute and Rex Osteen, ranked superior in the musical contest here, gave a violin number. Miss Ruth Holmes was accompanist.

Prof. Charles J. Petrie, principal of Hopkinsville High School, presided. The Rev. Dr. P. C. Walker delivered the invocation. The reception committee was composed of President and Mrs. Chas. J. Petrie, Vice-President and Mrs. J. W. Weldon, Secretary and Mrs. E. W. Gaither, Col Jouett Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Koffman, Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby Soyars, Mr. and

Mrs. Phil E. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Henderson, Mrs. Green Russell.

by Mr Dudley Taylor
of the New Era staff.

Motions and Dates made
of administrative nature
Affecting the Athenaeum

(First record in the book is the open meeting
of May 1928)

No Postponement of meeting

June 5th, 1931. "That dates of future meetings not be
changed for any cause."

Dry as Dust minutes.

June 5th, 1931. "Renewing instructions to the Secretary
to note the presentation of papers
without comments or compliments,"
(James E. Breathitt was presiding.)

April 3rd, 1930. An amendment to the By-Laws was offered
raising the membership limit of the club
to forty, which was left to discussion
and vote of the next meeting.

The next meeting- June 5th-1930- dispensed
with the reading of the minutes.
(W. H. Southall presiding pro tem.)

Feb. 4th, 1932. The secretary was instructed by vote
to have a new edition of the constitu-
tion and By-Laws of the Society printed.
(Chas.M. Meacham was secretary. Long and Linton
to assist him.)

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held, June 6, 1935, at Hotel Latham at 6:30 o'clock, and the following members were present: Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, H.W. Linton, Jas. A. McKenzie, Ira D. Smith, Pettus White, W.O. Soyars, S.Y. Trimble, Phil E. Chappell, P.C. Walker, Oscar Flenor, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, W.E. Rogers, Jr., J.W. Weldon, Wallace Henderson, and the following members were absent: Alvin H. Clark, W.H. Southall, W.B. Holmes, Jr., B.W. Gaither, D.M. Walker, J.J. Ezell, and Thos. L. Smith.

Excuses of the absentees from the following members were offered and accepted: W.B. Holmes, Jr., sick and out of the city, Rev. D.M. Walker, sick and out of the city, J.J. Ezell, sick. Excuses were offered for the absence of Frank Rives and J.W. Weldon for the April meeting which were accepted.

The resignation of W.H. Southall was read but not accepted and a Committee was appointed by the Chair, composed of Judge Smith, S.P. White, and W.O. Soyars to call upon him and insist that he re-consider and withdraw his resignation.

Col. Jouett Henry offered a resolution which was accepted, excusing the absence of W.B. Holmes, Jr., on account of illness and it was further moved and second, and carried that Mr. Holmes be exempt from payment of any and all due during his absence on account of illness.

Motion was made, but tabled, that from now on, beginning with the next open session of 1936, that the program consist of two or three of the best papers that were read during the current year.

~~At the last meeting the name of [redacted] was offered for membership in the Society, and at this meeting said name, being held over for thirty days, was voted on, but it he was not elected to membership.~~

Chas. M. Meacham made a motion that the Treasurer's book be audited, and W.W. Henderson and Phil E. Chappell, composed the Committee, who are to report after the audit is made.

The Program Committee for the ensuing year beginning in September

consists of C.E. Petrie, J.W. Weldon, and P.E. Chappell.

The Membership Committee appointed by the Chair for the ensuing year, was S.P. White, Oscar Flenor, and Ira D. Smith.

The program was called by the Secretary and P.C. Walker responded by a paper ready by C.M. Meacham, substitute.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 5, 1935

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held on September 5, 1935 at 6:30 o'clock at the Latham Hotel with Chas. J. Petrie, President, presiding and W. W. Henderson, Acting Secretary, recording.

The following named nineteen members were present: Alvan H. Clark, J. W. Downer, A. H. Eckles, J. J. Ezell, F. W. Fink, Oscar Flener, W. W. Henderson, Jouett Henry, Gladstone Koffman, H. W. Linton, Chas. M. Meacham, Chas. J. Petrie, Franklin Rives, Chas. W. Saunders, Ira L. Smith, Ira D. Smith, Thos. L. Smith, P. C. Walker, and S. Pettus White.

The minutes for the meeting held on June 6, 1935 having been read, on motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the personal reference to a prospective member be deleted from the minutes.

This having been done the minutes were then approved.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the hour for meeting be fixed at 6:30 P. M., until further action by the society.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's book, through its Chairman W. W. Henderson, submitted a written report which was accepted by the Society.

