Transcription of the Euphemian Literary Society Minutes and Pioneer Literary Society (1869-1871)

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From January 4th, 1870 to Nov . 29th 1871

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Pioneer Literary Society

Secretary’s Book.

Ottawa, Kansas, April 14, A. D. 1871

Presented to the “Pioneer” Literary Society by the “Euphemians”

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Proceedings of the first and second meetings in ~~the~~ Ottawa University, of scholars desires of forming a debating society

Ottawa University, Kansas. 3.P.M. December 7th, 1869.

Pursuant to call a member of the students of this institution met this afternoon to take action concerning the organization of a literary society among them.

By motion of C. Esterly, Mr Barrickman was made Chairman. The meeting was then called to order by the Chairman and by request ~~motion~~ of Mr Holt the Chairman read the names of those who had signified their intention to become members of a literary society. Mr Cal Esterly, by motion of Mr H. ~~and~~ was then made Secretary.

By motion of Mr H. the Prest then appointed a Committee of three, viz; Msrs. E. Elder and Msrs Holt & Harley, to draft a Constitution and By Laws.

Meeting then adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec 21st at 4’ o clock.

C. W. Barrickman, Pres.

Calvin Esterly, Secy.

Ottawa University, Kansas

4.P.M. Dec 21st, 1869

Pursuant to adjournment those of the students desirous of organizing a literary society met here this P.M.

Chairman called meeting to order and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of former meeting. With a slight amendment by Mr Holt xxxxx

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Proceedings of second meeting, Continued

Mr Holt, in behalf of the Com. on Constitution and By Laws , then presented their report.

After some little debate Mr Faust move its ~~consideration~~ adoption by article and section. Carried.

The Secy was then requested to read the Constitution ~~by~~ and By Law, by the Pres’t, which with some few exceptions were unanimously adopted, both individually and entirely.

The meeting next proceeded to the election of officers, as provided in the Constitution.

Mssrs Esterly & Brown being appointed tellers reported results as followers;

Pres’t-Lvi H Holt; Vice Pres’t—Mssrs Elder; Secy—DA Brown; Treasurer Mssrs Nugent.

By motion of Mrs Aldaman Elder, meeting then adjourned to meet Tuesday, Jan’y 4th, 1870 at 71/2 o’clock P.M., as a society.

L.H. Holt., President.

D.A. Brown, Secretary.

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Proceedings of the “Euphemians”

Ottawa University Chapel January 4th 1870

Pursuant to adjournment society called to order at 7.30 P.M.

Members present, Misses Rearick & Starr, Messrs. Holt, Barrickson, Esterly, Faust, Gitchell, Harley, H.C. Randall and brother, Welch and Brown. Also, as visitors Mssrs Hostetter, Rev. Atkinson, Messrs. Henry and Mssrs Gilly.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Pres’t then spoke a few words explanatory if the purposes of the society which had called upon him to preside, and acknowledging the honor conferred. He referred to the kindness of the Rev. Mr Atkinson and requested him to renew those obligations by favoring the members present with a few remarks.

Mr Atkinson then made a short address congratulating the members upon the present success of their undertaking and admonishing them that their ultimate success would depend upon their united and continued efforts only.

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Pres’t Holt now remarked, that , the debate being the next thing in order, it would be necessary to agree upon some ~~some the~~ method of deciding upon the merits of the forthcoming arguments. He suggested that this be accomplished by calling the roll of members, and taking the majority of their individual decision, as the final one.

After a short debate, Mr. Esterly moved, “that in the forthcoming debates, three judges be appointed to decide upon the merits of the arguments

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The said judges to be appointed respectively by the Chair, the Negative, and the Affirmative side of Question”.

Carried.- Miss Starr, K. C. Randall, and J. W. Randall, were the appointed, respectively by the President, the Negative and the Affirmative.

Mssr. Esterly and Barrickman, on the Aff, and Faust and Harley, on the Negative, the proceeded to the discussion of the following,

“Resolved that more knowledge is acquired by study than by travel.”

After which, general discussion.

Question being called, decision was handed in for the Negative.  
res’t announced recess of five minutes, after which, the chair proposed for membership in this society, Miss Delia Hostetter

Admitted—Unanimously.

Mr Harley then presented in writing to the Pres. For consideration two weekf from date, the following, as an amendment to the By Laws;

“Honorary members must be or have been connected with the school at some time.”

It was then moved by Mr Harley,” that the future proceedings of this society do commence, if possible, at 6.30 P.M., in order to allow time for debate.” Carried.

