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DEMOSTHENIAN LETTER BOOK

1833-1870



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## PREFACE

This is a typed copy of letters of the Demos-thenian Literary Society found in a bound volume preserved in the rare book room of the University of Georgia Library. The dates of the letters extend through the period from 1833 to 1870. There seems to be no particular arrangement to the letters in the manuscript volume. They have been re-arranged chronologically here.

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A. B. S.

Athens, Georgia

August 23, 1952

55-3193



Phi Kappa Hall, June 3d. 1833

Gentlemen of the Demosthenian Society.

Your committees letter of the 1st June was submitted to our body on that day and the undersigned directed to communicate with you upon the subject. A misunderstanding evidently exists in your minds; and we regret that it should have given rise to the dissatisfaction which appears in that letter.

Your object seems to have been, in the first place, "to inform us that the report of your committee was unanimously rejected" to use the words of the letter. Of this we will say nothing, but that it would have been more consistent with the respect due to yourselves and to us, to have couched your communication in more polite terms. Secondly, to notify us that "the excuse offered for the initiating of Messrs. Wilkins and Yancey was deemed insufficient." This was indeed an unexpected piece of information for the P. K. Society and its committee were both ignorant of that any had been rendered. We were authorized as a committee to respond by letter, to your arraignment for an alleged violation of the treaty and we were directed, for the sake of restoring harmony, to do so in the most satisfactory and conciliating manner. Has any such letter been written? There has not. Nor have we sent in any excuses by the mouth of any member of your Society. And if any one has delivered such as coming from us, we deny his authority for doing so. You ask, then, why we did not answer your letter? We will explain.



You may recall that, in addition to the charge made by your first committee, the Phi Kappa Society were requested to appoint another to confer with your own, for the purpose of fixing invariably the number of days required before initiation. Accordingly the two committees met. There the undersigned were informed that the chief object of the letter was not the arraignment, but a reduction of the time specified in the treaty. And it was expressly declared by your committee, and understood so by ours, that, in consequence of the first violation having been made by your boys, the arraignment was waived. Such being the case, there evidently existed no farther necessity of discussing the subject of infraction, or withdraw by those who made it, vis your committee. It makes no difference whether the reason assigned for such withdrawal be true or not; the subject which was to be acted upon, no longer existed. This being the mutual understanding, we agreed upon a proposition to be submitted to our respective Societies. T - Abridge the number of days from 21 to 11, It was reasonable to expect that the next step would have been another conference of the committees communicate the determination of their different bodies, whether the plan of reduction was good or not. But instead of that you have sent as a noise written in a most careless contemptuous style, amounting to indirect abuse and insult; and, pardon us while we say so, betraying a spirit, not worthy of the Demosthenian name. If your committee exceeds their powers in setting aside the arraignment, why blame us?

If the fault lies any where, make them accountable for it. And why not inform us in a calm and dignified manner that you could not agree to the proposed reduction? Why bid us defiance, as it were, by stating, as if to cut the matter short that you would not make the least alteration unless the matter were left entirely at your own disposal. We make these remarks, gentlemen - not for the purpose of recrimination, for we conceive that beneath our dignity, but because you request an explanation, and the Phi Kappa Society, we know, will always be able and we trust, will never refuse to vindicate herself from all charges, nor do we wish to implicate your Society at large in these remarks. It was not until we were expressly informed, that we could believe that that letter was ever submitted to you for approbation. And now our respect for your body, forces us to believe that it was ratified without reflection. Permit us then to return the inclosed; and we beg, gentlemen, that you will not regard us as showing disrespect to your body; for such are not our motives. We count consistently with our self respect, or our character abroad, acknowledge such a communication as worthy the civility due us. And as we suppose that the contemptuous spirit of the noise, and the careless priority of the style, may have escaped your attention we request you to examine the production which has gone forth under the sanction of the Demosthenian Society. we were requested through your first committee to justify ourselves for violation of the treaty. As no official reply has yet been made in consequence of the mistake under which we laboured,

we will now endeavour to satisfy you, so that the cause of all disturbance between us may if possible no longer exist. We cannot deny that the initiation took place before the legal time; but still we believe our selves justifiable and for these reasons. First. It has been customary with both Societies to admit members in less than 21 days from their examination. The time has been calculated from the hour of their arrival in town, instead of from the hour they became members of College. The 2nd. article of the treaty runs thus. "No person joining the College or grammar school, shall be admitted into either Society before having undergone a probation of 21 days of the regular College session." Now we will leave it to the candour of the Demosthenian Society whether any thing can be found in this article authorising the custom which prevails of calculating the time from arrival and not from admission into college. It thus appears that both Societies have connived, in practice at least, at a wrong construction of the treaty. Why then call us to account for the initiation of these gentlemen more than of others? Why could we not take the same license with them, which we both have often done before? Secondly. The gentlemen had been residents of the place and members of college 4 or 5 weeks; all the purposes which we wish to effect by the 2nd. article had been answered by their long stay in the place; and even had there been a violation of the article, we thought that in such circumstances, the generosity of your Society would have overlooked it. But to avoid giving offence, we consulted several of your influential members; and their answer was that they



thought not offence could possibly be taken.

For these reasons, we conceive ourselves perfectly justifiable. The matter now stands as it would have stood but for the mistake under which the committees laboured. You see that the loose construction of the treaty is an evil calculated to create disturbance; and we hope that it will ere long be remedied by the determination of the two societies never to vary from the specified time, whatever it may be.

The subject is still open for amicable consideration. We have explained our motives at this length, to put an end, if possible, to all dissatisfaction and ill feeling on your part, and because we wish not that the lightest breath of slander should sully the purity of the Phi Kappa honour, we remain gentlemen, with feelings of the highest respect,

Yrs,

A. P. Powers	Committee of
B. C. Habersham	the
A. L. Benning	Phi Kappa
	Society

To the  
 Demosthenian Society  
 Franklin College

"Resolved, that eight Junior Orators shall be chosen in the following manner.

The Faculty shall nominate six persons in each Society, out of which each Society shall respectively choose four. The nomination made by the Faculty shall be communicated by them to the Societies on the same day on which it is made, and they shall also on the same day notify to the Faculty the selection made by them and on failure to do so, the Faculty shall proceed to appoint the Junior Orators."

Extract from the Minutes

In compliance with the above resolution from the Faculty have nominated in the Demosthenian Society.

Bailey

Collins

Hoyt

Moss

Warren

all which is hereby communicated by order of the Faculty.

C. F. McCay

June 6th, 1845

Sect. of the Faculty

September 6th, 1845

Being informed by the previous Treasurer of this Society that a certain member has failed to fulfil the requisitions of the laws by which he professed and should be governed. I therefore in discharge of the duties of my office proceed to lay his case before the Society and prefer articles of impeachment against him, During the last collegiate term, fines were imposed upon Mr. Taylor for failing in discharge of his duties, when applied to by the treasurer, he appealed to the decision of the Committee of Appeals by whom the previous decision was confirmed. And according to the decision of the officers of the Society and in fulfilment of the laws, they are now arraigned for impeachment.

Abna Johnson, Gen. Mo.

August

September 6th, 1845

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Abna Johnson, C. M.

Tallahassee, May 23d, 1851

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your polite note of the 10th which advising me that "I had been elected unanimously as honorary member of the Demosthenian Society", of Franklin College.

I am much obliged to the gentleman of the Society for the compliment they have paid me by this election; and I heartily thank you for the kind manner in which you have communicated the action of the body of which you are the organs.

Your polite invitation to visit your Hall, shall be accepted with pleasure, should it be my fortune to come to Athens; and I assume you that the of your note has greatly added to the desire I have felt to visit that city.

Accept for yourselves and for your Society and all its members, my hearty and sincere wishes for their and your prosperity.

Very respectfully and cordially

Your friend and obt. svt.

E. C. Cabell

Messrs

Ino. C. Whitner

Geo. F. Barnes      Committee of Demosthenian So.

I. F. Cooper

Athens, Geo.

Augusta, July 21st, 1851

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th Inst. in consequence of my absence from the city. I did not receive until yesterday. I regret exceedingly that existing engagements and the shortness of the time compels me to decline the office of Commencement Orator, to the acceptance of which both inclination and a sense of duty greatly ungo me. Under other and more favorable circumstances, nothing would afford me greater pleasure than the performance of any duty which our dearly beloved and common Mother, the Demosthenian Society should see fit to impose on me. With the sincerest wishes for the prosperity of the Society and your own personal happiness, I am Sir,

Very Truly Yours,

James G. Collier

Ino. C. Whitner, Esq.

Wm. Com. Correspondence

D. S.

Eutaw, Ala. May 25th, 1852

Gentlemen:

An absence of several weeks from the State, which has just terminated, must be my apology for not having made an earlier response to your communication of the 6th. inst. informing me that the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia had chosen me "its literary Orator for the next commencement of the College."

I feel deeply grateful to the Society for this distinguished mark of its confidence and esteem and should be most happy to accept its invitation. Circumstances, however, over which I have no control, compel me most reluctantly to decline it. In doing so, permit to say, as I do most Sincerely, that I know of no position of the kind that I should be more proud to occupy or that I should decline with more reluctance.

Please assure the members of the Demosthenian Society of my high appreciation of the honor they have conferred on me and of my profound regret of my inability to serve them in the capacity they desire.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the complimentary terms of your letter and remain,

Very truly yours, Jos. W. Taylor

Athens, Ga. June 19th, 1852

To the  
Officers and Members of the  
"Demosthenian Society"

Gentlemen:

The Faculty have directed me to announce to you, that they have appointed the following gentlemen, Members of the Junior Class, from whom you are expected to elect Four, as "Junior Orators" for Commencement, during the course of this day.

George T. Barnes

John F. Cooper

Wm. T. Edwards

John B. Gordon

V. C. Mason

Antony McCulloch.

Please notify the Faculty in relation to the result of the election, as soon as possible. By order of the Faculty.

Yours truly,

John LeConte, Rec. Sec.

Cedar Isle near Dorun, Georgia

May 18, 1859

Dear

I acknowledge the receipt of yours me that  
I have been elected a member of the Demosthenian Society  
of the University of Georgia, and to accept  
of the honor which has been so graciously by your communicat-  
ion conferred upon me and

R. B.

Mr. Wm. D. Anderson

Secretary

(This letter was very illegible)



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Sept. 3rd, 1859

Mr. President &

Gentlemen of the Demosthenian society:-

Whereas the constitution of this society requires me in the absence of the first Censor Morum, to prefer articles of impeachment against any member of this society for any disorderly conduct whatever and whereas, Mr. John T. Burns on the last regular meeting of this society was guilty of disturbing the peace of the society by rising at an improper time, using profane language, calumniating some members of the society and refusing to           at the request of the Presiding Officer I do hereby present his conduct for your consideration.

