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**AGORE ADELPHON
LITERARY SOCIETY
MINUTES
1855-1858**

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December 22, 1855

Society met at Mr. Wiley’s room. Mr. Wiseman being called to the chair, the business of organization was entered upon. Mr. Brent was elected vice president and censor morum; Mr. Hall was appointed treasurer; Isaac J. Long, secretary. Mr. Woodruff was appointed to see Dr. Young [*John C. Young, president of Centre College*] concerning the obtaining of a room in the college for the purpose of meeting in. Mr. Brent proposed we should meet in Prof. Cooper’s [*Jacob Cooper, professor of ancient languages*] room. Mr. Woodruff proposed we meet in the Old Preparatory room. Both propositions were lost. Mr. Wiley proposed Prof. Mathews’ [*James Matthews, professor of belles lettres and political economy*] room, which was chosen. Mr. Brent was appointed to see Prof. Matthews concerning the room. Long, Woodruff, and Albright were appointed a committee to frame a constitution. Mr. Albright having resigned, Mr. Wiley was appointed to fill the vacancy. Proposed that a committee be appointed to invite new members – lost. Resolved that each member be allowed to choose one new member, and that the reception of such member be left to the society. Moved and seconded that Harrison be employed to build our fires and light the room – lost. Resolved that each in his turn be required to build the fire. Proposed that each member be required to deliver in turn a short address, one at each meeting – laid over till next meeting. Resolved that the time of meeting be Saturday evening at 6:30 o’clock. Question was selected for next meeting, viz. “Should the prohibiting law be adopted in Kentucky?” and the following members appointed to discuss it, viz.

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Brent	Long
Wiley	Woodruff
Lemmon	Hall

Moved and seconded we adjourn to meet on Monday evening December 16th at 6:30 o’clock.

J. W. Lemmon, recording secretary pro tempore

December 24, 1855

The society met according to adjournment, the time of meeting having been changed to 2 o’clock p.m. The house having been called to order, the meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Albright. The committee appointed to draft a constitution presented the one they had framed for the consideration of the society, which after some discussion was adopted. Moved that we have a vice president – carried. Moved that we go into the election of officers – lost. Moved that we proceed to the discussion of the regular question – carried. After a tolerably lengthy discussion, the decision was awarded in favor of the negative. Moved that we elect a president. Mr. Hall was chosen, who appointed Mr. Wiley treasurer. A committee was appointed to bring in queries for next meeting consisting of Wiseman, Woodruff, and Long, who presented two questions – neither was chosen. A motion was then offered that the selection of questions be left to the house. It was then moved that the committee select the questions – carried; and after a variety of motions and suggestions upon different points, it was finally concluded upon that we adjourn to meet on Thursday evening, December 27th at half past one o’clock.

J.L. Hall, president
Isaac J. Long, secretary

December 27, 1855

The society met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by I.J. Long. The business laid over from previous meeting was called for – none reported. Mr. Madden was elected as a member of our society, and upon answering satisfactorily the questions proposed, took his seat as a regular member. Moved by Mr. Wiley that we defer considering the matter of selecting questions for debate until the society should be completed in number – lost. Moved by Mr. Albright that a committee of three be appointed by the president, and each one bring in one question which shall be handed to the secretary, who shall number the questions and call upon each member who shall give his vote in favor of one of the questions proposed, when the question having the greatest number of

votes shall be taken for discussion at the next meeting. After some discussion the measure was carried. A motion was then offered by Mr. Brent that no member be allowed more than two speeches on any one question – carried. Moved by Mr. Lemmon that no motion when once passed should be reconsidered more than once – carried. Moved that we debate the following question at this meeting, viz. “Should capital punishment be abolished?” – carried. The following members were appointed to discuss it.

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Wiseman	Long
Wiley	Madden
Woodruff	Brent
Albright	Lemmon

After a rather tedious discussion the decision was awarded in favor of the affirmative. A committee was appointed to offer questions for discussion consisting of Brent, Madden, and Long. The queries being put to the house, the following was chosen for discussion at the next meeting, viz. “Which has contributed more to our advancement as a nation, wealth or education?” and the members arranged as follows.

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Albright	Lemmon
Brent	Long
Madden	Wiley
Wiseman	Woodruff

Moved that the committee for queries serve for two weeks – carried. A motion was then offered that the speakers choose their own side of the question - withdrawn. Moved that the society be divided into two classes, which shall affirm and deny alternately – carried. The members were divided accordingly as above. Moved that we hold our next meeting in Mr. Madden’s room in compliance with an invitation extended by him – carried. Moved that we meet on Saturday evening next at half past six o’clock. The house was then adjourned.