Mr. Cal Esterly moved that the Secretary ~~to~~ be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for sufficient funds to purchase stationary, oil, etc. etc. Carried.

Society then adjourned to meet Tuesday evening January 11th, 1870.

D A Brown, Secretary.

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Ottawa University Chapel

January 11th, 1870

Pres’t called meeting to order at 6.45, P.M. quorum not having been before obtained.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Secretary then presented a report of cash drawn from the Treasurer during the preceding week as follows;

For oil can and oil--- $.55

For blank book-- $1.25

Total $1.80

On motion the same was accepted.

Mr. Holt then proposed for membership in this society, Miss Olin, Messrs. W. R. Olin, H. B. Olin and Jas R. Esterly.

Unanimously accepted.

Society then listened to a recitation of poetry by Mr. James Esterly.

Followed by a debate on the question; “ Resolved that more knowledge has accrued to man through the perusal of works of fiction than through the perusal of works of truth.”

On the Affirmative, D A Brown & K. C. Randall on the Negative, C. Gitchell, S. Welch.

At the conclusion of the debate, on motion of Mr Gitchell, it was resolved that the decision be “left to the house.

Question being put, decision was given in favor of the arguments upon the Negative side of the question.

President then announced a short recess.

After which, house being called to order, Mr Faust rose and moved “that any person, upon proposal by a member of this society, and his or her unanimous acceptance by the members ~~by the members~~ in attendance,

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be constituted a visiting member; such person to be debarred from the privilege of voting and eligibility to office.” Seconded by Brown.

Mr Holt then spoke at length in opposition, and was followed by the Vice President, who, speaking ~~at length in opposition~~  in behalf of the young ladies, expressed herself as very much averse to the admission of any visitors.

Question put. Lost.

Mr. C. Esterly moved that Miss Elder be appointed a visiting committee with power to choose her associates; said committee to make it their endeavor to ensure a better attendance of all members of the female sex. Carried, unanim.

On motion resolved that a standing committee of three be appointed to attend to all business not immediately connected with the society.

Agreeably to the same the President appointed Messrs Gitchell, Faust and Esterly.

On motion of Mr Faust resolved that the thanks of this society be tendered to Miss Hatch and Rev. Mr Atkinson, through our President Mr L.J. Holt.

On motion of Mr C. Esterly resolved that the teachers of Ottawa University, as a body, be admitted to membership in this society.

Society now adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 18th, 1870.

Douglas A. Brown, Sec’y.

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Ottawa University Chapel

January 18th 1870

In obedience to a call of President Holt, a special meeting was held this afternoon at 4’o clock P.M.

Pres’t called meeting to order and stated that the first thing in order would be the consideration of the propriety of postponing the evening meeting, on account of the probable absence of many of the members.

Mr Esterkt then rose and said, that to secure a better attendance at the next meeting he would move that the meeting of the society appointed for the evening of January 18th 1870, be postponed one day. Carried. Pres’t then said that if no other member had anything to present, a motion to adjourn would be in order. No member having anything further to offer society stood adjourned.

Ottawa University Chapel

January 19th , 1870

Pursuant to adjournment and subsequent postponement society met and was called to order at 6.30 P.M. with fourteen members present.

Minutes of meeting of 11th inst. And special meeting of 18th inst. read and approved.

On motion resolved that the decision in reference to excellency in debate be left to the house; such decision to be taken by calling the roll immediately after the conclusion of the debate.

Mr Holt then appointed Mr K.C. Randall to act as Pres’t pro tem. and proceeded to fill

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His part in the discussion of the question—

“Should more territory be annexed to the U. States at the present time by purchase?”

On the affirmative—W. Faust amd C Esterly Negative L H. Holt and J.W. Randall.

After the disputants had finished, the decision having been called for, three votes were taken, attended with great excitement and the vote then stood a tie, which the Pres’t commanded to be so recorded.

Ore’t then announced a recess.

After which, society being called to order, it was moved and seconded that Friday evening be appointed the time of holding ~~a~~ regular weekly meetings. Carried---almost unanimously.

Resignation of our Vice Pres’t, Miss Emma Elder was then read and accepted with regret.

On motion election of a successor postponed one week.

On motion Secretary was ordered to draw upon the Treasurer for the purchase of a book styled

“The American Debater”---by Jas McElligott, cost of the same not to exceed $2.00 (two dollars); on motion resolved, also , that such book be purchased for the use of the members of this society, generally. Miss Starr then upon request of the President read an original essay which was listened to very attentively.