John H. Cline

Second Censor Morum

of the D. S.

G. C. Holleyman

Se c Pro Tem

New York Sept 12/59

George W. Rush Esq.

D Sir:

Your favor enclosing draft for Twenty  
five dollars to balance out of furniture of Demosthenian  
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In answer to your questions as to price of engraving a printed  
envelope we reply as follows

Engraving (according to amt. of work) \$15 to \$20

Envelopes and Print for 1000 \$4.00

Soliciting an order we remain

Very truly yours

Wm. Everdell

Near Cartersville Oct 19th 1859

Geo: W. Rush

Dear Sir:

I received your communication requesting me (as the organ of the Demosthenian Society) to deliver the Private Address at the next annual Commencement.-

It would give me great pleasure to mingle with the "regular members" in the old Hall and sit down once more where I have spent so many profitable hours and especially to renew the friendships which have not been forgotten in the Serious business of life

My engagements - are such that it would be inconvenient to comply with your consideration and request. Accept my thanks for this kind honor.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Helton

Waynesboro, Ga. Nov. 1st. 1859

Geo. N. Rush  
Cor. Sec, Dem, Society  
Athens, Ga.

Dear Sir

I am in the receipt of yours  
of the 1st October advising me of my election as an "Honorary  
Member of the Demosthenian Society."

I accept the honor conferred upon  
me.

Permit me, through you, to tender  
my acknowledgements to your society for this signal mark of  
their favor and approbation. They have my best wishes for  
their future success.

Accept for yourself, individually,  
my thanks for the flattering terms in which your letter is  
couched - I am very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

John James Jones.

Anderson C. U. So. Ca.

Novr. 28th, 1859

Geo. W. Rush, Esq.  
Cor . Sec. Dem. Society  
Athens,  
Ga.

Dear Sir: Your letter, informing me of my election to an Honorary Membership in the "Demosthenian Society", of the University of Georgia, was received on my return home, this fall, from the Virginia Springs. The letter by some means was mislaid and not found, until my removal, recently, to this town from Hartwell - to this fact, and not to indifference, I trust you will attribute my long delay in replying to your note.

The honor conferred upon me by the Society, is as unexpected as it is gratifying, and while I am unconscious of having attained a position of sufficient eminence in the "investigation of Science and Truth", to entitle me the position you have assigned me, yet, as a quondam Collegian and a warm sympathizer with the objects and efforts of your society, I cannot forego the pleasure of uniting with you as a Demosthenian.

For the kind terms in which you have been pleased to convey to me the wishes of the Society, accept my thanks; and tender to the Society, my acknowledgements

for the membership conferred and best wishes for its  
future prosperity and usefulness.

Believe me, dear Sir,

With great respect,

Your obedient Servt,

Warren D. Wilkes

Anderson C. H. S. C.

Decr. 8th 1859

Mr. Geo. W. Rush.

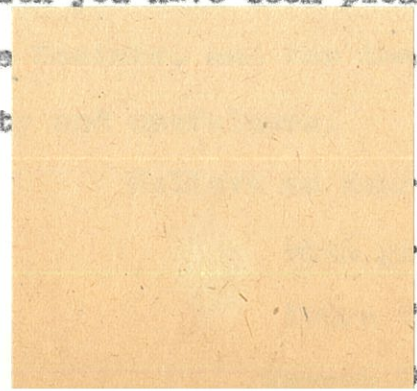
Cor: Sec, Dem: Society,

Dear Sir: your note of the 1st. instant, written to me from Hamburg and directed to Hartwell, reached me on last evening.

In reply I would state, that upon my return, at the close of the Summer, from a tour to the Virginia Springs, I received your letter informing me of my election to an "Honorary Membership" in the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia. My delay in replying, was occasioned by the letter being mislaid; upon removal to this town a few weeks since. Your letter was found again, and a reply directed to you at Athens.

I assure you, I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the Society in electing me to a membership held by so many of the great, good, and learned men of the land. Although unconscious of having attained any distinction in the "investigation of truth and science", yet as a devotee of each, and as a quondam member of a University, I cannot forego the pleasure of enrolling myself a Demosthenian.

Accept, for yourself, my acknowledgement for the kind terms in which you have been pleased to make known to me, the wishes of the Society my best wishes for its prosperit



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... ruly.  
... Wilkes



Madison, Geo Decr 16/59

Mr. Geo. N. Rush Cor Sec FC

Hamburg

S. C.

Dear Sir

My reply to yours of 29 of Oct has been delayed till now partly by reason of my absence from home, and partly by reason of my desire if possible to comply with the request of the "Demosthenian Society" to become their "Private Orator" for the next Commencement. Such are my professional Engagements that I find it impossible now, to say that I can certainly be at your next Commencement. I must therefore to avoid the hopibility of a disappointment, decline the honor tendered by your Society; and so unanimously communicated by its "recording Secretary".

With my best wishes for the prosperity of your Society; with the happiness of its members

I am very respectfully yours,

Augustus Reese

Cedar Town Geo Jan 29th 1860

Dear Sir:

Feeling a great interest in the prosperity and welfare of the good old Demosthenian Society I have concluded to ask the Society to elect Messrs G. A. Blance and E. N. Broyles of Cedar Town Geo as honorary members of your Society. They are young men of great merit and will be an honor to the Society.

With my very best wishes for the success and prosperity of the Society I am ever yours

Hoyt Thompson



Athens, Febr. 22d, /60

Gentlemen,

Your note of the 20th inst. as a committee of the Demosthenian Soc. was handed me yesterday.

I am greatly indebted to the Soc. for the honor which they do me, and to yourselves for the very kind manner of communicating the resolution of your society.

I shall endeavor to meet with the members of the Soc. next Sat., at their usual time of assembling, or very soon there after; and shall be pleas'd to take some part in the discussion of the subject, if it shall then be agreeable to the Soc.

With sentiments of very

high respect

I am gentlemen

Yours truly,

A. Church

Geo. W. Hurk

B. H. Morley

I. U. Foster

Athens, Mch. 3rd. 1860

Gentlemen.

I received your note of 1st inst - yesterday. You were not sufficiently explicit in your charges to enable me to give any particular explanation or denial, but I can confidently assert in general terms that I have never said anything, on any occasion tending to injure the Society or which could be at all "determental to her prosperity." I may have said that the Society had degenerated "in numbers and in the interest manifested by the members, (which is certainly the truth) but I have never said so "publicly", or in any place where it could do the Society an injury. And I made the remark, if at all with reference to both Societies.

As to the disorderly conduct of the members, I have said nothing, absolutely nothing.

In conclusion, allow me to assure the Society, through you, gentlemen, that she has no member who takes a more lively interest in her welfare or is more anxious for her prosperity.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. M. Hull

Mess I. O. Head - T. Barrow - and Marlon Stovall - Committee

Washington

March 15th

1860

Mr. Alonzo C. Whitner,

Dear Sir

I learned from letter yesterday notifying me of my election as an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society. I accept with pleasure the honor so conferred.

Most Respectfully

James Cherant Jr.

Perote Pike Co. Ala. Mar 15t h 1860

Mr. A. C. Whitner

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst, informing me of my election by the "Demosthenian Society" one of its honorary members, The "University of Georgia, which I consider her proudest boast, is situated but a few miles from the spot which gave me my birth. Around and near you are some of my best friends, the scenes of my boyhood, the graves of a sainted Mother and sister. It is natural, that my recollection of these should be fond, and that they should endear to me, the old and noble County of Clarke, together with her University.

I am very sensible Sir of your kindness, and I accept the distinction which your Society has conferred with very great pleasure My ardent wish is, that every "Demosthenian" may be to modern times what Demosthenian was to the ancient, By the above acceptance I wish you to understand me as pledging myself to be your Cooperator, in the future, in all your noble objects and enterprises And as such I subscribe myself

Yours Most Respectfully,

Robt. H. Haynes

Union Springs Ala.

March 16th 1860

Alonzo C. Whitner Esq.

Cor. Sec. D. S.

Athens, Ga.

Dear Sir-

Your esteemed form of the 10th inst. informing me of my election to Honorary Membership by the Members of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia and requesting my acceptance of honor conferred, was rec? A day or so ago.

I accept with pleasure, the honor tendered me, and will feel highly gratified at having my name enrolled among your Honorary members - Please tender your Society my thanks for the honor they have done me, and accept the assurance of my high appreciation of the very complimentary manner in which you have made known their action.

Very truly yours,

Rict. H. Powell



Gorden Co. Mch 26/1860

Alonzo C. Whitner

Dear Sir

My absence from Macon will explain to the society you represent the reason of my not answering a former communication.

Thankful to the Demosthenians on the honor conferred. I regret that pre Engagements will deprive me the pleasure of accepting there flattering invitation

With assurance my esteem

I am yours truly

Osborn A. Lochralley

## Phi Kappa Library

March 31st 1860

Gentlemen

In accordance with the treaty between the two societies (in referance to their libraries), and after a close inspection of the Phi Kappa Library record book, I report to you the following bill of fines against some of your members for retaining books over the stated time.

I. N. Sheats	2 books each	11 days overtime	\$1.10
" "	1 book	9 days " "	.45
" "	2 books each	1 month & 3 days or 33 days	<u>3.30</u>
			\$4.85
R Dougherty	1 book	5 months & 20 days or 170 days	\$8.50
I Rutherford	2 books each	2 days over time	.20
F Wimberly	1 book	5 days " "	.25
A Milner	1 book	4 " " "	.20
I Robinson	1 "	5 " " "	<u>.25</u>
			\$14.45

Respectfully

R. A. Clayton

Librarian of

Phi Kappa Society

Athens, Apr. 21.1860

A. C. Whitner Esq.

Secty.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th inst. is recd -

I regret that my engagements present and prospective will not permit me to undertake the duty so kindly assigned me.-

I feel less nesitative in thus declining the honour, and have already (some years ago,) served the society in that capacity.

I am dear Sir

Yours truly

H. Hull Jr.

Gentlemen.