Isaac J. Long, recording secretary

December 29, 1855

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Lemmon	Albright
Long	Brent
Wiley	Madden
Hale	Wiseman

Moved by Mr. Wiseman that no member while speaking be interrupted, except he be grossly misrepresenting another – lost. Moved that the speaker on no occasion be interrupted – carried. Moved we elect the president by ballot – carried. Woodruff elected president; Lemmon appointed censor morum ; Wiley, secretary; Wiseman, treasurer. Committee appointed by president for questions: Albright, Lemmon, and Wiseman. Question 1: “Should women be allowed a voice in legislation?” Question 2: “Which has been most service to man, the printing press or navigation?” Moved that the first address be delivered two weeks hence. Mr. Albright fined 25¢ for disrespect of the president – ditto 50¢. Both of which remitted by the house. Moved that it be in the power of the censor morum to impose fines – lost.

December 29, 1855

[written in the same hand, but appears to be minutes of the same December 29, 1855, meeting as above]

The society met according to appointment, and was opened by prayer by William [?]. The minutes of the preceding meeting read and adopted. We then proceeded to the regular debate, which as debated with considerable interest on both sides. After which the president decided in favor of the affirmative. The irregular business then being in order, it was moved by [blank space] that on no occasion a member to be interrupted – carried. Move by [blank space] we elect a president. Whereupon the ballots were scattered and collected, etc. Mr. Woodruff declared elected, and he appointed for his associate officers – for treasurer, Lemmon; for secretary, Wiley; for censor morum, Wiseman. A committee was then appointed for questions composed of the following gentlemen: Albright, Lemmon, Wiseman. The committee chose a number of questions, and put them before the house, and the following two were agreed upon for debate: for next night, “Has woman a right to a voice in legislation?” For next meeting a week, “Which has been the most benefit to man, the printing press or navigation?” Mr. Albright fined 25 cents for disrespect of the president, ditto 50 cents, both of which were afterward taken off by the house. Moved that it be in the powers of the censor to impose fines upon disorderly members – lost. It was then moved that we adjourn to meet at half past six in the lower story of the so called old kitchen – carried.

William Wiley, secretary

January 5, 1856

Society met according to appointment at the appointed hour; was opened by prayer by Mr. Long. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and adopted. After which the debate was entered upon and discussed with a degree of earnestness and language seldom excelled by young debaters. The president was then called upon for his decision, and decided in the negative. Irregular was then in order. Moved by Mr. Wiseman we proceed to the election of members to the society – carried. Whereupon the following named gentlemen were proposed and elected: Alexander, [?], Hayes, Davis. Moved by Mr. Wiseman we change the hour of assembly from 6:30 in the afternoon till 1 ½ after twelve – carried.

Moved by Mr. Wiseman we reserve one place and not fill up the constitutional [?] – carried. Brent fined for creating disorder 25 cents; Long ditto. Afterwards the above fines were taken off. Question for debate on next night “Which has been the greater benefit to mankind, the printing press or navigation?” On the following night “Do the signs of the times indicate the fall of despotism?” Moved by Wiseman we adjourn to meet on 12th.

William Wiley, secretary

January 12, 1856

Society met according to adjournment at the appointed hour in the chapel of the college. Was opened by prayer by Mr. Wiley. The minutes were then read and adopted. The debate was then in order. Question: “Which has been the greater benefit to mankind, the printing press or navigation?” After a warm and spirited discussion, the question was decided by the president in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Wiley then moved we go into the election of officers – carried. After balloting, the following gentlemen were elected viz. for president, Long; secretary, Alexander; censor morum, Wiley; treasurer, Madden. The recorder then appointed the following gentlemen, viz. committee of questions – Wiseman, Hodges, Woodruff. Question chosen for debate two weeks hence, to wit: “Is dueling ever justifiable?” Question for next meeting: “Do the signs of times indicate the downfall of despotism?”

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Woodruff	Wiseman
Wiley	Brent
Alexander	Nourse
Hall	Albright
Lemmon	Maddan

House adjourned to meet January 19, 1856, at the usual time.

S. C. Alexander

College Chapel February 2, 1856

Society met not having met for two successive weeks. Society was opened by prayer by Mr. [blank space]. The minutes, being absent, were not read No other business being before the house, the society proceeded to debate the regular question, to wit "Do the signs of the times indicate the downfall of despotism?" After a protracted and tedious debate, the question was decided in favor of affirmative by the president. Censor morum reported Mr. Lemmon fined ten cents. Mr. Lemmon appealed to the house to remove the fine. Repeal was lost. Mr. Brent also fined ten cents for disorder. Committee of questions then reported the following questions. First, "Can love exist without jealousy?" Second, [blank space]. Third, [blank space]. First was chosen for debate two weeks hence. Question for debate next meeting: "Is dueling justifiable?" House then adjourned to meet February 9, 1856.

