

Lawrence K. T. Oct. 13/54

A preliminary meeting for taking measures for the organization of a society which shall cooperate in a Literary Association for Verky Lectures, Discussions and Essays, and for the procuring a ^{Library}, was held at the tent of Messrs Emery and Hanscom.

Present Dr. Thos. Robinson, Dr. Saul. C. Harrington, J. S. Emery, O. A. Hanscom, A. H. Mallory, John Mailey, John Hutchinson, ^{Ferdinand Fuller} and E. D. Ladd.

Dr. Harrington was chosen Chairman, and E. D. Ladd Secretary.

J. S. Emery stated the object of the meeting as above and moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the chair to draft a Constitution and report to the next meeting, which was carried.

The Chair appointed Messrs Hutchinson Emery and Mailey said Committee.

Mr Hanscom moved that the Committee on a Constitution report a list of officers to be submitted to the next meeting, carried.

Mr Mallory moved that this Association be called the Kansas Athenaeum - carried -

Adjourned to our work from this evening the Secretary to give public written notice of said meeting.

E. D. Ladd,

Lawrence Oct. 14th 1854. Secy.

Pursuant to public notice a meeting of the Athenaeum was held in the Pioneer Boarding Hall, J. S. Emery in the chair and C. S. Pratt, Secretary.

The Committee on a Constitution, appointed at the previous meeting, reported a draft of our, which, after discussion and amendment, was adopted.

On motion an opportunity for those present to join the Association was granted, when the following, in addition to those present at the first meeting, were added to the list of members.

✓ C. S. Pratt,	D. P. Lincoln,
S. Y. Linn,	A. D. Pearl,
Joel Grover,	J. B. Abbott,
S. C. Pomeroy,	Hiram Clark,
S. W. Wood,	Edw. Bond,
S. J. Hillis,	F. P. Tolles,
J. S. Mott,	Silas Wayne,
J. B. East,	M. A. Spittle,
John Day,	A. N. Bent,
L. H. Brown,	Lewis Howell,
Sam'l, Kennady,	Thos. Brooks,
S. W. Simpson,	A. H. Fick,
J. L. Grant,	R. J. Hooton,
G. G. East,	

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of officers with the following result.

President,	J. S. Emery,
Vice do.	C. S. Pratt, and
	J. A. Mallory,
Cor. Secy.	John Hutchinson,
Rec. do.	E. D. Ladd,
Treasurer,	G. Fuller,
Librarian,	S. W. Wood,
Board of Regrnts	C. Robinson
	S. C. Pomeroy and
	J. Mailey
Com. on Questions ec.	S. Y. Linn
	H. A. Hayscom and
	S. W. Wood.

On motion it was Resolved: That the above list of officers be published in the city papers.

Adjourned,
C. S. Pratt,
Secy.

Lawrence Oct. 31st 1854.

The Association met pursuant to notice at the Church, The President was in the chair, The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, By request the Constitution was read. A list of Honorary Members was offered which, after amendment was laid on the table, A code of By Laws was offered by J. Hutchinson, which, after amendment, was adopted. On motion it was resolved, that one weekly meeting be devoted to Lectures and Essays, and another to Debates, alternately, to be added to the By-Laws. The Committee on Questions announced a Lecture by the President and Essays by Mrs. Ladd and Pratt for the next regular meeting. Adjourned.

E. D. Ladd, Secy.

Lawrence Jan'y, 9th 1855,

The Association convened in the Dining Hall of the Lawrence House, Vice President C. S. Pratt in the chair.

Heard a Lecture by the President J. S. Emery Esq. on "Popular Eloquence,"

Adjourned to meet at this place on Friday,

Evening next.

*Insert - The question proposed for discussion at the next meeting is "Should the restoration of the Missouri Compromise be expedient?"

Disputants - Affirmative } Negative }
S. N. Simpson } A. H. Mallory }
S. J. Hiller } C. Robinson }

The next lecture was announced to be delivered by S. C. Coverly in two weeks from this evening.

Lawrence Jan'y. 15th 1855

Association met pursuant to adjournment and for want of a quorum adjourned sine die.

E. D. Ladd,
Secy.

Lawrence, Jan'y. 16th 1855

The Association convened at the school room
The President in the chair. The minutes of the last
meeting, were read and approved. By request the
constitution and By-Laws were read. On motion
the following persons were elected members of the
Association upon their signing the Constitution and pay
the fee,

L. S. Bacon
E. Clarke
Rev. W. H. Hall
H. B. Burgess
A. Finch
S. S. Snyder
Norman Allen
Asaph Allen
S. M. Jones
Rev. G. W. Hutchinson
Elmore Allen
John Speer
Josiah Miller
R. G. Elliott
S. W. Hartwell
Jos. Pillsbury
H. C. Safford
Fred. H. Kimball
Saul. Kimball
S. F. Gappan Jr.
Saul. Frye
C. Stearns
A. B. Wade
Levi Gates
J. F. Ayer
M. M. Hammon

