

November 13th A.D. 1858

A meeting was held on this day for that purpose of founding a Society of Religious inquiry in the Indiana University.

Which resulted in the appointment of a Committee to [draught] a Constitution and By-laws; committee consisted of the following: J.C. Elliott B.M. Blount, W.B. Laughlin A.H. Hawhe, and J.H. Lowdan. After which the meeting adjourned to meet two weeks subsequent.

Wm. M. Daily, Chairman.

Arthur J. Hawhe,
Secretary.

Second Meeting.

November 27th 1858

According to previous adjournment the committee appointed to [draught] a Constitution and By-laws, made their report, which was adopted with some amendments. Those present proceeded to sign the Constitution. The election of officers then coming up [&] resulted as follows: Pres. J.C. Elliott, Vice Pres. B.M. Blount,

Secretary, A.J. Hawhe, [Coreponding] Secretary, W.B. Laughlin, and for Critics J.F. Robinson [Roberson], and W. J. Myers. On motion a [committe] of three [was] appointed to furnish the Hall with a stove, committee consisted of [Messrs] Elliott, Laughlin and Myers.

On motion Society adjourned.

J.F. Robinson [Roberson], Pres.

A.J. Hawhe,
Secretary.

[Erolathian] Hall

~~Nov~~ Decr
4th 1858

President elect took chair and delivered an excellent inaugural, after which society proceeded to business. Loudan [Lowdan] A motion was made to change At 1st sec 1 of the Bylaws to read this: This society shall meet on Saturday at 9 and a half o'clock Loudan [Lowdan] mover. Hawhe second.

Also to change the 3rd sec of Bylaws, namely that the [prformers] shall be chosen two weeks in advance. Hawhe mover Loudan [Lowdan] second.

Performers for next evening: Orator, Blount, Essayist, Cambell and Hanson, Debate, Hawhe and Lowdan aff. Laughlin and Myers [Neg...] Question, Should church courts [discuss] political questions. ~~question decided [r...]~~
Negative

Erolathian Hall

Jan 15th 1859

Society [convened], President called the house to order, and [Mr] Blount opened society by prayer. After which we proceeded to business. Blount moved we suspend regular business this meeting; Cambell moved the treasurer be instructed to buy a Secretary's desk Blount moved the treasurer be instructed to get a Presidents chair.

All carried the motion coming up to change the name of this society was carried. And the name Adelpian was chosen instead of Erolathian. [Mr.] ~~Blount~~ Cambell proposed for a Motto of this Society " Φιλία κατ' ἀλήθειαν " friendship and truth. carried

Society Adjourned

Elliott President

A.J. Hawhe Sec

Adelphian Hall

January 22, 1859

Society convened, Pres called the house to order [and] opened Society with [py] prayer Mr Cambell, the original speaker, and the essayist were absent. Also Mr Hanson and [Renard] the [debates]. The deficiency in the debate being filled by Lowden [Lowdan] and Myers. Society proceeded to business.

Miscellaneous

Communications. Mr. Lowden [Lowdan] presented a communication from Rev Wm. M Daily, accepting honorary membership in this society, also one from Daniel Kirkwood and one from James Woodburn.

All were received. Question debated was decided in the [Aff] Performance for next evening.

Original speaker Hanson Subject object of the [prophecy] of Isaah

Compose Hawhe and Lowden [Lowdan]

Debate Myers and Wilson [Aff]

[Beem] and Cambell [Neg]

Question. Is the world advancing in Religious Knowledge

Exercise for two weeks. Original speaker Hawhe Subject.

Compose Blount and Elliott Debate. Hanson and

Lowden [Lowdan] off Myers [+] Reanard [Neg] Is the Bible and its Knowledge [essential] to [civilization]

Elliot Pres

Hawhe Sec

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motion was received.

the hour having now arrived, which had been previously set apart for devotional exercises with special reference to the last Thursday in Feb.--- a day set apart for prayer for colleges throughout the United States, and ~~several~~ since ~~persons and~~ students having assembled with us; we spent half and hour in prayer and conversation. Adjourned a few minutes past twelve o'clock.

J.H. Wilson

Pres.

J.C. Elliott

Treasurer's Report

Received on Initiations-----\$8.60.

Expended for furniture----- 6.10

Balance \$2.50

Respectfully Submitted,

B.M. Blount

Treas.

Adelphian Hall

Feb. 19th 1859

Society convened. The exercises were opened with prayer by B.M. Blount.

Regular Business.

Loudon [Lowdan], original speaker, was excused.

Essayists { Myers read an essay on the character of [Haman]
also Ranard one on prejudice.

[Beem] and Cambell being absent, Hanson and Loudon [Lowdan] were appointed to fill their places on debate. Question was pretty well discussed, and decided in the aff. as to arguments.

