

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
JANUARY 7, 1937

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the usual place of meeting at the Latham Hotel on the evening of January 7, 1937 with Rev. J. W. Weldon, President, presiding.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Chas. M. Meacham, ^{Chas. I. Stephenson} Jouett Henry, H. W. Linton, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. H. Southall, Phil Chappell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Fink, Oscar Flener, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, W. E. Rogers, Jr., J. W. Weldon, Thos. L. Smith, Phil E. Haynes, Emmett Haydon, J. W. Vance, and Alvan H. Schutz.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 3, 1936 were then read and approved.

A report of the membership committee, submitted at a previous meeting, was placed before the society and an election having been held it was announced by the President that Rev. Chas. I. Stephenson had been elected to membership. The Secretary was instructed to notify the gentleman of his election to membership and to tender him an invitation to join the Society.

The Secretary then read a letter from the Secretary of the Forum Club at Princeton, Kentucky, extending an invitation to the Society to meet with them at an early date, the exact time of the meeting to be determined later, whereupon

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the invitation be accepted and that the President and Secretary be empowered to arrange a date for the joint meeting.

The hour for the programmed having arrived the President called on Secretary F. W. Fink, who read a paper entitled "The Romance of Communication". After which the Secretary called on Dr. Oscar Flener, who presented a paper on Stephen Arnold Douglas.

The papers were accorded a full discussion, after which the society was adjourned by the President.


SECRETARY.

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FEBRUARY 4, 1937.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the usual place of meeting at the Latham Hotel on the evening of February 4, 1937, with Rev. J. W. Weldon, President, presiding.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Chas. M. Meacham, J. W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Franklin Rives, A. H. Eckles, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. O. Soyars, P. C. Walker, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Fink, Oscar Plener, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, J. W. Weldon, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith, Phil E. Haynes, Emmett Haydon, Alvin H. Schutz, and Chas. I. Stephenson.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 2, 1937 were then read and approved.

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the following absences be excused: W. W. Henderson 2, Franklin Rives 3, P. C. Walker 1, and W. O. Soyars 1.

The Secretary read a letter from Father J. W. Vance tendering his resignation on account of leaving the city.

On Motion, it was

RESOLVED: that the resignation be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to extend the regrets of the Society.

The hour for the programme having arrived the Secretary called on Dr. J. J. Ezell who responded with a "Travelog on Mexico", after which Mr. W. W. Henderson read a paper on "Joyce Kilmer".

The papers were accorded a full discussion by members of the Society.

Dr. Frank Stites of Louisville, Kentucky, was a visitor and at the invitation of the President addressed the Society.

There being no further business the Society was adjourned by the President.


SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
MARCH 4, 1937.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the usual place of meeting at the Latham Hotel on the evening of March 4, 1937, with Rev. J. W. Weldon, President, presiding.

Following an excellent dinner the meeting was called to order and the roll call revealed the following named members to be present:

Ira D. Smith

J. W. Downer, *Ira D. Smith*, Jouett Henry, Franklin Rives, A. H. Eckles, H. W. Linton, *Ira D. Smith*, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. O. Soyars, Phil Chappell, P. C. Walker, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Oscar Flener, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, J. W. Welson, F. W. Fink, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith, Phil E. Haynes, S. Y. Trimble IV, Emmett Haydon, Alvan H. Schutz, and Chas. I. Stephenson. *Mr. Henry was a guest.*

The minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 1937, were then read and approved.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that S. Y. Trimble IV be excused for his absence from the January and February meetings.

The hour for the programme having arrived Rev. Chas. I. Stephenson read a paper entitled "Socrates and Jesus" after which Dr. Chas. W. Saunders delivered a paper on "Water and Weather".

Following a full discussion of the papers, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President.

F. W. Fink
SECRETARY.

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nominating Committee: Ira L. Smith, Chairman, Jouett Henry and S. Pettus White.

Through the Chairman the committee reported the following:
The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held in the parlor at the Latham Hotel on the evening of April 1, 1937, with Rev. J. W. Weldon, President, presiding.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by the President and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Ira L. Smith
Jouett Henry, Franklin Rives, A. H. Eckles, Ira B. Smith, S. Pettus White, W. H. Southall, Phil Chappell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Oscar Flener, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, J. W. Weldon, W. W. Henderson, F. W. Fink, Thos. L. Smith, Phil E. Haynes, S. Y. Trimble, IV, Emmett Haydon and Alvan H. Schutz.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 1937 were then read and approved.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that Alvan H. Clark and W. O. Soyars be excused for their absence from this meeting on account of being out of the City.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED; that the Society accept the invitation of the Princeton Forum to meet with them on the night of April 26th and that the President, Vice President and Secretary act as Committee on arrangements.

The President then announced that the election of officers for the ensuing year was in order and appointed the following

nominating Committee: Ira L. Smith, Chairman, Jouett Henry and S. Pettus White.