Secretary then read Order of Exercises for next meeting.

Society adjourned.

Douglas A. Brown, Sec’y

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Society called to order at 6.40 P.M.

There were present during the evening twenty members. Also several visitors.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Messrs. Gaylord and L D Randall proposed for membership. Unanimously accepted. Mr Cal Esterly moved that business of eliciting a Vice-President to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Emma Elder be now taken up. Carried.

Pres’t appointed Jas Esterly and D A Brown teller who reported as follows; who number of votes, eleven; necessary to a choice, six; Mr K.C. Randall received a plurality of votes and is declared duly elected.

Society then heard declamation of Despair and “Rienzi’s Address” by Messrs. Olin and Cal Esterly.

On motion resolved that in the debate this evening three judges be appointed respectively by the Pres’t, the negative and the Affirmative sides of the question, to decide upon the merits of the arguments.

Miss Farmer, Miss Hostetter and Mr C. Esterly were accordingly appointed by the Pres’t the Aff. And the Neative side of the question.

W. C. Harley and D A Brown, on the Aff., and C.W. Barrickman, on the Negative then proceeded to the discussion of the following;

“Has the love of money more influence over mankind than education?”

Immediately after the regular debate, decision was rendered—for the Affirmative—one of the judges, however, complimenting both sides.

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After some general debate society took a short recess.

Followed by ~~a~~ calls for “Speech!” from the newly elected Vice Pres’t. He accordingly complied and acquitted himself very creditably in a neat 5 min. speech, frequently interrupted by great applause.

The gentleman the moved that the amendment to the ByLaws offered by Mr Harley at a meeting three weeks previous, be now considered. Carried. On motion, said amendment adopted. Miss Hostetter then read an essay, by request.

Secretary the read Programme for next meeting and society adjourned.

Douglas A Brown, Sec’y.

Ottawa University Chapel

February 4th, 1870

Having received intelligence of the ~~unavoidable~~ great probability of the Pres’t’s absence the Vice Pres’t called the members present to order at 7.00 P.M. a quorum not having been before obtained. Present, twenty members (among them Misses Hatch and Farmer), also several visitors.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved. J. W. Randall then recited a Stump speech which elicited great applause.

Debate being next in order, Brown presented in writing the following as an amendment to the ByLaws, to be acted upon two weeks after presentation as provided in the Constitution;

The method of decision upon the merits of arguments presented in ~~regular xxxx debates~~ between regularly appointed disputants shall be as follows; In every such discussion the Pres’t and the leadning speakers on different sides of the question

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Shall appoint each a person in the audience and such persons after appointment shall render a decision upon the merits of the arguments presented as aforesaid; such decision shall be rendered immediately after the close of the said arguments.

On motion resolved to adopt a like method of deciding as to excellency in debate, this evening.

Mr Randall then ~~presented~~ resigned the chair to Mr. Cal Esterly, in order to take part in the discussion of the following “ Which is the more pernicious, a bad companion or a bad book?”

K.C. Randall and W. Faust supported the Aff. And W. R. Olin and S. Welsh, the Neg.

Before opening the debate Messrs. J. W. Randall an L E. Gaylord and C. W Barrickman were appointed judges. After the conclusion of the regular debate, and some general discussion, decision was given for the Affirmative. Pres’t then announced a recess; after which society being called to order, the Secretary  
read Programme for February 11th, 1870.

Society then listen to a Criticism for the eve. by Mr. Harley containing several home-thrusts sufficiently ticklish to send the society into convulsions of laughter.

Committee on Miscellaneous business then presented their report, their chairman being absent, through Mr Faust, stating that Mr K. C. Randall had kindly consented to light up the house for one ~~week~~ month. Society then adjourned.

Douglas A Brown, Sec’y.

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Ottawa University Chapel

February 11th 1870

Society called to order at 6.45 P.M. During the evening there were present, members, thirteen, visitors, ten.

Minutes of meeting of 4th inst. Read and approved. Next followed a declamation by Mr LD. Randall after which, debate on the question, “Resolved that the city of Ottawa would be more benefitted by the erection of gas-works, than the erection of water-works.”

On the Aff. Cal Esterly and L E Gaylord. On the Neg. James Esterly and W. C. Harley. Before opening the debate however, Miss Rearick, Miss Hostetter, Mr H. Gilly, were appointed judges, in the same manner as heretofore, who at the close of the regular debate, gave in a decision for the Negative side of the question. Some general discussion was had after this, followed by a short recess.