S. C. Alexander

June 21, 1856

A call meeting of the Agore Adelfon society was held on Saturday evening June 21 in the college chapel in order to reorganize, the regular meetings of the society having been for some suspended, which was organized by calling John N. Woodruff to the chair, who appointed the officers of the meeting, viz. recording secretary, Isaac J. Long; censor morum, Junius L. Hall; treasurer, Gavin E. Wiseman. The business of the meeting was then laid before the house. Time of meeting for the present was fixed at 3 o'clock p.m. on Saturday. Messrs. Bullitt, Davis, and Crothers were elected to membership, and the censor morum was appointed to inform them of their election. Committee for presenting queries: Brent, Wiley, and Wiseman. Questions for next meeting: "Which exerts the greater influence on mankind in the aggregate, woman or man?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Long	Brent
Hall	Lemmon
Wiseman	Wiley

The society then adjourned to meet Saturday June 28th at 3 o'clock p.m.

I. J. Long, recording secretary

June 28, 1856

Society met according to previous adjournment. In the absence of the president, Mr. Wiseman was called to the chair. Prayer by Mr. Wiley. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Messrs. Bullitt, Crothers, and Davis, who were elected to membership at the last meeting, being present, were initiated as regular members in the manner set forth in the constitution. Regular debate being in order, after a lengthy and somewhat animated discussion, the question was decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. Nichols was elected as a member. The committee appointed to prepare queries presented three questions from which the following was chosen "Which was the greater general, Washington or Napoleon Bonaparte." The following members were appointed to discuss it at the next meeting, viz.

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Brent	Alexander
Bullitt	Crothers
Daviess	Hall
Lemmon	Long
Wiley	Wiseman
	Madden

The house then adjourned to meet on Saturday July 5th at 3 o'clock p.m.

J. N. Woodruff, president
I. J. Long, recording secretary

July 5, 1856

Society met according to adjournment. The president being absent, Mr. Albright was called to the chair. The meeting was then opened with prayer by Mr. Crothers. The roll called and absences marked. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The regular debate was then entered into, and after members had each spoken once on the question, it was moved by Mr. Wiley that in consideration of the Ladies' Fair, the debate be closed – carried. The president then decided in favor of the negative. Mr. Nichols, who was elected to membership at the last meeting, was then initiated, and took his seat as a regular member of the society. The society next proceeded to the election of officers. The following were elected: Henry Albright, president, who appointed Gavin Wiseman, recording secretary; Samuel Crothers, censor morum; James Lemmon, treasurer; and Messrs. Nichols, Wiley, and Woodruff committee on questions. Committee on questions then handed in six questions, and the following were selected: for next meeting, "Should Brooks be expelled from Congress for his attack on Sumner?" For next meeting week, "Which are of the greater importance in education, the classics or mathematics?" Moved by Mr. Long that for next meeting, the members have the choice of sides in the debate – carried. On the roll being called, the following gentlemen took the affirmative of the question: Messrs. Lemmon, Woodruff, Hall, Crothers, and Wiley; Messrs. Long, Wiseman, and Nichols took the negative.

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Lemmon	Long
Woodruff	Wiseman
Hall	Nichols
Crothers	
Madden	
Wiley	

Moved by Long that we meet at night – carried. Moved by Nichols that we meet on Wednesday night – lost. Moved by Long that we meet on Friday night – carried. Time of meeting fixed at 8 o'clock p.m. No further business being before the house, the society adjourned to meet on Friday July 11th at 8 o'clock p.m.

G. E. Wiseman, recording secretary

July 11, 1856

Society met according to adjournment. Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Long, the roll called, and absentees marked. Regular debate being in order, the following question was discussed "Should Brooks be expelled from Congress for his attack on Sumner?" after a spirited discussion, the question decided in the negative. Irregular business being then in order, it was moved by Mr. Crothers that a committee of one be appointed to draw up a form of the order of procedure – carried. Wiseman was appointed committee. Moved by Wiseman that the following be appended to bylaws: first, no member shall leave the room during the course of debate without the permission of the president, or remain absent longer than five minutes at a time; second, any member who is absent when called on to speak shall forfeit his speech – carried. Moved by Long that the secretary be [illegible] to collect the bylaws from the minutes, and write them in order in a separate portion of the book. Moved by Mr. Woodruff that a committee of three be appointed to revise the constitution, and suggest such alterations or additions as they may deem necessary – carried. Wiley, Woodruff, and Wiseman were appointed a committee for this purpose. Committee of questions then handed in the required number, and the following was chosen for next meeting week "Has genius done more for the world than the common mind?" Question for next meeting, "Which

are of the greater importance in education, the classics or mathematics?" The following members were appointed to discuss it, viz.

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Hall	Brent
Long	Bullitt
Wiseman	Daviess
Madden	Lemmon
Nichols	Wiley
Crothers	Woodruff

Society then adjourned to meet on Friday, July 18th at 8 o'clock p.m.