Through its Chairman the committee reported the following gentlemen as nominated to the offices set opposite their names:

W. W. Henderson, President
S. Y. Trimble IV, Vice President
F. W. Fink, Secretary and Treasurer.

An election having been held the President declared the above named gentlemen to have been duly elected as officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

The President then appointed the following Committee to arrange for the open meeting to be held on May 6, 1937:

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Ira D. Smith, Chairman
Oscar Flener
Gladstone Koffman

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

Emmett Haydon, Chairman
Thos. L. Smith
Alvan H. Schutz

The membership committee submitted the name of J. Charles Fleming for consideration for membership in any vacancy that might exist, and

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that the report be tabled for consideration at the next regular meeting.

The hour for the programme having arrived the Secretary called on Emmett Haydon who responded with a paper entitled "Mans Best Friend" and was followed by Chas. J. Petrie with a paper entitled "An Oriental View of American Civilization".

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Following a complete discussion of the papers the meeting was adjourned by the President.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held in the parlor at the Latham Hotel on April 1, 1937, with Rev. J. W. Walden, President, presiding.

J. W. Walden
SECRETARY.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by the President and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Joseph Henry, Franklin Stone, A. H. Eckles, Mrs. E. Smith, S. Peter White, W. H. Mitchell, Bill Campbell, J. W. Walden, Oscar Fisher, J. W. Walden, J. W. Walden, J. W. Walden, S. Y. Trimble, IV, and

Following 11 members attended the meeting at Princeton on May 26, 1937 -

- J. H. Helder*
- Hallace Henderson*
- Emmett Hayden*
- J. W. Fisk*
- Sy. Trimble IV*
- Mrs. G. Smith*
- Frank Riner*
- H. B. Holmer, Jr.*
- Cesar Kiser*
- Phil Whiffell*
- A. H. Eckles*

The minutes of the meeting of 1937 were then read and approved.
ON MOTION, IT WAS RESOLVED, THAT the members who were absent for their absence from the meeting be excused being out of the city.
ON MOTION, IT WAS RESOLVED, THAT the Princeton Forum to meet at the Princeton, Vice President arrangements.
The President then announced that for the coming year was in order and adjourned.

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM SOCIETY

JUNE 4, 1937

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the usual place of meeting at the Latham Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1937, with Wallace Henderson, President presiding.

Following dinner the meeting was called to order and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Chas. M. Meacham, ^{Chas. I. Smith} J. W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Franklin Rives, P. C. Walker, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Fink, J. J. Ezelle, J. W. Weldon, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith, and Chas. I. Stephenson.

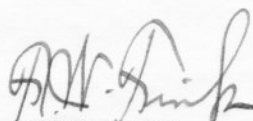
The minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 1937 were then read and approved.

A report of the membership Committee, submitted at a previous meeting, was placed before the Society. An election having been ordered and held it was announced by the President that Mr. J. Charles Fleming had been elected to membership and the Secretary was instructed to invite Mr. Fleming to join the society.

Due to the fact that W. E. Rogers, Jr., and Jas. A. McKenzie had exceeded the number of unexcused absences allowed by the Constitution the President ordered their names to be dropped from the roll.

Mr. J. W. Downer read a paper entitled "Othella, the Moor of Venice" and the President, speaking for the society congratulated Mr. Downer on the excellence of his effort.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by the President.


SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF ATHENAEUM
SEPTEMBER 2, 1937.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the Latham Hotel on the evening of September 2, 1937, beginning at 6:30 P. M., with Wallace Henderson, President, presiding.

Immediately after dinner the meeting was called to order and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Ira L. Smith, Jouett Henry, A. H. Eckles, S. Pettus White, W. O. Soyars, Phil Chappell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Fink, Oscar Flener, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. J. Petrie, Chas. W. Saunders, J. W. Weldon, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith, Phil E. Haynes, S. Y. Trimble IV, and Chas. I Stephenson.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that the following named absences be excused:

Chas. W. Saunders, June; Alvan H. Schutz, June and September; S. Pettus White, June; S. Y. Trimble IV, June; Chas. J. Petrie, April and June; Gladstone Koffman, April and June; and W. O. Soyars, June.


The membership committee submitted the names of W. G. Duncan III, and Dr. Fred Harned for consideration for membership in any vacancies that might exist.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED that the report be laid on the table for consideration at the next regular meeting.

The hour for the programme having arrived S. Y. Trimble IV read a paper entitled the "Twilight of Civilization".

Following a discussion of the paper by a majority of the members present the meeting was adjourned by the President.


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OCTOBER 7, 1937

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the Latham Hotel on the evening of October 7, 1937, beginning at 6:30 P. M., with Wallace Henderson, President, presiding.