Athens May 17th/60

I received your kind note informing me of the honour done me in the election of your Society orator for your Commencement. It would give me very great pleasure to comply, but my labour at that time will be unusually heavy and every moment of my time will be fully occupied, so I must decline the honour, I assure you that I do it with reluctance.

Yours respectfully

R. D. Moore

Univ. Geo. May 21st 1860

Gentlemen of Demosthenian Society.

In accordance with a recent Act of the Board, giving the election of Junior Orators to the Societies, you are hereby requested to select Seven (7) Members of the Junior Class from your Society to exhibit on Tuesday morning, at the approaching Commencement, the names of the seven Orators chosen, must be returned to me, by Monday 28th Inst. to be submitted to the Faculty. Your election may be made on any day between now and then.

Very Resply

Yrs. V T

Wm. Henry Waddell

Cor. Sec.

Cedar Town Georgia

May 28th 1860

Harrison Wells Esq

Cor Sect of the Demosthenian Society

Dear Sir.

It is with the intense feelings of profound emotion that I hasten to respond to your note of the 23 inst. informing me of my Election to an honorary membership of your ancient noble, and most useful fraternity. Indeed I felt considerably flattered on the reception of the unexpected and most pleasing intelligence: for the simple reason that only a few years have elapsed since I myself were a regular member of a College Society the institution of which was designed to accomplish the same purpose, of the one to which I am now invited to become connected with. Being sensibly alive to the great and almost incalculable advantages to be derived from a close and punctual attendance to the duties of College Societies I am ever ready to contribute my mite in promoting and advancing their interest and prosperity.

Your fraternity has enrolled upon its catalogue some of the most distinguished names that have the Civil, religious and political history of our widely extended country for, for the last 30 or 40 years, and without hazard I think I can venture the assertion, that the first flames of that exacted patriotism for which they are so eminently distinguished were enkindled while participating in the debates of the Demosthenian Society. Although I feel that the great names belonging to

your fraternity are sufficient bulwarks to ward off the blows of those who may attempt to overthrow it - and adiquately angust to still the foul tongue of black calrumny whenever its foul venom is spit out to blight and destroy the unrivaled splendor of your escutcheon - and being conscious of my utter inability to do any thing which would have the remotest tendency to increase the fame of your brotherhood: yet I feel bound by even sense of moral obligation to accept the distinguished position. I do accept, and humbly beg you as the organ of your society to present to all its members my most sincere and grateful acknowledgement for the honor conferred.

With the best wishes for the continued prosperity of your society.

I am truly your humble sevt.

Joseph A. Blance

Mobile June 14th 1860

A C Whitner Esq.

Cor Secty

Dr Sir

Your favor of 21st has been received and would have been acknowledged at an earlier day, but for my absence from home for several weeks. You inform me of my election as an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society, Permit me to return through you to the members of the society my thanks for the honor conferred and my acceptance of the same, may you and each member of the Society have many many happy days laid up in store in the future.

I remain yours very

Truly

H. S. Smith



Lexington

June 18/60

Mr. Harrison Wells

Cor. Sec. D. S.

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 12th inst. was duly recd - informing me of my election as private Orator of the D. Society-

My absence from home has prevented an earlier acknowledgment of your letter-

A few days before receiving your communication I wrote to your predecessor in Office Mr. Whitner notifying him of acceptance of the honor-

Trusting that my delay has occasioned you no inconvenience

I remain

Yours respectfully

S. W. Harris.

Blairsville Ga June 18th 1860

Harrison Wells

Dr Sir Yours of the 28th of May is before me  
which brings to me the pleasing news of my election as "an  
honorary member of the Demosthenian Society".

I feel highly honored in having my name enroled with the many  
distinguished members of which your Society can boast and it  
shall ever be my pleasure to aid the venerable and time honored  
society Pleasatender to the active members of the Society my  
most sincere regard for the favor of membership

I remain

Very Respectfully

Andrew Young

Harrison Wells

Corres. Secty.

Dem Socty.

OFFICE SOUTHERN FIELD & FIRESIDE,

Augusta, 19 June 1860

My dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. informing me of my Election as an Honorary Member of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia. In reply I beg you to indicate to the Society my grateful acceptance of this undeserved compliment, and to believe that this association has my Earnest Sympathies in its praiseworthy pursuits.

With great respect,

Yours very truly,

Jno. R. Thompson.

Harrison Wells Esq.

Corresponding Secretary. D. S.

Atlanta June 20th 1860

Harrison Wells Esq  
Cor, Sec. D. S.

Dear Sir.

Your official communication of the 17th appraised me that by declamation I was excluded from the "Honorary Membership.

I think this hasty action, has done me injustice, for by it, I gather the first real evidence of my membership. If my remembrance is right, some 30 years ago, Wilkes and Clarke then of Savannah, received a notification of their membership, one to each Society, (I speak from memory alone, having no written record.) and when some time since, I was informed of my election in the "Phi Kappa" membership, for a long time I delayed my reply, to give my son an opportunity to examine your record and ascertain if I did or did not belong to your body; this examination was entirely fruitless, and I desire you to reexamine and see if my name is on your "Honorary List." I pray every success to your Society for it bears the honored name of the same Society to which I was attached in my own Alma Mater; and I could never knowingly drop its flag on the ground, or see its banners trailing in the dust.

Yours very respectfully

Jno M Clark

Athens June 26/60

Dear Sir

Have communication informing me that I was elected an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society, I found awaiting me on my return a few days ago. Assure the members of the Society that I appreciate the honour conferred upon me and shall be happy to do what I can to promote their interest.

Respectfully I am

M. H. Henderson

W. Harry Wells

Univ. Geo. July 9th 1860

Mess Rush, Whitner & Kimberly,

Committee Demosthn Society,

Gentlemen,

The Faculty regret to state that, while they sympathise deeply with the respectful petition presented by your Body, they find it inexpedient to depart from the terms of their sentence.

By order of Faculty

Yr. Mo. Ob. Svnt,

Wm. Henry Waddell,

Cor. Sec. Fac.

Cedartown Geo.

July 27th 1860

Mr. Harrison Wells,

Dear Sir-

Your letter of the 23rd of May last, as Secretary of the Demosthenian Society informing me of my election to Honorary Membership of the same, was not received by me until a few days since, on account of my absence in Tennessee. I beg to assure you and through you the Demosthenian Society of my very high appreciation of the honor so unexpectedly conferred and on my part so little deserved. It will afford one great pleasure to be instrumental in advancing the prosperity and promoting the success of your society -

Let me humbly suggest that the members of your Society earnestly endeavor to imitate the noble example of the renowned orator from whom your Society takes its name - Let no impediments or difficulties deter you from becoming masters of the noble art of oratory. The said delivery was everything to the Speaker, and so it is- Truth, old familiar truths even, "come mended from the lips" of a good speaker. The great difference between the good and the bad speaker, consists not so much in what they say as how they say it. Cultivate and discipline yourselves in the art of a forcible and elegant delivery . The excellence in which our modern orators are more deficient than any other. Nearly any man of common sense can understand the chief grounds and reasons of a question, but few, very few can array common principles and old truths in such light and beauty as to appear new and as to warm the heart kindle the

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imagination and storm the intellect. This is the prerogative of genius and application. I accept the proffered honor with great pleasure.

Very Respectfully,

E. N. Broyles

Mr; Harrison Wells

Cor. Sect - of Demos Scty.

Athens

Georgia-



Versailles Ky. Aug. 2nd 1860

Alonzo C. Whitner Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your distinguished favor of March 10th was a long time finding its way to me, as you mistook my address, which, properly, is as above. It was forwarded to me from Nashville.

I cannot but gratefully accept the honor, which has been the pleasure of the "Demosthenian Society" to confer upon me, in that you have elected me "an honorary member of the body".

I cannot lay claim to the eminent powers you have been pleased to ascribe to me; but will feel it an honor to be an humble member of the Society bearing the name of the immortal orator with which your society is designated- a name which I trust will inspire many a youthful bosom with ambitious aspirations which will tell well upon our country and the church of God.

With many wishes for the success of your society, and for your personal happiness, and thanks for the happy style of your communication, and thanks to the Society for the honor they have conferred upon me,

I am your obliged and  
humble servant

H. H. Kavanaugh

Oglethorpe, Sept. 12, 1860

Dear Sir,

By to days mail I send to the address of the "Demosthenian Society of Franklin College", a copy of my late work, entitled "Wilkins Wagon, or the Successful Man", which I beg them to place in their Library as a token of my esteem.

In August 1833 I was at commencement, the only time I ever visited Athens. A short time thereafter I was informally notified by my young friend Saml. M. Strong, a student, that I had been elected an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society, a mark of regard which I did not hesitate to accept. Since then I have had no opportunity of writing in your Hall, or of testifying in pen of my grateful acceptance of the honor which had been bestowed on a stranger twenty seven years ago. But I flatter myself that on some future occasion I may be with you, to mingle with a new generation of scholars, to whom I take the liberty of introducing myself through the little volumn which I respectfully tender to the Society, with assurance of my highest consideration.

Stephen F. Miller

The President

of the Demosthenian Society.

sparta, Geo. Oct. 18th 1860

Mr. Smith:

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 2nd. to hand. My Brother, C. L. DuBose is now in Texas. The book you mentioned he certainly did not bring home with him, but I will write to him and ascertain if he knows anything concerning the "book".

Very Resptfly yours,

W. R. DuBose

Head Quarters

Charleston. Jan 25th 1861

Dear Sir:

I am authorized by Geor Pickens to say that your exceedingly courteous letter, apprizing him of his election to an honorary membership"of the Demosthenian Society"-, has been read, and that he warmly appreciates the spirit it displays, and thanks the Society thro you, for the honour done him.

Of course, he accepts the "Membership" your offer him, and sends to the "Demosthenian Society", his sincerest acknowledgments.

I am Sir,

Most Respectfully,

Paul H. Hayne

Aide de Camp.

Geo. C. Walker C. Sec.

Marianna, Jackson County

Florida, Jany 28th 1861

Mr. George C. Walker

Athens, Georgia

Your esteemed favour of the 21st inst. informing me, that the Demosthenian Society of the University: to honorary membership, is before me.

I appreciate the compliment accept with pleasure and with the assurance, that it will afford me pleasure, to contribute to the noble purpose of the Society.

Very respectfully I am

Your obt. svt.

John Milborn

P S. The letter was addressed to me as John A. Milborn. I have no middle name.