Recess over, Miss Cripps read, agreeably to the Programme for the evening, a paper styled the “Casket”, which surpassed the expections of all and rendered the critic powerless for the evening. He was therefore excused from duty. Upon the request of the Pres’t that he would say a few words to the society, Mr Ward rose and remarked that he did not feel that he had something to say further than to suggest that if a different class of questions were chosen they would be more interesting and improving. Society then adjourned.

Douglas A Brown, Sec’y.

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Ottawa University Chapel

February 18th 1870

At seven P.M.a quorum having assemble and neither Pres’t Holt nor Vice Pres’t Randall present seventeen, visitors four.

Minutes of Feburary 11th read and approved. Mssrs. E Dunn and L Brown were proposed as candidates for membership and unanimously accepted.

The amendment to the ByLaws (presented according to Constitutional provision in writing two weeks previous by Brown) was then read and on motion adopted.

Society then heard declamation from H B. Olin and H W. Laws; subjects, “Socrated Snooks” and “ Palestine.” It being imperative upon Mrs Esterly to absent himself during the remainder of the evening, at his request, Mr Gaylord was appointed to fill the office of critic.

Next, debate on the Questions—

“Which is the more reliable safeguard, a good dog or a good gun?”

Aff. J.W. Randall and W. Faust.

Neg. D. A. Brown and W. R. Olin.

After some general discussion decision was given in the Affirmative.

Pres’t pro tem, then announced a recess.

In a short time thereafter (society having been called to order), on motion, Sec’y was ordered to draw on ~~Secy~~ Treasurer for the purchase of a gallon of oil. The gentleman appointed presented his criticism for the evening; after which, Mr Harley, in membership presented his resignation of membership in this society. This, the society though loth to lose so efficient and kindly a ~~man~~ member as Mr Harley had proved himself

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accepted, thing it their duty so to do. After the reading of the Programme for next meeting, Scoeity adjourned.

DA Brown, Sec’y.

Ottawa University Chapel

February 25th 1870

At 7.00 P.M. society was called to order by the President mr Holt.

Attendance during the evening—members fifteen—visitors three.

Minutes of 18th inst. read and approved.

Committee on Miscellaneous Business report—present and probably future absence from meetings of the society and suggested the propriety of appointing some other member to fill his position.

Mr K.C. Randall was appointed to fill the vacancy this occasioned.

Society then listened to declamation from L Brown and Mr W. Faust, of “Hung One Hill Do” and a “Breef von Pete Swefflebruner.”

Mr Holt the resigned the chair to Mr Faust in order to fill his part in the evening’s discussion on the Question—

“Which has caused more evil, ambition or intemperance?”

Cal. Esterly and L H Holt on the Affirmative, and Saml Welch and K. C.Randall, the Negative Judges—Miss Hostetter, Mr Faust, Sr. and E. Dunn. Decision was given for the Affirmative. Followed by some general discussion, and recess.

After the intermission---

On motion 7.00 P.M. was adopted as the time of holding meetings in future.

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Also, On motion resolved that the resignation (i.e. our acceptance of the resignation) fo mr W. C. Harley be reconsidered.

W. R. Olin then gave short criticism on the evenings exercises.

After this the Sec’y read Programme for next meeting and the Society adjourned.

DA Brown. Sec’y

Ottawa Univ. Chapel

March 4th 1870

Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7.00 P.M. with fifteen members present. Vistors during the evening—five.

Minutes of 25th inst. read and approved. Followed by debate. Question—

Do the learned professions offer as promising an opening, for a young man, as mercantile life?

Affirmative was supported by ~~D A Brown and~~ J.W. Randall and James Easterly, Negative by D A Brown & E. Dunn. Judges—Messrs Russel, Esterly and W.R. Olin—decided in favor of the Affirmative side of the question.

After a short recess Mr Russell favored the society with the recitation of “Europe & America”, for which, on motion of C. Esterly, a vote of thanks was tendered him, unanimously.

Mr Esterly nominated Mr Neil Johnson as a candidate for membership in the Euphemian. Elected by acclamation. Pres’t the ~~made~~ in a few remarks alluded to the close of the present quarter in another week and the propriety of distinguishing the next meeting’s exercises from those of any preceding evening. It had been suggested to hld what was called a “Sham Prize Meeting”. If the society had no

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Objection to holding such a meeting ~~objection~~ it would now be necessary to appoint a committee to ajude prizes. On motion, therefore, C. Esterly, W. R. Olin and another were appointed members of said committee. Secretary then read the programme for March 11th as far as completed. Mr W. Randall delivered a criticism on the evening’s exercises, after which, the Society adjourned.