July 18, 1856

Society met according to adjournment, and was opened by prayer by Mr. Wiseman. After the calling of the roll, debate being in order, the following question was discussed: "Which are of the greater importance in education, the classics or mathematics?" Which after very spirited debate was decided in the negative. It being the evening for the election of officers, the following were elected: Mr. Wiley, president; Albright, secretary; Wiseman, censor morum; Long, treasurer. Long, Madden, and Albright committee on questions. The question for next meeting: "Should capital punishment be abolished?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Bullitt	Long
Daviess	Wiseman
Lemmon	Madden
Wiley	Nichols
Woodruff	Crothers
Brent	Hall

William Wiley, president
H. F. Albright, recording secretary

July 25, 1856

Society met according to adjournment, and was opened by prayer by Mr. Bullitt. After the reading of the minutes, and calling of the roll, debate being in order, question was discussed at some length and decided by the president in the affirmative. Mr. Long and Woodruff were fined each ten cents by the president. Question for next meeting: "Should capital punishment be abolished?" For next meeting a week: "Which is best entitled to the suffrage of the people, Fillmore or Buchanan?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Wiseman	Albright
Madden	Lemmon
Nichols	Woodruff
Hall	Brent
Long	Bullitt

William Wiley, president
H. F. Albright, recording secretary

August 1, 1856

Society met pursuant to adjournment. The roll called, the house was opened by prayer from Mr. Brent. The minutes being read and adopted, the house was opened for debate. The question being read, it was discussed long and ably, and was at length decided by the President in the affirmative. Irregular business being in order, the following resolution was offered and received: if any member absent himself from the society for three meetings in succession, he shall be arraigned before the society for non-attendance, and unless he present an excuse which shall be deemed valid by the officers, shall be expelled from the society. A motion was made and seconded that every member should speak according to his sentiments on the question for next meeting, which was carried. A motion was made and seconded that the censor morum should be fined for not collecting the fines inflicted on the previous evening. After a discussion of some length, the president decided in favor of the censor morum. It was moved and seconded that we go into the election of officers, which was carried. Whereupon the vote being taking, Mr. Madden was elected president, and the officers he appointed are as follows: Mr. Nichols, recording secretary; Mr. Bullitt, censor morum; Mr. Brent, treasurer; Mr. Wiseman, Albright, and Long committee on questions. Question for next evening, "Which is best entitled to the suffrage of the people, Fillmore or Buchanan?" The question for two weeks hence is "Which deserves the greatest debt of gratitude at the hands of the American people, Washington or Lafayette?"

Mr. Madden, president
Mr. Nichols, recording secretary

August 8, 1856

Society met according to previous adjournment, President Madden in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Albright. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The house being opened for regular debate, the question previously selected was discussed, viz. "Which is better entitled to the suffrage of the people, Fillmore or Buchanan?" The resolution of the previous meeting relative to the choosing of sides by the members being carried into effect, the affirmative was supported by Messrs. Brent and Wiseman, and the negative by Messrs. Albright, Long, and Wiley. After a somewhat protracted and spirited discussion, the question was decided in favor of the negative. A resolution was offered by Wiseman and adopted that any fine imposed upon members of this society, if not paid to the censor morum by the next meeting, shall be doubled, and if not paid then, shall be trebled, and if not paid then, said member shall be expelled. Question for August 22, "Has a state the right to secede from the union?" For August 15, "Which deserves the greater debt of gratitude at the hand of the American citizens, Washington or Lafayette?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Woodruff	Nichols
Brent	Hall
Bullitt	Long
Lemmon	Wiseman
Albright	Wiley

Moved and carried that we adjourn.

J. B. Madden, president
I. J. Long, recording secretary pro tem

August 22, 1856

The house was called to order by the president, and opened with prayer by Mr. Wiley. The roll called, absentees noted, and minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted. Debate being in order, the following question was discussed in able and spirited manner, "Which deserves the greater debt of gratitude at the hands of American citizens, Washington or Lafayette?" The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Albright and Long; the negative by

Messrs. Wiley and Wiseman. The president decided the question in the negative. Irregular business being in order, the house entered into the election of president, whereupon Mr. Long was elected. That gentleman, after delivering an inaugural remarkable chiefly for its length and heterogeneousness, took his seat as presiding officer, and appointed Wiley, censor morum; Wiseman, secretary; Wiley, Albright, and Wiseman committee of questions. Questions for next meeting, "Has a state the right to secede from the Union?" For next meeting week, "Has the stage a moral tendency?" Order of speeches for next meeting:

<u>Negative</u>	<u>Affirmative</u>
Brent	Hall
Bullitt	Madden
Lemmon	Wiseman
Albright	Wiley
Woodruff	Nichols

G. E. Wiseman, secretary
I. J. Long, president

August 29, 1856

Society met according to adjournment. The house was called to order by the president, and opened with prayer by Mr. Madden; the roll called, and absentees noted; minutes of proceeding meeting read and adopted. Debate being in order, members proceeded to the discussion of the following question, "Has a state the right to secede from the Union?" After a somewhat and tedious and uninteresting [in pencil very interesting] debate, the question was decided in favor of the affirmative. Irregular business being in order, Mr. Bullitt was fined 25 cents for non-attendance. Question for next meeting, "Has the stage a moral tendency?" For next meeting week, "Is dueling justifiable?" Order of speakers for next meeting:

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Bullitt	Madden
Lemmon	Woodruff
Albright	Wiley
Wiseman	Nichols
Brent	Hall

Mr. Wiley fined 10 cents for disorder.