J. M.

Savannah, Feb. 4th 1861

My dear Sir,

Your favour of the 21st relative came duly to  
, but for some days subsequently I was absent from the  
city.

I had considered myself under engagement to deliver  
the annual oration before the societies; but, as I learn from  
your letter that I am not, and that there is still time left  
to secure another - in view of the very unsettled condition  
of the country & the claim fixed thereby upon all of us who  
reside on the sec.-board, I am grateful to be relieved from  
a duty the discharge of which, under more auspicious circum-  
stances, would have been most agreeable to me. With my ack-  
nowledgment of the honour conferred I remain

Vy respectfully, Yr. Obt. Servant

Henry K. Jackson

George C. Walker

Sec.

University of Georgia,

Feby. 14th. 1861

Mr. George C. Walker,

Cor. Secy. Demos. Socy.

My Dear Sir,

I thank you for your note of the 17th. Inst. informing me of the wishes of the Demos-thenian Society as to my services on the 19th. Inst.

Please return to the members of the Society my very sincere acknowledgements for this expression of their kindness, and assure them that I shall cheerfully respond to their wishes and officiate as desired.

With my best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Society, I beg to remain,

Yours, Very Truly,

Andw. A. Lipscomb.

Athens 16th February 1861

Gentleman.

Your invitation to the Troup Artillery to join in the celebration of your Anniversary on the 19th was laid before the Corps today. We regret to say that causes beyond our control will prevent us from accepting your kind invitation.

Most Respectfully  
James F. Wilson Secy.

Messrs  
Coleman  
Wells  
and Cooper  
Com.



Anderson, S. C. 15th March 1861

To Mr. W. S. Coleman Esq.

Cor. Secretary,

Demosthenian Society

Franklin College Geo.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 2nd.

Inst, appraising me of my election, unanimously, as an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society of Franklin College, was duly received. I have only time at present, in the midst of pressing Official and Professional Engagements to announce my acceptance of the appointment, and through you, to return to the Society which you represent, my sincere thanks for the compliment implied by their election.

With every best wish for the prosperity of your society and its members; and for its success in producing many Demosthenians whose names shall hereafter encircle the "Confederate State of America" with a halo of enduring glory,

I have the honor to be very

Respectfully yours

Obt. Servant

I. P. Reed

Cincinnati,

April 8th, 1861.

Dear Sir:

Your favour of the 23rd , informing me of my election to honorary membership in the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia, has been received.

For so distinguished and unexpected a compliment and expressed in such flattering terms as you have been pleased to employ, I am unable to under any appropriate acknowledgement fest assured, however, that I feel more the less grateful for the kindness of the Society (which I accept with pleasure) and for your own.

Very Respectfully

Your obt servt.

G. E. Pugh

Mr. W. T. Coleman  
Corresponding Secretary

Gentlemen of the Demosthenian Socy.

I beg the pleasure of your company at my house this evening at 7 o'clock.

Yours, very Truly,

Andw. A. Lipscomb.

Feby. 22. 1862.

Phi Kappa Hall,

Feb 21st. 1866.

Gentlemen of Demosthenian  
Society:

We herewith enclose  
for the members of your Society (50) fifty  
tickets of invitation to our public exhi-  
bition.

Respectfully

Carlton Hillyer.

H. D. Beene.

L. H. Lampkin.

P. H. Rucker.

W. W. Thomas.

Com. of Arangmts.

Athens Augt 27. 1866.

H. B. Van Epps  
Corresponding Secy.

D. S.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th inst with the information that your Society had elected me an honorary member of their body was handed me several days since and would have been answered sooner but for pressing engagements.

Permit me through you to tender my acknowledgement of the honor conferred upon me by your Society, and please to acquaint them of my acceptance.

Yours Very Respectfully

Jno. W. Nicholson

Athens, Sept 5th 1866

Dear Sir.

A few days ago I was informed by one of the members (possibly by yourself, for I did not remember the name) of your Society, that a letter had been written to me informing me that I had been elected one of the Honorary Members.

I have waited to reply in the hope of receiving the letter; but it has not yet reached me.

Please express to the society my sincere thanks for the honor they have paid me and notify the members of my acceptance.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Svt.

I. Pembroke Jones

Mr. H. B. Van Epps.

C. Secty. Demosthenian Society

Athens, Ga.

Spring hill

Houston Co. Geo.

Sept. 7. 1866

H. B. Van Epps Esq.

Cor Sec. D. S.

My dear Sir.

I am in receipt of yr letter informing me I was elected an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society. You will please return my thanks to the Society for the honor conferred with the hopes of soon making the acquaintance of its members. I am

With just respect

Yr. Obt. Servt.

W. Leroy Brown

Athens Ga. Nov. 8th./66.

To President,

and Gentlemen of the Demosthenian Society -

Your communication containing the flattering intelligence, of my election to "Honorary Membership" in your Society is before me. Entertaining, as I do, the highest regard of all Societies, having for their aim the developing of the moral and intellectual being and especially for yours-because of my close proximity and the advantages I hope to enjoy- Through your kindness - I do most cordially accept the honor conferred.

With grateful acknowledgment for your appreciation, and praying God's blessing to rest upon your Society- You will permit me,

Young Gentlemen,

to subscribe myself

Your most Obt. Servt.

J. D. Will Burkhead

Mr. Emory Speer

Cor. Secy.



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Macon, G a., Mar. 13, 1867.

C. H. Hill, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 9th inst informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of the Demosthenian Society. It is an unexpected honor, which I cheerfully accept, feeling at the same time my unworthiness.

Accept my thanks for your kindness in informing me of my election.

Yours Truly

J. W. Burke

Macon Geo

April 10th. 67-

Reese Crawford Esq

Corresponding Secretary Demosthenian Society

Dear Sir:

I accept with pleasure the honorary membership of your Society tendered me in yours of recent date.

I trust that our society may ever flourish, and especially that its members from our own Empire State may attain to that destruction which can only be won by honest and manly effort.

With the liberties of our fathers vested from us, we have only left the principles on which these liberties were founded, and it rests with us to preserve them inviolate that they may, at some day however distant, serve us, when the uncertain circle of revolutions, may again place our destinies in our own hands.

Very truly & C

John W. Shorter

Macon May 29th 1867

B. H. Hill Jr.

Dear Sir: Your letter notefying me, that I have been elected to Honorary Membership in the Demosthenian Society is recd. Gratefully appreciating the honor done me, I take pleasure in accepting it; and consent cheerfully to you enrolling my humble name on the roll of your distinguished members.

Truly and Respectfully

Yours and C.

E. H. Myers.

Lexington July 3rd 1868

Mr. J. C. Young

Sir.

Your favor of June the 7th, notifying me of the honor done me by my election to honorary membership in your Society, was delayed several days, and after its reception, pressing engagements and absence from home prevented an immediate reply.

With grateful acknowledgement, I most cordially accept the place among you so generously and unexpectedly tendered.

Very Respectfully,

J. G. Gibson

University of Georgia.

Sept. 4th, 1868

To the President of the  
Demosthenian Society

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose  
you a copy of the "Resolutions" passed by the Board of  
Trustees at their last session, with reference to the par-  
ticipation of the Literary Societies of the University in  
the election of Junior and Senior Orators.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

Andw. A. Lipscomb.

Chancellor.

Davidson College No. Ca.

November 13th 1868

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 2d , came to hand yesterday. having been considerably delayed by misdirection.

I am very sorry to understand that the books referred to are not to be found. As I certainly returned them. Although I took a good many books out of the Library of the Society, they were all returned within the proper time, except once. When my having had them out over time was satisfactorily accounted for.

In all instances, I placed the books upon the Librarial table and it must have been through some mistake that the volumes (Waverly Novels 5 and Cooper's Novels No. 27) were not marked returned.

As I still and ever shall feel an interest in what concerns the Demosthenian Society, I hope that the books may be found. Regretting that you were placed under the necessity of writing, and that I am not able to give you further information, I remain.

Yours very respectfully,

George Summey

Corresponding Sect.

Demosthenian Society.

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MD.

EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

Baltimore,

Jan 28th 1870

Mr. Peter W. Martin

Dear Sir

Accept in behalf of the Demos-  
thenian society my thanks for the compliment of an election  
to its Honorary Membership. May it prosper in the ends of  
its Organization and be the means of disciplining many a  
Southern mind in those powers of persuasion which made the  
tongue of Demosthenes more formidable than a host, and may  
yet repeat his triumphs in a second Athens.

Yours Respectfully

R. A. Holland

Salmange Ga

Feb 9th 1870

Mr. P. M. Martin:

Athens Ga

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 5th inst rec'd  
and I beg that you will inform the Demosthenian Society of  
my acceptance of the tendered honor. Such societies do imm-  
ense good, if properly conducted, and have been the means of  
properly developing some of Georgia's statesmen within your  
own walls, and I doubt not that at present the future states-  
men of our new oppressed State and to be found among the am-  
bitious and industrious for genius is a(humble of  
diligent work) debaters at Athens.

Resply Yrs.

M. O. Tuggle



Macon Geo:

Feby: 10th 1870

Dear Sir

I have your letter of the 5th, informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of the Demosthenian Society of the Georgia University, by which I feel highly bound.

I feel a deep interest in the State University, and think every Georgian should be proud of it, its of Professors and Students; Altho my self only a Georgian; just anxious; I am truly so, I will do all in my power to maintain it.

Of course I feel a more particular interest in your Society, now that my Son is one of your members, and by that you will call on me whenever I can be of any service.

L. N. Whittle

P. W. Martin Esq.

Cor: Secty:

Athens

Geo:

LAW OFFICE OF

JOHN P. FORT,

SECOND STREET

Macon, Ga., Feb 11th 1870

P. W. Martin Cor. Sec.

Athens Ga

Dear Sir:

Your letter in-  
forming me of my election as an Honorary member of the Demos-  
thenian Society is received. I desire to express through  
you to the society my acceptance of the position tendered me,  
and my thanks to your honorable body.

With high regard, I am

Very Respectfully

Jno. P. Fort

Greenville, Ga.

14th Feb. 1870.

P. W. Martin  
Cor. Sec. Dem. Soc.  
Uni. Ga.

My Dear Sir

Your official favor of the 5th inst. communicating the fact of my election to "Honorary Membership" of the "Demosthenian Society" of the "University of Ga, is before me, and for such an honor you will in behalf of those you represent please accept my sincere thanks.