D A Brown, Sec’y

March 11th 1870

Ottawa University Chapel

Pres’t Holt called meeting to order at 7.30 P.M. Present during the evening—members twenty-one—visitors twenty-one.

Minutes of 4th inst. read and approved.

Onmotion resolved that further regular meetings be suspended until April 1st the first Friday of the next school term.

On motion resolved that a committee of those be appointed to adjudge prizes during the evening.

Accordingly Pres’t named Miss Julia Hostetter Messrs Faust and Randall.

The following were the exercises of the evening

+ should be J W Randall 1. Declamation—“Despair”—by W. R. Onlin.

2. Argument—by + see margin—Subject, “Are tea and coffee, as

beverages injurious?”

3. Debate—by W. Faust and W. Johnson—Question “Whose writings

Have been more beneficial, those of Josh Billings or Artemas Ward?”

4. Debate—by Jas Esterly and L Brown—Quest.

Ought old bachelors be subjected to civil diabilities?

5. Case of Brother Abuer vs Jimmy Jinkins For Plaintiff—D.A. Brown.

Defendant, C. Esterly

6. Oration—by K.C. Randall—Subject—“As the twigs is bent in the tree’s inclined.”

7. Select Reading—“One-hoss Shay” –Miss Ridell

8. Paper—Miss Roller and Cripps.

After the reading of the paper Mr Holt in a few words “tragical and pathetic,” made over the following to their respective owners—

W.R. Olin—Hunting-cased Watch, Guard & Chain Warranted Pure Turniferide of Gold .

J.W. Randall—Silver-plated Tureen.

V. Johnson—Ferry-boar, relic of Ottawa’s early days.

L. Brown—Specimen showing the mineralogical Riches of Kansas and Ottawa in particular.

C. Esterly—Chinese Rope-Dancer.

K.C. Randall—Corn Cultivator—Razorently Patented.

Miss Ridell—Common Sense Sewing –machine

Miss Cripps—Something Gneiss.

Messrs Faust and Randall then spoke, in turn expressing their appreciation of the exercises of the evening. Mr Holt in reply thanked the audience for their kind attendance and attention while in ~~after~~ attendance and expressed the hope that future meetings would interest them still more. Society then adjourned.

D A Brown, Sec’y.

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Ottawa University Chapel

March 30th 1870

At the request of the Pres’t a special meeting assembled at 7.15 P.M. the main business of the evening being the election of officers to serve for the next three months.

Members present thirteen—visitors two.

C. L. Wood and George H Edgworth were unanimously elected members of the Euphemian.

I was moved and seconded that in the evening’s elections a plurality of votes elects. Carried.

W. R. Olin was appointed teller with the Sec’y, who reported the following results—

1. Prest ………….. Cal Esterly.

3 Sec’y ……………. D A Brown.

2 Vice-President………….. K.C. Randall.

4 Treasurer……………….W R Olin.

The report of the retiring Treasurer, Miss Nugent was read and approved, as follows;

Receipts.

Initiation Fees (from Jan. 1st 1870.) $5.50

Expenditures.

From Jan, 1st 1870

Oil etc. $1.20

Blank Book, Stationary etc $1.40

American Debater $2.00

$4.60

Balance in the Treasury $0.90

$5.50

The uestion was then debated, “Is a bad brother, in distress, to be helped equally with a good one.”

On the Affirmative R. C. Randall and S. Welch.

On the Negative D A Brown and C. Esterly.

Mr Esterly resigned the chair to J.W. Randall.

Messrs. Holt, Dunn and Edgworth were appointed judges, who gave a decision of the Affirmation.

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Recess.

After recess a short criticism on the evening’s performances from D A Brown.

On motion Com. on Miscellaneous Business were discharged, and D A Brown, L. Holt and H B. Olin were appointed to serve in their stead.

On motion the motion to adjourn to April 1st carried the evening of March 11th, was reconsidered, and the society adjourned to Friday April 8th 70.

D A Brown

Ottawa University Chapel

April 8th 1870

Meeting was called to order at 8.00 P.M.

During the evening there were present—members, eighteen—visitors, fifteen.

Minutes of March 30th read and approved.

On Motion a Committee of Five, including the Pres’t as chairman, were appointed to draft and another and more comprehensive Constitution, the committee to report two weeks from the time of appointment.