Exercises for next week.

Original speaker, Myers. Essayists Beem and Cambell. Debaters Hanson and Hawhe Aff. Loudon [Lowdan] and Myers Neg. Quest: Will the Jews ever be restored to their former power and glory [!]

Exercises for two weeks.

Original speaker, Ranard. Essayists, Elliott and hanson. Debaters, Blount and Beem, Aff; Cambell and Hawhe Neg. Quest: Is there Scripture Authority for a belief in a second advent and personal reign of Christ on earth [?]

Irregular Business

Hanson proposed Mr Rufus Carlton, for membership, which on motion of Wilson was received. Hawhe proposed Welman for membership, which on motion of Ranard was received. the hour for prayer meeting having arrived we spent half an hour in devotional exercises Prof. Ballantine was present and favored us with some remarks. Very few present. Society adjourned.

J.H. Wilson.

Pres.

J.C. Elliott Sec.

Adelphian Hall, Feb. 26th 1859

Society convened. Exercises opened with prayer by Elliott.

Myers favored Society with an original speech

Essayists; Beem absent, Campbell [Cambell] was appointed in his place. Question warmly debated, and decided in the negative.

Irregular Business.

The coesponding Secretary, Loudon [Lowdan], presented the following communications; one from L.P. Mayer, declining membership; one from W.S. Alexander, accepting membership; also one from S.W. Dodds, accepting membership. All the foregoing communications were received.

Elliot moved that each member be allowed the privilege of bringing an invited guest into this Society during the time of performance. Carried.

J.H. Loudon [Lowdan] offered the following amendments to the constitution:

Art. 2nd, Sec 3rd. It shall be the duty of the President to criticize the debaters.

Art. 2nd Sec 7th It shall be the duty of the critics to criticize all compositions.

Exercises for next week.

Original Speaker, Ranard. Essayists, Elliott, and Hanson. Debaters, Blount and Beem, aff. Cambell and Hawhe neg. Quest: Is there scripture authority for a belief in a Second advent and personal reign of Christ on earth[?]

Exercises for two weeks.

Original speaker, Blount. Essayists, Hawhe, and Loudon [Lowdan]. Debaters; Myers and Ranard aff. ~~Beem~~ Carlton and Campbell [Cambell] Neg. Quest: Was Job a real or fictitious character [?]

Society adjourned.

J.C. Elliott
Sec.

J.H. Wilson
Pres.

Adelphian Hall March 12th 1859.

Society convened.

President called the house to order, and Mr. Blount opened the exercises with prayer. Original Speaker, Mr. ranard, was absent, Messrs. hanson and Elliott, Essayists were also absent.

Debate: Only two debaters were present, [Messrs] Blount and Hawhe, the former made a considerable speech on the aff. the later only spoke a few minutes [on]. Question was decided in the aff.

Exercises for next week.

Original speaker, Blount, Essayists Hawhe and Loudon [Lowdan]. Debaters: Myers and Ranard aff. Carlton and Campbell [Cambell] neg. Question: "Was Job a real or fictitious character[?]"

Exercises for two weeks.

Original Beem. Esssayists Myers and Ranard. Debaters Dodds and Elliott aff. Hanson and Hawhe neg. Quest: " Is there scripture authority for a belief in a second advent and personal reign of Christ on Earth [?]"

Society adjourned

J.C. Elliott
Record'g Sec.

J.H. Wilson
Pres.

Adelphian hall ---- Prof. Ballantine ' s room. --- our Hall not being
in order.

March 19th 1859.

Society convened.

President called the House to order and the exercises
were opened with prayer by Mr. Carlton.

Mr. Blount, original speaker, favored us with a very ~~favorable~~ forcible speech, showing
strong proofs that man could never discover God from nature, but need a revelation.

Essayists; Hawhe and Loudon [Lowdan], were absent. Debaters all present.
Question decided in the aff.

Exercises for next meeting.

Original Speaker, Beem. Essayists, Myers and Ranard. Debators: Messrs. Dodds and Elliott.
Aff. Hanson and Hawhe neg.

Quest: " Is there Scripture authority for a belief in a second advent and personal reign of
Christ on earth [?]"

Exercises for Two weeks.

Original Speaker, Campbell [Cambell]; Essayists, Wilson and Dodds. Debators, Messrs.
Loudon [Lowdan] and Myers Aff. Ranard and Carlton neg. Quest: "Is man instrumental in
his happiness, either here or hereafter ?"

The president announced that the election of officers would come off next day.

This is the last meeting for this college term. Society adjourned.

J.C. Elliott.
Sec.

J.H. Wilson.
Pres.

Professor Ballantine 's Room

April 23rd A.D. 1859

Society convened.

