

Lawrence K. T. Oct. 13/54

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

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

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

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

The Chair appointed Messrs Hutchinson Emery and Mailey said Committee.

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

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

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

E. D. Ladd,

Secy.

Lawrence Oct. 14th 1854.

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

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