In accepting the privilege thus conferred it will be my highest pleasure at all times to lend what assistance I may be able to the promotion alike of the aims and ends of your time honored Association as well as the prosperity and happiness of the individual Membership thereof. With my deepest solicitude for your personal welfare and success in life I am as ever

Yr friend

H. R. Harris

Phi Kappa Hall

Feb. 15th 1870

Representing the Phi Kappa Society we, the Committee, acknowledge the receipt of one-hundred (100) Demosthenian Invitations and tender thanks for the same.

Committee) I. F. Heard. Jr.

N. E. Harris

P. K. Youge

WASHINGTON

LITERARY SOCIETY

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

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Tuesday Evening Feby 22nd 1870.

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LaGrange, Ga., Feb 23 1870

To the Members of the Demosthenian Society.

Gentlemen: I am notified by your Secretary, Mr. P. W. Martin, that you have elected me as an honorary member of your time-honored Society, for which I feel flattered, and trust I may never cause you to regret it.

This is the more pleasant to me because it was in Athens I began life as a poor, friendless boy, and because of my warm attachment for Old Franklin College, which I have never ceased to commend in the whole course of my editorial career covering a time of seventeen years.

To you, young gentlemen, allow me to add a few words of encouragement, because of my great solicitude for the young men of our beloved and down trodden South. Soon the destiny of our bleeding States will rest upon your shoulders, and I would see every one of you take a proud position in promoting the general welfare, and become firm and irresistible defenders of the cause of Justice and Right - true to your nature land, true to your ancestry and true to God in being true to these. The hope of the South is in her young men. To them we must commute all that is dear to a noble and once free people. They must perpetuate the glory and honor

of our ancestry, and see that no dishonor stain the true Southern Character. We are taunted by our implacable enemy as "the chivalry" as a term of reproach or contempt. Young gentlemen, let me say to you not to be ashamed of the designation. Maintain the distinction, and make your revilers feel the supremacy of that noble spirit over the cold and sordid and calculatory amentus of the Puritan.

I wish to see such and every one of you go out from College with all the honor due to perseverance, persistence and unyielding devotion to letters; and when you come to take your positions in the struggles of life, to be even found the noble Champions of your nature land-fearless and unawed in the right, like the many noble and unflinching spirits who are now upon the rolls of your membership.

Hoping that these lines may not be obtrusive, and with my best wishes for the success, prosperity and glory of the Society,

I am, young gentlemen, Yours truly

C. H. C. Willingham

P. S. As a slight token of my appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, I shall send you regularly a copy of the LaGrange Reporter.

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University of Va Feb 25th  
1870

The thanks of the Washington Literary Society are returned  
for the invitation to the Anniversary Celebration of the  
Demosthenian Society.

Respectfully

John C. Walker

Corresp. Secty.



Augusta Ga.

Mon 8 1870

E. G. Simmons Esq

Cor sec

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th Inst informing me of my election to honorary membership in the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga has been received. I accept with pleasure and tender my thanks for the honor thus conferred. With best wishes for the success of your society

I am Truly yours.

James, C. C. Black.

Atlanta Ga 15th Moh 1870

E G Simmons Esq  
Cor Secy Demosthenian Society,  
University of Georgia,  
Athens Ga,

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12th inst, informing me of my election to an Honorary Membership of your Society reached me last evening. I take sincere pleasure in accepting the same, and hereby return my thanks to the society in thus favoring me. I expect to be in Athens before a great while and hope to have the satisfaction of meeting with your Society and forming the acquaintance of many of its members.

I am Very Respectfully

J. Henly Smith

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Macon, Ga., March 18th 1870

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. informing me that I  
had been elected an honorary member of your Society, has  
been received. I accept the honor so kindly conferred, and  
beg leave to tender through you, my best wishes for the suc-  
cess and prosperity of the Society.

Yours very Respectfully

T. J. Simmons

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Louisville

March 26th, 1870

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 19th, informing me of my election to an honorary membership in the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga. is received.

The election is a most agreeable surprise to me, and is accepted with pleasure.

Please to convey to the society my sincere acknowledgement for the honor they have conferred upon me, and my deep interest in the future distinction and happiness of each member, and receive for yourself expressions of my great regard.

Yours T-

W. H. Platt

Madison April 2nd 1870

To the Secretary of Demosthenian  
Society.

Dr. Sir,

I take the liberty of suggesting Gene Albert C. Garlington as a suitable person to deliver the annual address before the Societies at next Commencement. Gene G. graduated with the 1st Honor in 1842, has lived in South Carolina, where he made great reputation as a lawyer, until last fall, when he removed to Atlanta, in this state. He was selected by our Society, to deliver the annual address, some years ago, & after accepting, was forced to decline, on account of a professional engagement that required his presence in Carolina, during Commencement week. From a personal interview with him, last week, I am satisfied he will not accept only the appointment but be pleased to have it tendered. If the Society has not already made selection of an orator for that occasion it can not do better than to elect Gene Garlington.

Respectfully yours

I. A. Billups

Athens, Ga., April 2d, 1870

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By direction of the Odd Fellows Lodge of this place, we take the liberty of presenting for your consideration, the interest of the

LIBRARY,

which the Lodge desires to raise, for the benefit of the members.

The Lodge has a spacious, well lighted hall, in which weekly meetings are held, and in furtherance of the benevolent aims of the institution, the design has been conceived of laying now the foundation of a permanent Library. We believe that this permanency is secured by connecting the enterprises with an organized Lodge of a permanent Order. After a few days notice, given to only a few members, over one hundred volumes have been collected, and now the desire is to increase the number at once, to at least one thousand volumes, by soliciting in this unobtrusive way, a few books from each citizen of our city. The value and feasibility of this scheme, and the probable permanency and increase of such a library will occur to you without further statement. We hope, therefore, to receive from your private library, a denation of several volumes. Send them, with your name if you please, as soon as convenient, to the store of Mr. R. L. Moss, or notify either of us where they may be obtained.

Any Books, Paintings or Engravings will be appreciated.

We are, in behalf of the Lodge,

Yours Respectfully

C. A. Evans, M. G. Cphen, Alfred T. Luckie,---Committee.

Atlanta 8 April 1870

Mr. E. G. Simmons  
Athens, Ga.

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3d inst informing me that I had been chosen by the Demosthenian Society to deliver the annual Literary Oration at the next Commencement of the University of Georgia.

You will please inform the Society organ you are that I accept the invitation, and at the same time present to them my sincerest thanks for the honor they have conferred upon me.

I am very respectfully yours,

A. C. Garlington

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday Morning, May 20th 1870

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I. Hamilton Carswell, Brotherville

Georgia

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P. O. KEY BOX 334. Augusta, Ga., May 24 1870.

Dear Sir:

The copy of Appletons' "New American Cyclopaedia"  
1 vol. and "Annual Cyclopaedia" 8 vds. - 24 Vol. in all for-  
warded by me, is a present to the Demosthenian Society of  
Athens- from the Hon. Robert Toombs of Harlington Ga. and  
forwarded as per his instructions.

(illegible)  
J. C. Derby

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Athens March 11th 1871

To the President or Secretary of the Demosthenian Soc.

I have left at the Burks Book Store one of genl Lees  
Memoral Pictures. Presented to the Society by the Honl B.  
H. Hill, which I hope will be suitably acknowledged by your  
Society.

Respectfully and C

I Thomas

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21st, 1880.

Mr. Harry H. Phinizy.

Corresponding Secretary

Demosthenian Society.

My dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you for calling my attention  
to my promise to give my portrait to the Demosthenian Society.  
I will at once have the picture executed, and will forward it.

I am dear Sir,

Very Sincerely yours,

Emory Speen

SENATE CHAMBER

WASHINGTON

January 21.

1880

Harry D. Phinizy

\_\_\_\_ Esq.

Corresponding Sect of the  
Demosthenian Society of the  
University of Georgia

Dear Sir -

I am much honored in being elected an honorary member of your Society - and I beg you will inform my few associates of the pleasure with which I find myself enrolled as one of their number.

Very Respectfully

T. F. Vayand

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER,

WASHINGTON, Feby 7, 1880

Harry D. Phinezy  
Cor. Sec of the  
Demosthenian Society  
University of Georgia

Dear Sir-

I beg to return through you to your Society, my sincere thanks for the honor done me in choosing me their Orator for the next commencement of the University-

It is quite impossible for me however to make any engagement that would necessitate my absence from Washington during the tension of the Senate - and for that reason I am compelled to decline.

You will please make known to your Society my reasons for inability to accept the honor proposed.

I am very

Respectfully

T. F. Vayand

Athens

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Mr. Polhill Cor. Sec. Dem. Society

Dear Sir:

Your notification of my election to honorary membership in the Demosthenian Society was received some time since, and would have received earlier attention but for absence from the city and, great press of work.

I esteem it a privelege to accept the honor.

May the future of the Demosthenian Society be as brilliant as its past.

Very truly,

G. G. Bond

Gentlemen-

Circumstances unforeseen and beyond my controll will disable me from carrying out my engagement as private orator in the Demosthenian Society at the approaching commencement. The disappointment in my case has been great, and I am only in hopes that time is yet left you, to appoint another abler than myself to fill the honorable position, to which your Society has elected me.

Yours Respectfully,

T. Gauabl

To the

Corresponding Committee

Dem. Soc.

Demosthenian Hall, 30th. Agst.

The Committee appointed by Demosthenian Society to draught resolutions expressive of the feeling of its members relative to the decease of their late fellow member Mr. Franklin Bryan - Respectfully report the following-

- Again are we called upon to mingle our tears oer the deceased person of a beloved fellow member. Death is at all times terrible; but when he comes to us as a fell desroyer and snatches from our midst one in the prime of youthful health and vigor, as in the case of our lamented friend, he unmaus our resolutions and prostrates us in the dust by the sternness and severity of the blow. In thus expressing our sad - Melancholy emotions at the loss of one who was to us "even as a brother"- we feel that it is but a feeble index of the sentiments of his friends at large - "Those who knew him best - loved him most,"and to his friends he was a fair and fragrant flower in the garden of their affections - But the storm of Death has swept oer this garden and the flower now droops its head upon a broken stalk - Words however are but feeble expressions of our heartfelt sorrow. The Divine decree has gone forth and it becomes us meekly to how before the insentable providence of him, "who doeth all things well" - But how shall we speak of the domestic circle, which is thus rendered desolate and of the hallowedties which thus surrendered by this afflicting dispensation! Would that our affectionate sympathy and condolence might prove a consolation to those who weep



around the deserted hearthstone! May they find comfort in the protecting power of him, whose merciful promise it is to bring gladness out of sorrow.