G. E. Wiseman, secretary
I. J. Long, president

September 5, 1856

Society met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Woodruff. The roll was called, and absentees noted. Debate was then in order, and after discussion was decided by the president in the negative. Irregular business being in order, it was moved and seconded that Messrs. Long and Wiley be elected to address the society – carried. Moved that Mr. Bullitt be elected for the same purpose – carried. Moved successively that Messrs. Wiseman, Woodruff, and Nichols be elected – carried. Moved that Mr. Wiley deliver an extemporaneous valedictory, whereupon that gentleman delivered an address very suitable to the occasion, being on the Kansas question, South Carolina, nullification, our relations to England and other nations, [illegible word], and diverse subjects too numerous to mention. At the gentleman's suggestion, Messrs. Woodruff, Bullitt, Nichols, and Wiseman were appointed a committee to visit Washington and set Congress right. Mr. Wiley appointed a committee to go to [illegible word], and settle our difficulties with that country. Moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Wiley for his long and deeply interesting speech – carried. Messrs. Nichols and Woodruff being arraigned for non-attendance, on presenting their reasons fore absence, were excused. Question of next meeting, "Is dueling justifiable?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Wiseman	Lemmon
Wiley	Albright
Nichols	Woodruff
Hall	Brent
Madden	Bullitt

G. E. Wiseman, secretary
I. Long, president

December 6, 1856

This being the first meeting of the new collegiate year, Mr. Albright was called to the chair, and Mr. Hall appointed secretary pro tem. The meeting was then opened with prayer by Mr. Long. It was moved and carried that the regular business be laid over for the purpose of electing officers. Mr. Davis was elected president, and Crothers appointed secretary. Mr. Albright was appointed censor morum, and Mr. Bullitt treasurer. A motion was made to proceed to the irregular business – carried. Moved that a dispensation be granted to all the members boarding at Mr. Lee’s, except at the monthly meetings of the society – carried. Moved that a question be chosen four weeks before each monthly meeting – carried. The following question was chosen for discussion at our first monthly meeting to be held on Thursday evening, January 1, 1857, “Would a high protective tariff be beneficial to the country?”

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Wiley	Crothers
Wiseman	Albright
Woodruff	Long
Lemmon	Madden
Bullitt	Alexander
Davis	Hall

Moved that a monthly speaker be chosen to deliver an address on the same evening of the monthly debate – carried. Mr. Long was then elected speaker in the next monthly meeting. Moved that we meet every Saturday morning at 9 o’clock – carried. The following question was chosen for discussion at our next regular meeting, “Should Utah be admitted into the Union with her existing institutions?”

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Bullitt	Wiseman
Albright	Nicholas
Wiley	Crothers
Woodruff	Long
	Brent

On motion, Mr. Ewing of the junior class was elected as a member of this society.

S. D. Crothers, secretary
H. Davis, president

January 9, 1857

President being absent, Albright was called to the chair. House was opened with prayer by Mr. Crothers. The debate was carried on at considerable length and quite interestingly. Decided negative. Irregular business. Mr. Long was called on for his monthly address, which being delivered, though brief, contained many pointed and just

remarks on the importance of "order". Mr. Crothers elected monthly speaker. Question for monthly meeting, "Was the French Revolution favorable to the advance of civil liberty?" Second division, affirm; first, deny. Question for next meeting, "Should Cuba be annexed to the U.S., should she apply for admission?" Second division, affirm; first, deny.

January 17, 1857

House was called to order by president, and opened with prayer by Mr. Crothers. The debate was entered into, which after some lengthy discussion was decided by the president in the negative. Mr. Woodruff was elected president; Albright, secretary; Nicholas, censor morum. Wood and Fallis were elected members of this society. Question for next meeting, "Did Mohamed do more to retard [pure?] Christianity than Puritanism?" First class affirm; second deny.

J. N. Woodruff, president
H. F. Albright, [illegible word]
J. Nichols, [illegible word]

[no date]

Society met and was called to order by the president. After the calling of the roll, and reading of the minutes, the debate being in order, the house entered upon it with considerable interest, and was decided by the president in the negative. Fallis moved that the censor morum see Harrison with reference to his making our fires. Question, "Should Japan be compelled so open her ports to the commerce of the world?" Second class, affirm; First class, deny.