The meeting was called to order immediately after dinner and the roll call showed the following named members to be present:

Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, Jouett Henry, Franklin Rives, H. W. Linton, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. O. Soyars, Phil Chappell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., F. W. Fink, Oscar Flener, Gladstone Koffman, Chas. W. Saunders, J. J. Ezell, W. W. Henderson, Thos. L. Smith, Phil E. Haynes, S. Y. Trimble IV, Emmett Haydon, Alvan H. Schutz, Chas. E. Stephenson, and J. Charles Fleming.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that the following named absences be excused:

H. W. Linton, April, June and September; Franklin Rives, September; Alvan H. Clark, June and September; J. J. Ezell, September; Ira D. Smith, June and September; A. H. Eckles, October; P. C. Walker, October; and J. W. Weldon, October.

The Committee, appointed at the last meeting to wait on Rev. P. C. Walker in regard to his proffered resignation for his non-appearance on the programme, reported that he had a satisfactory excuse and

ON MOTION, it was

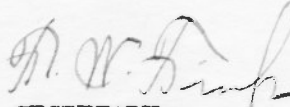
RESOLVED: that the resignation be not accepted.

A report of the membership committee, submitted at a previous meeting, was placed before the society and an election having been held it was announced by the President that W. G. Duncan III, and Dr. Fred Harned had been elected to membership. The Secretary was instructed to notify the gentlemen of their election and to tender them an invitation to join the Society.

Doctor Oscar Flener was granted permission to request the newly elected members to attend this meeting and Dr. Fred Harned attended.

The hour for the programme having arrived Mr. S. Pettus White read a paper on the "Psychology of Prayer" and Mr. Thos. L. Smith presented one entitled "Rambling Economic Musings".

These papers were accorded a full discussion, after which the society was adjourned by the President.


SECRETARY.

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NOV. 4, 1937.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at Latham Hotel on the evening of Nov. 4th, 1937 beginning at 6:30 o'clock, with S.Y. Trimble Jr. Vice-President presiding in the absence of the President, Wallace Henderson, also Phil E. Chappell acted as Secretary Pro-tem in the absence of Mr. F.W. Fink.

The meeting was called to order immediately after dinner and roll call showed the following members absent, to wit:

J.W. Downer, S.Y. Trimble, W.W. Henderson, F.W. Fink, and A.H. Eckles. *Chas. J. Petrie*

Excuses were offered and accepted for the absence of A.H. Eckles, F.W. Fink, Chas. J. Petrie and W.W. Henderson. The absence of P.C. Walker from the October meeting, was excused.

The Society took notice of the presence of the new members, Dr. Fred Harned and W.G. Duncan III.

The following papers were read: Judge Ira D. Smith, the subject of his paper being "Against the Peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth", and Chas. I. Stephenson's subject was "Palestine". After the reading of these papers there was a general discussion.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Phil E. Chappell

Secretary Pro-Tem. *JHB*

The Athenaeum

With only a few of the members absent, the Athenaeum held an exceptionally interesting and successful meeting at Hotel Latham last night, although President W. W. Henderson and Secretary F. W. Fink were both out of town and both essayists on the regular program were so deep in politics that they were represented by substitutes. After the usual excellent dinner, the literary program began with a paper entitled "Against the Peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth," by Judge Ira D. Smith, who discussed the trend of the age and surveyed the condition of the country from the presidency down. Apologizing for the political nature of his paper, Judge Smith took rather a pessimistic view of the country's condition and what seemed to be a drift from a sound democracy based on the rule of a free and liberty-loving people.

He was followed by the Rev. Charles I. Stephenson who delivered a lecture on "Palestine." He portrayed himself in a costume similar to those worn by shepherds of the Holy Land and told in a most instructive way of the history, the customs of the past and present and presented much information gathered from personal observation.

Both papers brought on a general discussion that was participated in by a dozen or more members and the society did not adjourn until after eleven o'clock.

Those present were Phil Chappell, A. H. Clark, William Duncan, III, Dr. J. J. Ezell, Dr. Oscar Fleming, J. C. Fleming, Dr. P. E. Haynes, Dr. Fred Harned, Emmett Haydon, Rev. W. B. Holmes, Gladstone Koffman, H. W. Linton, Charles M. Meacham, Franklin Rives, C. W. Saunders, A. H. Schutz, Ira D. Smith, Ira L. Smith, Thomas L. Smith, W. H. Southall, Rev. Charles I. Stephenson, W. O. Soyars, Rev. P. C. Walker, Rev. J. W. Welton and S. Petrus White.

The smallest heart of all predatory animals is that of the lion.

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DECEMBER 2, 1937

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum Society was held at the accustomed place at the Latham Hotel on the evening of December 2, 1937, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order immediately after dinner and the roll call showed every member to be present.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that the following named absences be excused:

Chas. J. Petrie, October and November; and W. H. Southall June, Sept. and October.

Mr. W. H. Southall then appeared before the Society and presented his explanation for not appearing on the program of the evening.

ON MOTION, it was

RESOLVED: that the explanation be accepted and that Mr. Southall hold himself in readiness to fill the first vacancy on the program.

The hour for the program having arrived Rev. W. B. Holmes read a paper entitled "The Religions of the Chinese".

After a full discussion of the paper, there being no further business, the society was adjourned by the President.


SECRETARY.