Therefore as an expression of our feelings by it:

Resolved 1st;

That we have heard with deep sensibility the announcement of the death of Mr. Franklin Bryan, a member of the Senior Class - and of the Demosthenian Society.

Resolved 2nd;

That we tender to the relatives of the deceased the expression of our sympathies upon this affecting event: and as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased that the members of the Demosthenian Society go into mourning by wearing crape for 30 days.

Resolved 3d;

That our banner and badges be clothed in mourning on the occasion of his funeral services.

Resolved 4th;

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased; and that they likewise be published in the Tallahassee and Marianna papers.

Mr. G eo. W. Rush,

Dear Sir, you will please accept my thanks for your kindness in informing me of the non-receipt of my former letter of acceptance. If my legal engagements permit, I hope to have the pleasure of meeting with your Society, sometime during next Summer.

If you have an extra copy of the last Annual Oration, delivered before the Societies of the University, please send me a copy.

Hoping, to have the pleasure of greeting you in our town, sometime, I remain, your obdt.

Warren D. Wilkes

We the representatives of the two literary Societies, for the purpose of facilitating the borrowing of books for mutual improvement from the Demosthenian and Phi Kappa Libraries without detriment to either, have resolved on the following.

- 1st. That both Libraries shall be opened every Thursday to the members of the two societies.
- 2nd. That duodecimo and octavo volumes may be borrowed for the period of two weeks only: Quartos and folios for three weeks.
- 3d. That no one shall be allowed to take out or retain more than three volumes at the same time.
- 4th. That those retaining books longer than the specified time, shall be fined 5 cts for each volume each day over the time.
- 5th. That the respective Societies collect the fines of its own members and refund it to the society which fined.
- 6th. That these fines be reported and collected on the 15th October, 1st of April and 10th June of each term. Joint committee

Phi Kappa Soc:

W. G. Hill

D. C. Hodo

Demos Soc:

G. W. Easter

G. W. Rash

Gentlemen of the Demosthenian Society.

We who were appointed a committee to collect the money due the society by both its honorary and regular members, do here make the following report. We wrote almost immediately to those members who were in there places, requesting them to pay up immediately, but have heard not a word from any one of them yet. We then went to dunning the regular members, all of whom, with few exceptions, promised to pay up. We only collected .75 cts cash. Those who refused to pay up, we deem it our duty to report, so that the Society can take action on it. G. Holleyman, was the first to say that he wouldn't pay, on the ground that he didn't owe as much as we made it out. We being confident that we made out each account correctly, will not consent to have it less, until we look over the book again and prove ourselves wrong. Mr. Kinnebrew, Mr. P. G. Thompson and Mr. C. H. Eubanks refuse to pay on the ground that many of the fines against them were unjustly charged. In regard to the Senior members who are now about to leave, we have seen them all except Mr. Hugh Harris, and they all have promised to pay except Mr. Anderson. He says he will not pay till he gets his diploma. We think that all will respond with dispatch.

Harry Wells

C. B. Riddly

Gentlemen of the  
Demosthenian Society

You  
are respectfully requested to attend the  
exercises of the Athens Guards on 4th  
July next at 10 oclock A. M. at the  
Town Hall  
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is fully one-third greater, in my estimate, than that of any  
other similar work. The editorship was confided to the most  
able hands. THE COHORT OF CONTRIBUTORS WAS SINGULARLY STRONG,  
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SOUTHERN MEN, NATIVES, AND FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE LOCAL SUB-  
JECTS OF OUR SECTION, WITH ITS HISTORIES IN DETAIL AND BIOG-  
RAPHIES OF ITS MOST REMARKABLE MEN. Having myself been con-  
sulted by the Messrs. Appleton at the inception of the work,

I had the assurance from them that the materials of American Character should be drawn from the most impartial and most unquestionable sources of authority- THAT THE SOUTH SHOULD HAVE THAT JUSTICE ACCORDED TO ITS CHARACTER, ITS HISTORY, AND ITS PUBLIC MEN, WHICH BEFORE HAD BEEN TOO COMMONLY DENIED IN SIMILAR PUBLICATIONS. I myself took an active part in suggesting to the publishers not only a large variety of Southern topics, but, at the same time, I indicated to them the several clues leading them to the proper parties for the treatment of each several subject. I feel assured that the publishers have steadily adhered to their original honorable determination to forbear all improper, partial, sectional discriminations in all the several departments of their work. But that work is now before our public, and in an examination of its pages it will be found that they will sufficiently answer for themselves. You will be able to assist our people in the examination, and I trust you will be successful in diffusing, generally, throughout the South, one of the most valuable by far of all collections of the kind-a Library-a very world of books in itself. IT WILL SUPPLY TO THOUSANDS THE MEANS OF STUDY AND KNOWLEDGE, FOR WHICH THOUSANDS OF OTHER BOOKS WOULD BE SEARCHED IN VAIN.

" With due regard, believe me, sir, your obedient servant,

"W. GILMORE SIMMS.

" TO J. C. DERBY, Esq."

"LIBERTY HALL, CRAWFORDVILLE, GA.,

March 31, 1870.



" In reply to your request for my opinion of the NEW AMERICAN CYCLOPAEDIA, by the Appletons, of New York, and the continuation of the same in their Annual, etc., allow me briefly to say that my appreciation of the merits of both these works may best be judged from the fact that I procured both as soon as I could, and would not be without either for double their cost.

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"Yours most respectfully,

"ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS."

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"Most respectfully,

"JNO. W. BECKWITH,

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Sam Lumpkin

Chm. Com. Tri.

## PREFACE

This is a slim volume of Demosthenian Society notes, entitled "Demosthenian Society, 1868", composed of letters to different members of the society, regarding the return of overdue books and also a list of the members and the titles of the books that are overdue.

The typing was done by Miriam G. Parr,  
Secretary of the Political Science Department.

A. B. S.

Athens, Georgia

August 25, 1952

No. 5, and "Cooper's Novels" Vol. 27, which during  
the last College Session, you obtained from our  
Library - By so doing you will oblige .

Yours <sup>R</sup>espectfully

J. B. B. Smith

Cor. Sec. Demosth. Soc.

Athens, Oct. 2nd 1868

Mr. Geo. Camp,  
Greensboro, Ga.

Dear Sir:

The "Demosthenian Society" requests through me that you return to us two volumes. "History of South Carolina", and "Byron and his Contemporaries", which you obtained from our Library during the last College Session.

Respectfully and C

J. B. B. Smith

Cor. Sec. Demos. Soc.

Athens, Oct 2nd 1868

Mr. ----- Lane,

Clayton, Ala.,

Dear Sir:

The "Demos-  
thenian Society" through me requests that you return  
to us a volume- "Hazlett's Life of Napoleon", obtain-  
ed by you from our Library.

Hoping compliance will not be troublesome

I subscribe myself Respectfully

J. B. B. Smith

Cor. Sec. Demos. Soc.

Athens, Oct. 2nd 1868.

Hr. ----- Calloway:

Dear Sir:

The "Demostenian Society" through me requests that you return to us a volume,- "The Ways of the Hour", which you obtained from the Library of the Demostenian Society.

Hoping that compliance will not be too troublesome, I subscribe myself

Respectfully Yr Obdg. St.

J. B. B. Smith

Cor. Sec. Demosth. Soc.



A. W. Davis. Librarian

Jan. 20

No. of Books 1742

" " " Recently received

17 Vols. Report of Committee on Ku Klux Affairs.

Vol's gotten out last term and not returned.

J. H. Hoskinson

Memories of 50 years

Burke's Works Vol. 1

Lott Warren

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T. B. Coleman

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Tom Brown

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- Prize Essays W. H. Fleming
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H. H. Gordon

Hume Vol. 6

Twenty years in Phillipine, Islands.

M. T. Hodge

Mirabeau Hurnes England Vol. 4

R. M. Hodge

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Napoleon Thomson's Seasons.

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C. S. Floyd	May 24th Jun. 10	
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W. R. McIntyre	May 20 to Jun 28	10 days
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Murphy	May 24 " " "	4 " "
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Davis P. W.	May 13 to Jan. 28	18 days over
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McGay	
Nicholson, D. B.	
Paulson, H.	

It is true that Lynching is unlawful and illegal in sight of the law, but just where is the law gotten from, it is gotten from the people of course. Some say that lynching is always done by a bunch of fanatics and dam fools. That I do not deny. But if they are a bigger bunch of dam fools than our Legislators and law makers God have mercy on them.

The desire to lynch is comparable to a business cycle. That is, there are periods of depression reasons.

Chaplain

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## PREFACE

This short volume was typed from the original volume of "Letters Copied by the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Literary Society in 1870."

The typing was done during the fall quarter by Mrs. Miriam G. Parr, Secretary of the Department of Political Science.

Albert B. Saye

Athens, Georgia

October 30, 1952

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University of Ga.

Athens, Georgia

Jany. 22nd, 1870

Dr. R. H. Holland  
 Baltimore

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasant duty, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society, of the University of Ga. to inform you of your election as an "Honorary Member" of that body.

Hoping to be favored by an early reply, I re-

main

Very Truly and Respectly yours,

Peter W. Martin

Cor. Secy.

Dr. R. H. Holland

Baltimore, Jan. 28th, 1870

Mr. Peter W. Martin

Dear Sir:

Accept in behalf of the Demosthenian Society my thanks for the compliment of an election to its Honorary Membership. May it prosper in the ends of its organization and thus be the means of disciplining many a Southern mind in those powers of persuasion which made the tongue of Demosthenes more formidable than a host and may yet repeat his triumphs in a second Athens.

Yours Respectfully,

R. H. Holland

University of Ga.

Athens, Georgia

Jany. 22nd, 1870

Dr. Meusey

Baltimore

Dear Sir:

As the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga., it is my pleasant duty to have the honor of informing you of your election as an Honorary Member of that body.

Hoping to be favored by an early reply,

I have the honor to remain

Very truly and Resptly yours,

Peter W. Martin, Cor. Secy.

Athens, Ga.