H. F. Albright, secretary
J. N. Woodruff, president

January 31, 1857

President being absent, Mr. Fallis was called to the chair. Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted. The question for debate, after some very elaborate speeches on either side, was decided by the president in the negative. Mr. Fallis was elected president; Messrs. Bullitt and Wiseman appointed secretary and censor morum. Question for next meeting, "Was the execution of Charles I justifiable?" First division, affirm; second division deny.

Mr. Fallis, president
Mr. Bullitt, secretary
Mr. Wiseman, censor morum

February 9, 1857

The house being called to order by President, was opened with prayer by Mr. Alexander. Minutes of preceding meeting were read and adopted. After a single round of speeches on either side, this being the day for our monthly meeting, the question was decidedly house in negative. Mr. Crothers being called upon for his monthly speech, delivered a spirited address on "The triumphs of Truth." Moved by Mr. Long that we have a decent badge, which all shall wear on [February] 22nd – carried. Moved that we have a meeting next Tuesday after third hour to decide whether we will change the name of this society, and, if so, to what we will change it – carried. Moved that a committee of three be appointed to procure the badge which we [illegible word] to wear – carried. Moved that the badge be light green ribbon – carried. Messrs. Long, Wiseman, and Crothers appointed committee. Mr. Skidmore elected monthly speaker. Question for next monthly meeting, "Was General Jackson justifiable in vetoing the United States Bank?" First division, affirm; second division, deny.

[added in margin] Fallis, president; Bullitt, secretary; Wiseman, censor morum.

John Fallis, president
Isaac Bullitt, secretary

[no date]

At a called meeting of the members of the Agora Adelphton society, it was resolved that we change the name of our society to [in Greek] Philologoi.

February 14, 1856

The president being absent, Mr. Brent was called to the chair. The roll was called, and minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. Question debated and decided, the president in the affirmation. Mr. Brent was unanimously elected president, and Crothers appointed secretary.

Moved that hereafter the question for debate be chosen two weeks in advance – carried. Question for next meeting, “Which is the most favorable for eloquence, the pulpit or the bar?” Second division, affirm; first division, deny. For next meeting week, “Was the usurpation of the throne of England by William III justifiable?” First division, affirm; second division, deny. The roll was called and the society adjourned.

Mr. Brent, president
Mr. Crothers, secretary

February 18, 1857

At a called meeting of the society, the following persons were proposed as members, and unanimously elected: Messrs. Litsey, Mount, and Scull.

Brent, president
Crothers, secretary.

February 21, 1857

The house was called to order by the president, and opened with prayer by Mr. Davis. The roll was called, and absentees marked. Messrs. Litsey, Moss, and Scull were initiated into full membership. The subject for debate was discussed and decided in the affirmative. Question for next meeting, “Was the usurpation of the throne of England by William III justifiable?” First division, affirm; second division, deny. For next meeting week, “Was General Jackson justifiable in vetoing the U.S. Bank?” First division, affirm; second division, deny. Moved that a committee of three be appointed to revise the constitution of this society – carried. Messrs. Bullitt, Scull, and Crothers were appointed. House adjourned after the calling of the roll.

Mr. Brent, president
Mr. Crothers, secretary

February 28, 1857

The society met pursuant to adjournment. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Bullitt. The roll was called, and absentees marked. The debate was unusually interesting. One of our most esteemed members, Mr. Wiley, being about to leave college for some months, was called for and made a few touching remarks. The question chosen for our next meeting was “Is the study of the classics more beneficial than the study of mathematics?” Second division, affirm; first division, deny. Society adjourned after the calling of the roll.

Mr. Brent, president, S.D. Crothers, secretary

April 18, 1857

Society met, and in absence of the president, Mr. Fallis was called to the chair. Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted. Debaters than proceeded to discuss the question "Is the study of classics more beneficial than the study of mathematics?" Which, after two rounds of speeches, was decided in favor of negative. Question for next meeting "Is the present war justifiable with China on the part of the English?" First division, affirm; second division, deny. Moved by Mr. Bullitt that a member elected to deliver a monthly address at the beginning of the next session – withdrawn. It being the day for election of officers, Mr. Woods was elected president, who appointed his associate officers: Mr. Wiseman, censor morum; Mr. Fallis, secretary. On motion, society adjourned till the first Saturday of next term.