The committee consisted of C. Esterly, Miss Roller, Cripps and Hostetter, D Brown. Declamation of the “Cripple’s Story” by Brown, after which the Question was discussed--Is our country in greater danger from internal foes or foreign enemies?

On the Affirmative were L H Holt and N. Johnson. On the negative G H Edgworth and Jas Esterly. Messrs Gilly, Sears and Jones were appointed judges. Decision for the Affirmation. Recess. After the intermission, in response to prolonged calls from the Society, Mr Esterly made a “neat speech” which provoked tremendous applause from his hearers.

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Programme ~~was then read~~ for the next evening was then read by the President. Mr K.C. Randall gave the Criticism for the Evening, which pleased everybody.

Adjourned.

D A Brown, Sec’y

Ottawa University Chapel

April 15th 1870

Meeting was acalled to order at 8.00 P.M.

During the evening there were present—members—eighteen—visitors eighteen.

Minutes of April 8th were read and approved. Declamations—“The Five Burroughs”—V .Johnson.

The Wounded Drummer by” –L Brown.

Debate on the Question—“Which produces the greater mischief in the world, the knaves or the fools/”

E S Dunn and G H Edgworth affirmed that the knaves produced the most mischief in the world, which D A Brown and J W Randall denied. Judges appointed were Messrs Roe, Gilly and Paramore. Decision for the Affirmative. After some general discussion on the question. Mr Roe was called on for remarks, but begged to be excused. Mr Paramore ditto. Recess.

After the recess Miss Roller favored the society with a reading of “The Wreck of the Hesperico” and Miss Cripps, with a selection from one of our popular ladies magazines.

Mr Holt gave the Criticism for the evening which will be long remembered as one of his “happiest efforts.”

Adjourned.

D A Brown, Sec’y

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Ottawa University Chapel

April 22nd 1870

Euphemian called to order by Pres’t a little after the hour for meeting. Sec’y and book being absent Mr L. H. Holt was appointed to serve protem. Under Miscellaneous Business Vice Pres’t was called to the chair and Pres’t Esterly reported progress, for the Committee appointed to present a Constitution, & asked for one week’s time. Granted.

On motion a Committee consisting of Miss Holt, Esterly and Dunn were appointed to select a question for impromptu discussion

Committee offered the following, which was accepted—

456. Is a lawyer justifiable in defending a person whom he knows is guilty?

President the appointed for disputants—On the Aff. S. Welch and L. Brown; on the Negative E S Dunn and H B Olin.

Before proceeding with the debate, declamations from those appointed were called for—Mr Laws pleaded lack of preparation while Mr Randall was absent, but Mr Welch performed his part well.

On motion, Mr C. Randall was appointed Critic for the evening.

A half-hour was allowed for the discussion after which, judges reported in favor of the Affirmative. Several speeches were made in response to calls from the audience, some witty, others wise (and some other-wise).

K.C. Randall then delivered the criticism.

Motion offered and carried that the next meeting be for the members alone.

Adjourned.

L H Holt, Sec’y protem

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Ottawa University Chapel

April 29th 1870.

Euphemian opened with only a quorum.

Minutes of 22nd inst. read and approved.

On motion, Mr Dunn was called to the Chair while Pres’t Esterly, Chairman of Com. on Constitution presented their report. By motion the report was accepted and the Com. discharged.

Recess.

Because of the late hour and small attendance the report was laid upon the table for one week. Remarks respecting a May-party followed and a motion that the Euphemian have a May party the coming week, was carried. A committee was appointed by the Chair, according to resolution, to confer in reference to minor arrangements, etc. consisting of Miss Holt Misses Elder Edgworth Hostetter Cripps.

Adjourned.

L.H. Holt, Sec’y pro tem

Ottawa University Chapel

May 4th 1870.

A special meeting was called this evening in order to consider the report from the Com. on May party.

Pres’t Esterlt being unavoidably absent, at 8.15 P.M. Mr Holt was called to the chair. During the evening present—members nine, visitors three.

Mr Edgworth, Sec’y of the Com. on May party then presented a report of their pro-

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ceedings, which was received and the Com discharge.

On motion the report was adopted, as follows,

The appointment of the following committees is respectfully suggested—Misses Cripps, Elder, Roller, Jones, Rearick. On Teams—Messrs Esterly, Welch, H B Olin & Edgworth.

On refreshments—

Messrs Holt, Dunn and Brown.

~~They~~  The would also recommend that invitations be sent to the schools of Professors Ward and Roe, themselves especially included, and the teachers of the college pupils, to meet us at 9 o’clock in Turner Hall. (Presented by—G H Edgworth, Sec’y) Mr Holt then spoke, urging the hearty cooperation of all present, to make our picnic a complete success.