Feb'y. 5th, 1870

Col. H. R. Harris  
Greenville

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasant duty as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga. to inform you of your election to the Honorary Membership of that body. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Very truly and Respectfully,

R. W. Martin

Cor. Secy.

Col. H. R. Harris

Greenville, Ga., 14 Feb'1870

R. W. Martin, Cor. Sec. Dem. Soc. Univ. Ga.

My dear Sir--- Your favor of the 5th last, communicating the fact of my election to "Hon. Membership of the "Dem-Society" of the "Univy. of Ga.", is before me, and for such an honor my sincere thanks.

In accepting the privilege thus conferred it will be my highest pleasure at all times to lend what assistance I may be able to the promotions alike of the aims and ends of your time-honored association as well as the prosperity and happiness of the individual membership thereof. With my deepest solicitude for your personal welfare and success in life I am as ever

Yo friend

H. R. Harris

Athens, Ga.

Feb. 5th, 1870

W. O. Tuggle  
Lagrange,

Dear Sir:

As the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga. it is my pleasant duty to inform you of your election to the Honorary Membership of that body. Hoping to be favored by your acceptance, I remain,

Very Truly and Respectfully

P. W. Martin

W. O. Tuggle

Lagrange, Ga.

Feb. 9th, 1870

Mr. P. W. Martin  
Athens, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Your's of the 5th inst. rec'd and I beg that you will inform the Demosthenian Society of my acceptance of the tendered honor. Such societies do immense good if properly conducted, and have been the means of developing some of Georgia's Statesmen within your own walls and I doubt not that at present the future statesmen of our now oppressed state are to be found among the ambitious and industrious (for genius is a humbug without deligent work) debaters at Athens.

Respecfy. Yrs.

W. O. Tuggle

Athens, Ga.

Feb. 5th, 1870

Mr. C. H. C. Willingham  
Lagrange.

Dear Sir:

As the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society, it is my pleasant duty to notify you of your election to the Honorary Membership of that body.

Hoping to be favored by your acceptance, I remain

Very Truly and Respectfully,

P. W. Martin  
Cor. Sec.

C. H. Willingham

Lagrange, Ga., Feb. 23, 1870

To the Members of the Demosthenian Society.

Gentlemen: I am notified by your society and secretary, Mr. P. W. Martin, that you have elected me as an honorary member of your time-honored society, for which I feel flattered, and trust I may never cause you to regret it.

This is the more pleasant to me because it was in Athens I began life as a poor, friendless boy, and because of my warm attachment for old Franklin College, which I have never ceased to commend in the whole course of my editorial career covering a term of seventeen years.

To you, Young gentlemen, allow me to add a few words of encouragement, because of my great solicitude for the young men of our beloved and downtrodden South. Soon the destiny of our bleed-

ing states will rest upon your shoulders and I would see every one of you take a grand position in promoting the general welfare and become firm and irresistible defenders of the cause of Justice and Right, true to your native land, true to your ancestry and true to God in being true to these. The hope of the South is in her young men. To them we must commend all that is dear to a noble and once free people. They must perpetuate the glory and honor of our ancestry and see that no dishonor stain the true Southern Character. We are taunted by our implacable enemy as "The Chivalry" as a term of reproach or contempt. Young gentlemen, let me say to you not to be ashamed of the designation. Maintain the distinction, and make your revilers feel the supremacy of that noble spirit over the cold and sordid and calculating amenities of the Puritan.

I wish to see each and every one of you go out from College with all the honor due to perseverance, persistence and empending devotion to letters and when you come to take your positions in the struggles of life, to be ever found the noble champions of your native land, fearless and unmoved in the right, like the many noble and emflinching spirits who are now upon the rolls of your membership.

Hoping that these lines may not be obtrusive, and with my best wishes for the success, prosperity and glory of the society, I am, young gentlemen, yours truly

C. H. C. Willingham

P. S. As a slight token of my appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me, I shall send you regularly a copy of the La-



grange Reporter.

W.

Athens, Ga.

Feb. 5th, 1870

J. P. Fort

Macon.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor as the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society, of the University of Ga. to inform you of your election to the Honorary Membership of that body.

Hoping to receive an early acceptance, I remain

Very Respectfully,

P. W. Martin

Cor. Secy.

J. P. Fort.

Macon, Ga. Feb. 11th, 1870

P. W. Martin, Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Your letter informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of the Demosthenian Society is received. I desire to express through you to the Society my acceptance of the position tendered me, and my thanks to your honorable body.

With high regard, I am

Very Respectfully,

Jno. P. Fort.

Athens, Ga.

Febry. 5th, 1870

Col. L. N. Whittle

Macon.

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasant duty to have the honor, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society, to inform you of your election to the Honorary Membership of that body.

Hoping to receive your acceptance, I remain,

Very Respectfully,

P. W. Martin

Cor. Secy.

Col. L. N. Whittle

Macon, Ga. Feb. 10th, 1870

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th, informing me of my election as an Honorary member of the Demosthenian Society of the Georgia University, by which I feel highly honored. I feel a deep interest in the State University and therein every Georgian should be proud of it, its corps of Professors and students: altho' myself only a Georgia, I'm anxious: I am truly so, and will do all in my power to maintain it. Of course I feel a more particular interest in your society now that my son is one of your member, and by that you will call on me whenever I can be of any service.

I am and C.

L.H. Whittle

P. W. Martin Esq.  
Cor. Secty: and C.  
Athens,  
Ga.

Washington, Ga.

Feby. 7th, 1870

Dear Sir:

Your favour of the 22nd, informing me of my election by the Demosthenian Society, as their "Literary Orator" for the next commencement has been duly received, I would accept the compliment with great pleasure, but there is a considerable probability that my engagements may take me out of the state at that time, and as there should be no uncertainty in a matter so interesting to the society, I am compelled on this account solely to decline it. Please return my sincerest thanks to the Society for this honor and the many other evidences of goodwill which it has hitherto shewn me and assure it of my unabated interest in its welfare and prosperity. Please for yourself my thanks for the very kind manner in which you have communicated to me the wishes of the Society.

I am very respectfully and truly

Yours and C.

R. Toombs

Mr. P. W. Martin

Athens,

Geo.

University of Ga.

Feby. 9th, 1870

Genl. Jno. B. Gordon,  
Atlanta.

Dear Sir:

In having the honor, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of addressing you, it is my pleasant duty to inform you of your unanimous election as the "Literary Orator" for the Commencement of 1870. As the Demosthenian and Phi Kappa Societies elect, alternately, an orator to address them, it is the sincere wish of the Demosthenian Society that you accept.

Hoping to be favored with an early reply of acceptance,

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully and Truly Yrs.

P. W. Martin,

Cor. Secry.

Genl. Jno. B. Gordon

Atlanta, Feby. 14th, 1870

My Dear Sir: Yr's. of the 9th informing me of my election, as the Literary Orator for the next Comaencement, is recd. In reply, I have to state that I am now under promise to Dr. Lipscomb, to deliver the medals in August and of course must decline the flattering invitation. With my thanks to the Demosthenian Society and to you individually for the Compliment paid me, I am

Very Respectfully,

J. B. Gordon

P. W. Martin Esq.

Cor. Secry and C.

Athens, Ga.

March 5th, 1870

Honl. Wm. T. Dortch,

Goldsboro:

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I, as the Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the "University of Ga." have the honor of informing you of your election to the Honorary Membership of that body.

Hoping to receive your acceptance,

I remain very Resptfy. and Truly y's.

P. W. Martin

Cor. Secty.

Dem. Society

Honl. Wm. T. Dortch

Athens, Ga.

March 3rd, 1870

Dr. T. K. Meusey

Baltimore.

Dear Sir:

Several weeks since I wrote you informing you of your election to the Honorary Membership of the Dem. Soc. of the University of Ga, but have rec'd. no feply.

I now write you by request of the Demosthenian Society about a matter of much interest to it and her sister Society.

It is the custom for the two societies of this University to elect, alternately, "Literary Orator" from their list of Honorary Members, to address them on Commencement day.

Allow me to hope the favor of an early reply, as this is not only a matter of deep interest to the Literary Societies, but in one of importance to the University, and the state at large: For then it is that the University's halls of Learning are filled with Georgia's brightest Sons and fairest daughters. Hoping an early reply of your acceptance of the honor,

I remain Respectfully and Truly yours,

P. W. Martin

Cor. Secry.

Dr. T. K. Meusey

(Answer to be written on next page.) P. W. M.

Athens, Georgia

March 4th, 1870

Hon. J. C. C. Black

Augusta.

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasant duty as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia, to have the honor to inform you of your election as honorary member of that body.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance of the same

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly and respectfully

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Secretary

Dem. Society

Hon. J. C. C. Black  
Augusta

Augusta, Ga.

Feb. 8th, 1870

E. G. Simmons Esque

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 4th inst. informing me of my election to honorary membership in the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga. has been received. I accept with pleasure and tender my thanks for honor thus conferred. With best wishes for the success of your Society

I am truly yours,

James C. C. Black

Athens, Georgia

March 12th, 1870

Col. T. J. Simmons

Macon.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure as Corresponding Secretary of Demosthenian Society to inform you of your election to honorary membership of that body.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance of the same

I have the honor to remain

Very truly and Respectfully

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Macon, Ga. March 18th, 1870

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12 inst. informing me that I had been elected an honorary member of your Society has been received. I accept the honor so kindly conferred and beg leave to tender through you my best wishes for the success and prosperity of the Society.

Yours Very Respectfully.

T. J. Simmons.

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Georgia

March 12th, 1870

J. Henly Smith, Esque.

Atlanta.

Dear Sir:

As Corresponding Secretary of the Demos-thenian Society I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of that body.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance of the same

I have the honor to remain

Very truly and Respectfully

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.



E. G. Simmons Esq.  
 Cor. Sec. Demosthenian Society  
 University of Georgia  
 Athens, Ga.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 12 inst. informing me of my election to honorary membership of your Society reached me last evening. I take sincere pleasure in accepting the same and hereby return my thanks to the Society in thus favoring me. I expect to be in Athens before a great while and hope to have the satisfaction of meeting with your Society and forming the acquaintance of many of its members.

I am very Respectfully,

J. Henly Smith

Athens, Ga.

March 12th, 1870

Bishop E. H. Morvin  
 St. Louis

Dear Sir.