Mr. Woods, president
Mr. J.T. Fallis, secretary
Mr. Wiseman, censor morum

June 13, 1857

Society met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. In absence of minute book, in which was contained not only the minutes of preceding meeting, but also the question and order in which members speak, the regular business and the question were laid aside, and an irregular debate substituted. The question then chosen is "Does civilization increase happiness?" Messrs. Albright, Bullitt, Woodruff, and Fallis taking the affirmative, and Messrs. Wiseman, Crothers, and Davis the negative. Merits of discussion decided by president in favor of affirmation, of question by the house for same. After which president calling Mr. Bullitt to the chair, another irregular debate was instituted, Mr. Woods taking affirmative, and Mr. Lemmon the negative. No decision given by president. Mr. Woods again took the chair, when Mr. Bullitt laid the following resolution on the table. Resolved that Article 5 of the constitution be stricken out, and the following substituted instead: the fines imposed by this society shall be as follows, viz., for non-attendance, ten cents; absence from each roll call, five cents; for non-performance of duty, ten cents; for violation of the rules of order, from ten to twenty-five cents. Society then adjourned till the usual time.

Mr. Woods, president
John T. Fallis, secretary
Mr. Wiseman, censor morum

P.S. The committee chosen by the president for the selection of subjects is Messrs. Crothers, Woodruff, Litsey.

Question chosen for following meeting is "Should the judiciary be elected?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Albright	Bullitt
Crothers	Hall
Davis	Lemmon
Fallis	Litsey
Long	Wiseman
Woodruff	Woods

June 20, 1857

Society met. It was opened with prayer by Mr. Crothers. Minutes of the two preceding meetings read and adopted. Debaters then discussed the question, "Should the judiciary be elected?" Decided for negative. Question for next meeting, "Is the bar more favorable for the practice of oratory than legislative halls?"

Second division, affirm: Bullitt, Wiseman, Nichols, Woods

First division, deny: Albright, Davis, Crothers, Fallis

Moved and carried that Messrs. Wiseman, Crothers, and Bullitt be appointed a committee to draft a new constitution in a new book, to be completed by the next meeting. Mr. Woodruff was unanimously elected president, who appointed Messrs. Wiseman and Fallis censor morum and secretary. Irregular business, roll calling, and etc., being dismissed with, society adjourned till the usual time.

Mr. Woodruff, president
John T. Fallis, secretary

July 4, 1857

The house was called to order by the president, and opened with prayer by Mr. Crothers. On motion, regular debate was postponed for the purpose of considering the revision of the constitution resolved upon at last meeting. The revision was adopted. On motion, Mr. Woodruff was elected president; Messrs. Long and Bullitt, censor morum and secretary; Mr. Hall, treasurer. Mr. Lemmon was elected monthly speaker. Moved and carried that in the debate, each speaker be limited to five minutes. Moved and carried that particular seats be assigned by president to censor morum and secretary. Question in debate was decided by president in negative. Mr. Wiseman was appointed a committee of one to copy the new constitution into a new book, which he shall purchase. Messrs. Albright and Long appointed committee on question. Question for next meeting, "Should the proceeds of the public lands be appropriated to the support of public schools?" First division, affirm; second division, deny.

Woodruff, president
Long, censor morum
Bullitt, secretary

July 25, 1857. Hall of the Philologoi

The house was called to order by the president; roll called and absentees noted; minutes of last meeting read and adopted. The question in debate was decided by president in the affirmative. Question for next meeting, "Was Brutus justifiable in assassinating Caesar?" Second division, affirm; second division, deny.

August 1, 1857. Hall of the Philologoi

The house was called to order by the president; roll called, and absentees noted. The question in debate was decided by president in the negative. On motion, Mr. Wiseman was unanimously elected president. On motion, Mr. Wiseman was instructed to copy several pages of questions for debate into the back part of the constitution book. Question for next meeting, "Was the execution of Charles I of England justifiable?" First division, affirm; second division, deny.

August 8, 1857. Hall of Philologoi

The house was called to order by president; roll called, and absentees noted. After a lengthy debate, the decision was given by the president in favor of the negative. Question for next meeting, "Should there be a division of church and state?" Second division, affirm; first division, deny. Mr. Wiley was unanimously elected monthly speaker. Mr. Crothers was appointed censor morum pro tem.

Wiseman, president; Crothers, secretary pro tem; Crothers, censor morum pro tem; Bullitt and Long, regular secretary and censor morum.

August 15, 1857

House was called to order by the president. On motion, the question "Has the Roman Catholic religion been beneficial to Europe?" was substituted for the regular question, and was decided in the affirm. Crothers was elected censor morum; Albright, secretary; Woodruff, president. On motion, Ewing and Litsey were expelled from the society.

August 23, 1857. Hall of Philologoi

The house was called to order by the president, and debate entered upon with considerable animation, and after quite a lengthy discussion was decided by the president in the negative. Mr. Scull's case was next taken into consideration, which after a good deal of excitement and confusion, resulted in his expulsion by the officers, but was repealed by the house. The following resolutions were offered to be added to the constitution: resolve, that we have the right to appeal from the decision of the president; resolve, that all find constitutional questions to be vested in the house. Question [for debate at next meeting], "Has a state the right to secede?" First class, affirm; second, deny.