After the conclusion of Mr Holt’s remarks minutes of April 29th 1870, read and approved. On motion Sec’y was instructed to send invitations to the teachers of both schools as per former resolution.

Adjourned to Friday May 13th 1870.

D A Brown, Sec’y

Ottawa University Chapel

May 13th 1870

Meeting called to order at 8.45 P.M. with only a quorum present. On account of the late hour, on motion programme for the evening was laid aside. On motion the consideration of the report on Constitution was indefinitely postponed. Adjourned.

D A Brown, Sec’y.

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Ottawa University Chapel

May 20th 1870.

Pres’t called meeting to order at 8.00 P.M. During the evening there were present members fifteen—visitors—twenty-two.

Minutes of May 13th read an approved. Society then listened to a declamation from Mr Irvin Randall. Mr Faust excused. Next on the programme came the debate—Question Which is the greater deprivation, loss of sight or loss of hearing? On the Aff. L H Holt & S Welch. Negative D A Brown & G H Edgworth. Judges appointed were Messrs Dunn, Gilly & Randall, who rendered a decision in favor of the Negative. Recess. After the intermission a declamation was recited by Jas Esterly—an extract from one of President Lincoln’s addresses. Mr Faust then gave a short speech. Ordered, an appreciation of twenty-five cents for the purchase of paper. Society was favored with a short criticism from The President, which concluded the evening’s exercises. Adjourned to meet only at the call of the President or any five members of the society.

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Ottawa University

Sept 2” 1870

Pursuant to call. Society met & was called to order promptly at 7.30 P.M. During the evening eleven members present ~~eleven~~ ---visitors three.

Minutes of May 20 read and approved. Ordered that an appropriation of 50 cts. Be made for to pay ~~for~~ the insertion in The Ottawa Journal of a “Local Notice” of the present meeting. On motion Mr Schuyler Parks was made a member of the Euphemian. Treasurer, Mr W B Olin submitted a report, as follows;

For Mar 30” to Sept 2nd inclusive

Receipts--

By Balance $0.90

“ Initiation Fees 0.50

$1.40

Expenditures—

For Stationary $.25

“ Local in Journal .50

$.75

Balance $0.65

Accepted.

Moved and seconded that in the evenings elections, officers be balloted for simultaneously.

Society then proceeded to the election of officers; President previously appointed Mr Aldamar Elder, Teller. The following were reported as having been elected to their respective offices.

G.H. Edgworth…………………..President

Neil Johnson………………………Vice-President

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D A Brown………………………Secretary

S. Welch………………………….Treasurer……..S. Welch

In the absence of Mr Edgworth, the Vice-President, Mr Johnson, was conducted to the chair.

On motion Mr R H Ellis was elected to membership in the Eupehmian.

On Motion, Messrs Olin & J. Esterly were appointed a Committee to selected a Question for debate.

Intermission.

After recess the following Question was reported as the subject of debate---

“Is private education better than public?”

Messrs, Ellis and Welch were appointed leaders, and , after a short debate, closing at 9.00 P.M. the Society adjourned.

Before the members had passed out Vice Pres’t read the Programme for the next evening which had by some ; mischance been forgotten before.

D A Brown, Sec’y

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N .B.—On the evenings of Sept 9” & 16” owing to the serious sickness of one of our members and the absence of some others, no quorums could be obtained.

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Ottawa University

September 23” 1870.

Society was called to order at 7.30 P.M. with but a quorum present.

On motion of the Sec’y, Minutes were not read. Their consideration deferred until next meeting, the Sec’y having forgotten them. Ordered, that 45 cents be appropriated for the purchase of oil & a lamp—chimney. Mr Brown presented the following amendment for consideration two weeks from date: “Be it hereby enacted by the Euphemian society, that so much of Section 2 Art. 2. Of The Constitution of said society as prohibits the admission to membership in said society, of persons not members of The Ottawa University ~~for those who~~ and those who have not been such,--that the same is repealed and hereby declared null and void.”

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the society respecting their recent loss, by the death of their most earnest workers, Jas Esterly. Carried---

President appointed Messrs. Dunn, H B. Olin and The Sec’y, whose report was accepted as follows:

“Whereas: Death has entered our ranks for the first time, taking away one of our best though youngest members, Jas . Esterly--, one whom we all loved and could not but respect; therefore, Resolved, That this the loss of one of our beloved ~~brothers~~ fellow-members has cast a gloom over every heart, and that we deeply sympathize with the bereaved,

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In this, their first affliction.”