The President announced that Rev. B. W. Gaither had left the City and had requested him to present his resignation as a member of the Society and its Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the resignation be accepted and that a Secretary-Treasurer be elected at this meeting.

An election having been held the Acting Secretary announced that F. W. Fink had been elected Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Fink being present recorded for the remainder of the meeting.

The membership committee, through its Chairman, Ira D. Smith, submitted the name of Dr. Phillip E. Haynes as a prospective member.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED; that the report of the committee be laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

The President announced that the time for the program had arrived and at the call of the Secretary Messrs. Jouett Henry and Oscar Flener responded with interesting papers.

After the readings the Society entered into a full discussion of the papers, the majority of the members present taking part.

There being no further business.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn


SECRETARY

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
OCTOBER 3, 1935

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held on October 3, 1935, beginning at 6:30 o'clock at the Latham Hotel with Chas. J. Petrie, President, presiding and F. W. Fink, Secretary, recording.

The following named twenty-three members were present: Ira L. Smith, J. W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A. H. Eckles, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. O. Soyars, W. H. Southall, S. Y. Trimble, Phil Chappell, P. C. Walker, F. W. Fink, Oscar Flener, D. M. Walker, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, J. W. Weldon, W. W. Henderson and Thos. L. Smith.

After dinner the meeting was called into executive session and the minutes for the meeting held on September 5, 1935 were read and approved.

The membership committee, through its Chairman, Ira D. Smith, submitted the name of Selden Y. Trimble ~~III~~ as a prospective member.

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the report of the committee be laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

The report of the membership committee, submitted at the previous meeting, was placed before the society and the President announced that Dr. Phillip E. Haynes had been recommended for membership. An election having been held, it was announced that the vote was favorable and Ira D. Smith was requested to inform Dr. Haynes of his election.

The time for the program having arrived the Secretary called the name of Alvan H. Clark, who responded with a paper entitled "Unpathed Shores". The name of J. J. Ezell was next called and he responded with a paper entitled "Progress of Medicine in the Last Twenty Years".

Following the readings,

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the President be requested to enforce the five minute rule in the discussion that was to follow.

The majority of the members took part in a discussion of the papers, after which

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED to Adjourn.


SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 7, 1935

The November meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the Latham Hotel, beginning at 6:30 P. M., on the seventh day of the month.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by the President, Chas. J. Petrie, with F. W. Fink, Secretary, recording.

At the roll call the following 25 members answered present: Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, J. W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, J. A. McKenzie, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. C. Soyars, S. Y. Trimble, Phil Chappell, P. C. Walker, F. W. Fink, Oscar Flener, D. M. Walker, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith and Phil E. Haynes.

The minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 1935 were read and approved.

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED: that Mr. Chas. M. Meacham and H. W. Linton be excused for their absences from the October meeting; and that Mr. J. A. McKenzie be excused for absences from the September and October meetings.

The report of the membership committee, submitted at the previous meeting, was placed before the society by the President, who announced that Mr. Selden Y. Trimble, IV had been recommended for membership. An election having been held it was announced that the vote was favorable and the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Trimble of his election to membership.

The hour for the program having arrived Mr. W. W. Henderson responded to the call of the Secretary and read a paper entitled "A Study in Social Security". Following this reading Mr. A. H. Eckles read a paper on the "Life of Patrick Henry".

The majority of the members present used their allotted five minutes in discussing the papers.

Following the discussion, there being no further business.

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn.


SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
DECEMBER 5, 1935

The regular monthly meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held in the accustomed place at the Latham Hotel beginning at 6:30 o'clock on the evening of December 5th, 1935.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by the President, Chas. J. Petrie and the roll call disclosed the following members present: Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, J. W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, J. A. McKenzie, S. Pettus White, W. H. Southall, S. Y. Trimble, Phil Chappell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Pink, Oscar Flener, D. M. Walker, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, J. W. Weldon, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith and S. Y. Trimble IV.

The minutes of the meeting held on ~~November 7~~, 1935 were then read and approved.

Excuses for absences having been offered.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that the absences of P. C. Walker and Philips E. Haynes from the December meeting be excused and that the absence of J. W. Weldon from the November meeting also be excused.

W. B. Holmes, Jr., then advised the society that Dr. Frank T. Linton of Princeton had informed him that he had been made the Chairman of a committee to arrange, if possible, an exchange of programs between the Princeton Forum and this society.

ON MOTION, it was


RESOLVED: that the officers of the society constitute a Committee with power to act in the matter.

The hour for the program having arrived the Secretary called the name of Chas. W. Saunders who responded with a paper entitled "Methods of Learning", immediately following which J. W. Downer delivered a lecture on Joseph Jefferson.

After a discussion of the two subjects, there being no further business

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn.


SECRETARY.