Exercises were opened with prayer by Mr. Carlton.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Louden [Lowdan] moved that we dispense with regular business. Carried.

The amendments to the Constitution offered by Mr. Louden [Lowdan] on the 26th of Feb., coming up were adopted.

The election of officers coming up resulted as follows: Pres. Elliott, Vice Pres. Hawhe, Sec. Wilson, Corresponding Sec. Louden [Lowdan]. Critics Myers and Carlton.

Mr. Louden [Lowdan] moved that E.C. Cooper of Sparta Ill. be elected to regular membership. Carried. Mr. Myers moved to elect Mr. John Hood of Sparta Ill. to regular membership. Carried. Mr. Louden [Lowdan] moved to elect Rev. C. Blood, and honorary member. Carried.

Mr. Hawhe moved to elect Mr. J.M. Carlton to regular membership. Carried.

Mr. Louden [Lowdan] moved to elect Mr. Wm [T] Moffet to honorary member. Carried.

Mr. Hawhe moved that Messrs Wilson and Elliot be appointed a committee to revise and copy our Constitution and By-Laws. Carried. Mr. Louden [Lowdan] moved that fines be imposed for absence, after the Same has been called out three times by the Secretary.

Society Adjourned.

James C. Elliott, Sec.

John H. Wilson, Pres.

Prof. Ballantine s Room.

April 30 [eth] 1859.

Society convened,

Exercises were opened with prayer by the President elect, after which he made a few remarks in lieu of an inaugural address.

Original speaker Beem absent Myers read an essay on "The Advancement of Christianity." Ranard one on the "Influence of character." Owing to the absence of part of the debaters, the debate was postponed. Exercises for next week, Original speaker Campbell [Cambell], Essayists Wilson and Dodds, Debaters Loudon [Lowdan] and Meyers Aff. Ranard and Carlton Neg. Quest. "Is man instrumental in his happiness either here or hereafter [?]"

Exercises for two weeks, Original Speaker Dodds, Essayists Carlton and Hanson, Debaters Hawhe and Alexander aff. Ranard and Wilson Neg. Quest. "Is there scriptural authority for a belief in a second advent and personal reign of Christ on earth [?]"

J.H. Wilson Sect.

James C. Elliott

Pres

Adelphian Hall

May 5th. 1859

Society met at the usual hour and was opened with prayer by Mr. Hawhe.

On motion of Loudon [Lowdan] regular exercises were adjourned. A communication was read from Wm. [T] Moffet accepting honorary membership, and giving us a word of encouragement. The committee in Constitution reported the following amendments and alterations.

Art. 2nd, Sec. 3. Amended so as to read "It shall be the duty of the President to preside over society; criticize the debaters; decide all points of order; give the casting vote in case of a tie; impose all fines; appoint and dismiss all committees; and call for the various performances. He shall also on entering upon the duties of his office make a brief statement of the condition of the society and recommend such measures for consideration As he may deem necessary, and [at] the expiration of his term shall deliver a valedictory." Adopted on motion of Hawhe.

Art. 2 Sec [5] th Amended so as to read.

It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to call the roll at the opening and close of each regular meeting; take a minute of the proceedings of society and after correction record the same in a book kept for that purpose, and again read them at the opening of next meeting. Adopted on motion of Meyers.

In Art. 3 [rd] Sect 1st Amend by striking out the words "two others" and substitute "another."
On motion of Loudon [Lowdan] adopted.

Art 4 [th] Sec. 2nd Amended so as to read. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two third of the members present, but a motion lending to alter on

[n] amend the same shall be on the table one week
On motion of Hawhe adopted.

By Laws Art 1st Sect 1st Amended by inserting the clause "by the reading of a chapter by the president" Adopted on motion of Meyers.

Art 2nd Sects 1st and 2nd. Combined and amended to read, The following fines shall be assessed for the respective [delinquents]. Absent first-roll 10cts. last roll 10cts Absent the whole meeting 50cts. Failing on essay 25cts. On original speech 25. On debate 50. On motion of Meyers adopted.

On motion of Wilson, Resolved that it shall be the duty of the secretary on the first day of his office to read the constitution and By Laws to the society.

Order of exercises for May 14th. Original Speaker, Campbell [Cambell]; Essayists Wilson and Dodds, Debater Loudon [Lowdan] and Meyers Aff. Ranard and Carlton Neg. Quest. " Is man instrumental in his happiness either here or hereafter."

For Two weeks Original Speaker Dodds, Essayists, Carlton and Hanson , Debaters, Hawhe and Alexander aff. Ranard and Wilson Neg. Quest. Is there scriptural authority for a belief in a second advent and personal reign of Christ on Earth."

J.H. Wilson Sec

J.C. Elliott Pres