Adopted.

Recess.

Moved and seconded that a monthly due to the amount of ten cents, be collected from each embmer. Motion put and lost. On motion Society adjourned, to Oct 7”.

D A Brown, Sec’y.

See Note \*

Ottawa University Nov 13” 1870

Pursuant to call a meeting of those desirous of forming a Literary Society which night step into the shoes of the old Euphemian, met here this evening and organized by appointing Mr Cheney Pres’t and D A Brown Sec’y. After some preliminary remarks setting forth the impossibility of any longer keeping up the organization known as “The Euphemian” under the existing Constitution, prohibiting any but the University students from becoming members of the organization, the meeting xxxx proceeded to the business of the evening by appointing Messrs Cal Esterly, R H Ellis and T B Brown a Committee to draft a Constitution and By Laws suitable for a Literary Society. This Committee was instructed to report two weeks from the time of appointment. On motion meeting adjourned to meet Nov 27”.

D A Brown, Secretary

\*From this time Sept 23” until Nov 13” meeting s ~~m~~ were held at irregular periods but as there could be no meetings of “The Euphemians” without a quorum, no account was taken of the proceedings. As it was found impossible to obtain a quorum, the meeting of Nov 13” was held to effect a reorganization.

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Ottawa University Nov 27” 1870

Pursuant to ~~call~~ adjournment a meeting of those decision of forming a new literary society met here this evening, and elected Cal. Esterly, President and D A Brown Secretary.

Called to order and meeting requested their Committee to report upon a Constitution. Before considering their report however the society listened to remarks from Rev Robt. Atkinson. Mr Atkinson spoke in favor of keeping up the old Euphemian as a college society if possible and against the admission of any who had never been students at the University. He wished the Euphemians to wait a year or two until the University could replete their ranks. Then if history of the college was ever written they would be of course mentioned with honor as a college institution. He also incidentally remarked that if those present went down town, (and if they admitted public- school-boys he couldn’t let them use the Chapel any longer), the town boys would soon have everything their own way and the ex-Euphemians be compelled to take back seats. He was listened to with great attention. The society then proceeded to take up the report of the Com. on Constitution which was accepted and finally adopted by Article and Section.

As the Constitution adopted provided for admission of any person by a unanimous vote and payment of initiation fees etc etc the new society could no longer use the Chapel and therefore on motion, adjourned to meet Dec 2nd at the Brick school house,

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Roll Call of the Euphemian Society

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| Present, /  Absent ,X | Feb 25 | March 4 | Mar 11 | Mar 30 | Apr |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Brown D A | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| 2 Brown Lewis | / | / | x | / | / | / | / | / |  |
| 3 Dunn E S | / | / | / | / | x |  | / |  |  |
| 4 Deford Jas | x | x | x |  | x | / |  |  |  |
| 5 Esterly Jas | / | / | x | / | x | / | / | / |  |
| 6 Esterly C. | / | / | / | / | / |  | / | / | / |
| 7 Elder A. P. | x | x | x |  | x |  | x | / |  |
| 8 Faust W. | / | x | x | / | x |  | x |  |  |
| ~~9 Gaylord L.E.~~ Absent from City | x | x | / |  | x |  | x |  |  |
| ~~10 Gitchell Chas~~ cheo | x | x | x |  | x |  | / |  |  |
| 11 Holt, L.H. | / | x | / | / | / | / | / |  |  |
| 12 Laws, W. R. | / | / | x | / | / | / | / | / |  |
| 13 Metcalf H.A. | x | x | x |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| 14 Olin H. B. | / | x | / | / | / | x |  | ~~/~~ |  |
| 15 Olin W. R. | / | x | / | / | x | / | / | / | / |
| 16. Randall K.C. absent from city | / | / | / | / |  | x |  | / |  |
| 17 Randall J.W. | x | / | / | / | / | / | x |  |  |
| 18 Randall L.D. | / | / | / | / | x |  |  |  |  |
| 19 Johnson, N.D. |  |  |  | / | x | / | / |  |  |
| 20 G. H. Edgworth |  |  | / | x | / | / |  | / |  |
| ~~21 C. L. Wood~~ Left town |  |  | / | x |  | / |  |  |  |
| 22 S Welch |  |  |  |  | / | / | / |  |  |
| 23 Parks S H |  |  |  |  |  | 22 |  | / |  |
| 24 Ellis R H |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | / |  |