David C. Buffum
J. W. Carleton
Edw. Jones
D. C. Barrett
A. W. Babcock
A. B. Bronson
E. Chapman
Henry Cowles
Ellis Bond
J. W. O. P. Hood
Am. L. G. Soule
Jesse Whitson
C. J. Roberts
E. W. Bennett
A. H. Moore
Saul. Low
Phil. Cook
J. A. Hadley
J. A. Pike
Joseph Boyer
Garvin
D. H. Brooks
P. M. Brooks
B. Johnson
John W. Waite
J. B. Page

Mr. A. H. Mallory being absent, his place as disputant
on the negative of the question for

discussion was supplied by the appointment of Mr C. S. Pratt. The question was discussed by the disputants and on motion it was thrown open for discussion to all the members elect many of whom took part in it. On motion the By-Laws requiring the taking of vote on the merits of the question was suspended. The Committee on questions etc. announced the following for the next meeting for debates.

"Should the policy of non-intervention on the part of our Government be departed from in the present contest in Europe?"

Disputants	Affirmative	John Hutchinson	✓
		John Mailey	✓
	Negative	John Spear	✓
		E. Clarke	✓

On motion it was ordered that the Regents fit up a reading room. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of books donated to the library. The Recording Secretary was instructed to furnish the newspapers of the City regularly with the questions for discussions and the names of the disputants. G. H. Brown suggested a change in the character of the meetings for debates in accordance with whose suggestions the following motion for an alteration of the Constitution was submitted.

I move an amendment of Article C. Section 3 of the Constitution so as to provide for the construction of a "Good Legislature" in the place of the Lyceum Debates now provided for.

(Signed) E. D. Ladd,

On motion a Committee of three of which

G. H. Brown should be chairman, was ordered who should provide the necessary rules for the carrying out ~~of~~ into effect of the above proposed alteration at the earliest practicable moment should it prevail. Messrs Chas. Robinson & J. Apes were chosen as the balance of said committee. In consequence of the absence of the Treasurer from the Territory, the Association proceeded to ballot to fill the vacancy upon which E. D. Ladd was declared unanimously elected Treasurer. Adjourned to meet at the Dining Hall of the Lawrence House one week from this evening. E. D. Ladd, Sec.

Lawrence Jan. 23, 1855.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. In the absence of the President, Vice President C. S. Pratt took the Chair.

John Hutchinson Esq. was announced to deliver the next lecture on two weeks from this evening. A lecture was delivered by the speaker appointed for the meeting. Gen. S. C. Pomeroy, subject Human Progress. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. E. Clarke made for the consideration of the meeting the following proposition -

"To the President of the Athenaeum, I would propose, as a substitute for the Historical Institute, which should be a branch of this Institution, that an

office of "Historian" be established and some competent person be appointed to commence with the first settlement of Lawrence and write its continuous history.

(signed) "Edward Clark"

A motion to adopt said proposition was made, and, on motion amended so as to refer the subject to a committee of three to take the subject into consideration, and recommend the necessary preliminary steps for carrying out the proposed object, should it be approved by the Association, and to report to the next meeting. Messrs J. Hutchinson, E. Clark and E. D. Radd were appointed said committee. On motion the subject of instructing the Corresponding Secretary in reference to corresponding with other Associations of a similar character to this was referred to the Board of Regents. The following persons were elected members of the Association.

J. K. Goodin	John Archibald
C. Howard Carpenter	E. P. Fitch
Aurelia Carpenter	L. G. Higgins
Adjourned one week.	E. D. Radd, Sec.

Lawrence Jan. 30/55

The Association came to order in the Dining Hall of the Lawrence House, the President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Committee to which was referred the proposition for the appointment of a Historian reported the following resolutions.

1. Resolved: That a Historical Department be established in the Athenaeum, and that the officers

of this Department consist of one Historian who shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold his office subject to vacancies and removal.

2. It shall be the duty of the Historian to collect all facts connected with this Department within the Territory and shall record the same in a book kept by him and shall present a full report of his labors to the Board of Regents quarterly.

3. He shall render an amount of the money disbursed in this collection, to the Board of Regents who shall direct an ^{appropriation} return for the same from the Treasury of the Association.

4. The first volume of matter in this Department shall be prepared by the Historian and published when three hundred octavo papers shall have been procured.

The Committee also suggest that an arrangement may be made with the Historian whereby a portion of the proceeds of the sales of the work after publication will pay the cost of compilation.

The Committee nominate Mr. Edward Clark said Historian.

Signed. John Hutchinson }
Edw. Clark. } Committee
E. D. Ladd. }

The report was adopted and on motion the Association proceeded to ballot for Historian upon which Edw. Clark was declared unanimously elected. In consequence of the sickness of the chairman of the committee on next Legislature and the absence from the City of another member, the committee was discharged and a new committee chosen consisting of Messrs Pomroy, Ladd and Day.

On motion the discussion of the question

proposed for the evening was postponed until
two weeks from this evening.

Adjourned.

E. D. Ladd, Sec.