J.N. Woodruff, president
H.F. Albright, secretary

August 29, 1857. Hall of Philologoi

After opening the house, and calling the roll, the question chosen was put off, and the following substituted, "Do the signs of the time indicate disunion?" which after a short discussion was decided in the affirmative. Mr. Wiley was chosen president. Crothers was elected the meeting before this as censor morum. President, Wiley; censor morum, Crothers; recording secretary, Albright.

September 5, 1857

The society met and was called to order by the president. Eight in attendance. After some little discussion, with regard to the selection of a question, they chose the question "Whether the negro or Indian has received the greater injustice from the whites?"

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Crothers	Bullitt
Wiseman	Woodruff
Lemmon	Hall

Question decided by president in the affirmative. Fines for this meeting: Wiseman ten cents. Mr. Woodruff's resolution to establish a judicial court was adopted, and Mr. Wiseman was elected commonwealth. The court is to be held monthly, and our first court will be organized third meeting of next session. Wiseman moved we adjourn till next session.

Wiley, president
Crothers, censor morum
Albright, secretary
E.P. Woods, secretary pro tem

November 21, 1857. Hall

Society met and was called to order by the president. Six members being present, regular business was suspended. Mr. Crothers moved that the censor morum be instructed to see Harrison to get his services to make fire in one of the college rooms, and pay him for the for the same, the sum of [illegible word] censor morum. Mr. Crothers was

also instructed to see Prof. Matthews, and get the use of his room. Messrs. Ruffner, Bradley, and Bennett were elected members of the society. A motion was made to abolish the judicial court established last session – carried. Question for next meeting, “Do the fine arts afford the better field for the display of originality?”

<u>Affirmative</u>	<u>Negative</u>
Albright	Bullitt
Crothers	Wiseman
Fallis	Woodruff
Hall	Nichols
Long	Woods
Lemmon	Wiley
Ruffner	

A committee was appointed to arrange the members of this society in divisions.

November 23, 1857. Hall of the Phillogoi

House being called to order, and roll called, regular business was suspended during the initiation of Mr. Ruffner. The question in debate was decided by the president in affirmative. Messrs. Wiseman and Woods fined each five cents. Mr. Woods was elected president; Mr. Bullitt, secretary; Mr. Hall, censor morum; Mr. Wiseman, treasurer. The regular monthly address was then delivered by Mr. Wiley, enforcing the importance of a diligent performance of all the duties of this society. Mr. Bullitt was elected to deliver the next monthly address. Question for next meeting, “Were the English justifiable in banishing Napoleon to the island of Helena?” Second division, affirm; first, deny. On motion, Mr. Long was appointed to prosecute the members of this society who have been absent longer than the allowed time.

Woods, president
 Bullitt, secretary
 Hall, censor morum
 Wiseman, treasurer

November 30, 1857

The society met according to adjournment, was called to order by the president, and the roll was called, and absentees noted. Mr. Wiseman moved to suspend the regular business in order to investigate the case of those who had been absent long enough to incur the censure of the society. The motion lost. Then the debate was entered upon, which manifested some degree of preparation and warmth. The question decided in the negative. The subject of fines was then taken up, and from the imperfect way in which the roll had been kept, not sufficient reasons were found by the officers for taking action against the gentlemen, and they were excused. The committee on questions not being appointed, the secretary read out several questions, some of which were proposed by the members, and the following question was chosen by the house, viz. “Whether we should adopt a protective tariff.”

<u>First division, affirm</u>	<u>Second division, deny</u>
Albright	Bullitt
Crothers	Wiseman
Fallis	Woodruff
Hall	Nichols
Long	Woods
Lemmon	Wiley
Ruffner	Scull

Crothers was fined ten cents; Long fined ten cents; Fallis fined ten cents. The house adjourned without settling all the business.

Mr. Woods, president
Mr. Bullitt, secretary
Mr. Hall, censor morum

January 10, 1858

Society met t the usual hour, President Scull in the chair. House called to order by president. In the absence of the minutes of previous meeting, roll was called, and absentees marked. Only seven members in attendance. Debate entered into, and discussed at some length and interest by the members. Decision given in the negative. Mr. Long moved that we tend out thanks to Mr. Crothers for the beautiful supply of candles he had furnished us – carried. Long and Wiley appointed committee on questions. Mr. Long appointed to notify Mr. Nichols that his presence was desirable. Question for next meeting, “Does anticipation yield a greater pleasure than possession?” First division, affirm; second, deny. House adjourned to meet next Monday.

H. Scull, president
Jas. Lemmon, secretary

<u>First Division</u>	<u>Second Division</u>
Albright	Bullitt
Crothers	Wiseman
Fallis	Nichols
Hall	Woods
Long	Wiley
Lemmon	Scull
Ruffner	Woodruff

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