It is my pleasant duty as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia to inform you of your election to honorary membership of that body.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance of the same

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly and Respectfully,

E. G. Simmons, Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga.

March 12th, 1870

Richard Peters Esque

Atlanta

Dear Sir:

With pleasure as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga. I inform you of your election to honorary membership of that body.

Hoping to

hear soon of your acceptance of the same

I have the honor to remain

Very truly and Respectfully

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Georgia

March 19th, 1870

W. H. Platte Esque

Louisville

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasant duty as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia to inform you of your election to honorary membership of that body.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance of the same

I have the honor to remain

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Louisville

March 26th, 1870

Dear Sir:

Your note of the 19th informing me of my election to an honorary membership in the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia is received.

The election is a most agreeable surprise to me and is accepted with pleasure. Please to convey to the Society my sincere acknowledgements for the honor they have conferred upon me and my deep interest in the future distinction and happiness for each member and receive for yourself expressions of my great regard.

Yours and

W. H. Platte

Louisville, Ky.

Athens, Georgia

April 10th, 1870

Hon. Wm. N. Prescott

Greenville, So. Ca.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia to inform you of the election to an honorary membership of that body.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance of the same I have the honor to remain

Very truly and Respectfully

E. G. Simmons

Cor. Sec.

Greenville, So. Ca., 1870

Mr. E. G. Simmons

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 10th April notifying me of my election to Honorary Membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga. has been recd.

I accept with pleasure the honor conferred and tender my thanks to the Society. With wishes for its success.

I am truly and Respectfully,

Wm. N. Prescott.

Athens, Georgia

June 11th, 1870

Mr. D. Appleton

New York

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia.

Hoping to hear of your acceptance of the same,

I have the honor to remain, Very truly and Respectfully

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec. D. S.

Athens, June 26th, 1870

Gen. John B. Gordon  
Atlanta

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to fill the Chair of honorary Presidency of the Demosthenian Society at Commencement.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance of the same,

I have the honor to remain

Very truly and Respectfully

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec.

Atlanta, June 30th, 1870

Mr. W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec. and C.

My Dear Sir.

Yrs. informing me that the Demosthenian Society had chosen me to fill the chair of Honorary Presidency at the approaching Commencement is recd.

I regret that I cannot accept. My engagements are such that I may be called away from Athens, before the meeting of the Society.

Thanking the Society for honor conferred, I am

Most truly and c.

J. B. Gordon

Athens, July 4th, 1870

Mr. Joseph Echols

Lexington.

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to fill the Chair of Honorary Presidency of the Demosthenian Society at Commencement.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance of the same I have the honor to remain very Truly and Respectfully

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec.

Lexington, July 7th, 1870

Mr. W. B. Walker

Yours of the 4th of July notifying me of my appointment as Presiding Officer of the D. Society at the next commencement has been recd.

I am just recovering slowly of an attack of fever and I may not be well enough by that time to participate in the deliberations of the Society. I shall make an effort to be with you but prefer your making another appointment to prevent a disappointment. Tender my thanks to the Society for the honor conferred and accept my best wishes for yourself as the agent of her instructions.

With kindest regards, I am yours very Respectfully,

J. H. Echols.

Athens, July 9th, 1870

Judge J. Hillyer

Athens.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to fill the Chair of Honorary President of the Demos-thenian Society at the approaching commencement.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance

I have the honor to remain

truly and Respectfully,

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Thursday 14th July-70

Mr. W. B. Walker, Cor. Sec. and C.

My Dear Sir:

I rec'd. your communication in-  
forming me of my election as Honorary President of the Demos-  
thenian Society at our approaching commencement.

It gives me pleasure to accept the appointment and I re-  
spectfully ask that you will do me the favor to present to the  
Society my sincere thanks for the distinguished honor they have  
confered upon me.

With very sincere regards,

I am truly yours,

James Hillyer

Athens, Sept. 11th, 1870

Gen. M. C. Butler  
Edgefield

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I inform you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance, I have the honor of remaining truly and Respectfully,

W. B. Walker  
Cor. Sec.

University of Georgia

Sept. 11th, 1870

Judge I. L. Harris  
Milledgeville

Dear Sir.

In behalf of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia, I thank you for a donation of books received during vacation.

Truly and Respectfully,

W. B. Walker  
Cor. Sec.

Athens, Sept. 24th, 1870

Gen. A. H. Colquitt

Atlanta



Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance, I have the honor to remain truly and Respectfully,

W. B. Walker

Athens, Oct. 1st, 1870

M. A. Elmore Esq.

New Orleans

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance, I have the honor to remain

truly and Respectfully,

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec.

Dr. Sir

I accept the honor conferred as honorary member of the D. S. and tender my sincere thanks to the same.

Yrs. Truly,

Wm. A. Elmore

To.

W. B. Walker

Cor. Secty.

Athens, Oct. 1st, 1870

W. W. King, Esq.

New Orleans

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance, I have the honor to remain

truly and Respectfully,

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Oct. 1st, 1870

Jas. C. Walker

New Orleans

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia.

Trusting that you will accept of the honor

I remain truly and Respectfully

W. B. Walker

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga., Nov. 5th, 1870

Gov. N. L. Bonham

Dr. Sir.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you  
of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian  
Society of Univ. of Ga.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance,

I am Resp. and C.

C. A. Turner

Cor. Secty.

Athens, Ga., Nov. 5th, 1870

Armstead Burt Esq.

Dr. Sir

I have the pleasure of informing you of your  
election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of  
Univ. of Ga.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance

I am resp. and c.

C. A. Turner

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga., Nov. 5th, 1870

Col. W. D. Simpson

Dr. Sir:

I with pleasure inform you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of Univ. of Ga.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance

I am resp. and c.

C. A. Turner

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Geo.

Feb. 28th, 1871

W. B. Johnston Esq.

Macon, Geo.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga.

Trusting that you will accept of the honor

I remain truly and respectfully

W. B. Lamar

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga., Feb. 28th, 1871

Rev. Benj. Johnson

Dear Sir

I with pleasure as Corresponding Secretary of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Ga., inform you of your election to honorary membership of that body.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance

I am resp. and c.

W. B. Lamar

Cor. Sec.

Macon, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1871

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging your kind letter announcing my election as an honorary member of the Demosthenian Society of University of Georgia. Please inform your society that I accept with grateful appreciation the honor they have so kindly conferred upon me. The increasing of the age under doubly necessary those intellectual arts and that training to which your Society is devoled; and which alone can prepare the young men of the South to reassert in better lines the historic position of their section. Convinced of the vital importance to the South of the highest mental culture common with all who love my adopted state of Georgia, I shall follow with interest and pride the workings of your Society to this end.

Mr. W. B. Lamar

Corsp. Sec. D. S.

Your Friend and Serv.

B. Johnson

Athens, Ga., Mar. 1st, 1871

W. W. Hicks D. D.

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of Univ. of Ga.

Hoping to receive your acceptance, I remain

Very respectfully,

W. B. Lamar

Cor. Sec.

Macon, Ga., Mar. 4th.

W. B. Lamar

Cor. Sec. Dem. Society

Univers. Georgia

Dear Sir

Your kind note informing me of my election to honorary membership of the Demos. Society of your University, came duly to hand.

Do me the kindness to thank the Society for the honor conferred, and assure them of my high appreciation of the same,

Yours truly

W. Walker Hicks

Athens, Ga., Mar. 1st, 1871

C. A. Nutting Esq.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of informing you  
of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian  
Society of Univ. of Ga.

Hoping to receive your acceptance I re-  
main,

Very Respt.

W. Lamar

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga., Mar. 1st, 1871

John T. Pendleton, Esq.

Dr. Sir

I have the pleasure of informing  
you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian  
Society of Univ. of Ga.

Trusting that you will accept of the  
honor, I remain

Very Respt.

W. B. Lamar

Cor. Sec.

Athens, Ga. Apl. 13" 71

W. P. Price Esq.

Dr. Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University-Ga.

Hoping soon to hear of your acceptance

I am respot.

E. N. Hammond

Cor. Secty.

Dahlonaga, Geo. April 22d, 71

Mr. E. N. Hammond

Cor. Sec. D. S.

Univty. Geo.

Sir:

Your communication of the 13" inst. informing me of my "election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society" has been received.

Please convey to the members of the Society my thanks for the honor they have conferred upon me, and that I most gratefully accept the position.

Respet. W. P. Price.



Athens, Geo. Apl. 13<sup>th</sup> 71

Gen. P. M. Young

Dr. Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the Univty. of Ga.

Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance

I am respect.

E. M. Hammond

Cor. Secty.

Washington, D. C.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1871

E. M. Hammond Esq.

Cor. Secty. D. S. Univty. Geo.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. notifying me of my election as honorary member of the Demosthenian Society for which permit me to return my thanks and assurances that I shall ever make it my duty to prove myself acceptable to the Society and if possible worthy of the honor conferred upon me. With every respect I am

Very truly yours,

P. M. Young

Athens, Ga., Mar. 13th, 1877

Prof. Geo. Little

Athens, Ga.

You were elected an Honorary member of the Demosthenian Society, March 8th, 1877 and in accordance with my duty as C. S. I have the honor to inform you of your election.

Very Respt.

C. Murphy Candler

C. S. D. S.

Newton House

Athens, Ga.

March 15th, 77

Mr. C. Murphy Candler

C. S. Dem. Soc.

Dear Sir

Please express to the D. S. my thanks honor conferred on me by an election to Honorary Membership in that Ancient and usefull fraternity and assure the members that in accepting the honors pertaining thereto I shall hope to participate in the pleasure as well as the to perform the duties incumbent upon those elected as Honorary Members.

Very Respt.

Y'r Ob'd. Servant

Geo. Little

The letter of the C. S. is abbreviated, that of the answer is copied in full.

Demosthenian Society  
University of Georgia.

Athens, Jan. 17th, 1880

Hon. Thos. F. Bayard,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of your election to honorary membership of the Demosthenian Society of the University of Georgia. Hoping to hear of your acceptance, I remain

Yours truly,

Harry H. Phinizy

Cor. Sect. of the D. S.

Senate Chamber

Washington

Jan. 21st, 1880

Harry H. Phinizy, Esq.  
Cor. Sec. of the Demosthenian  
Society of the University of Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I am much honored by being elected an honorary member of your society, and I beg you will inform my new associates of the pleasure with which I find myself enrolled as one of their numbers.

Very respectfully  
 Your obedient servant,  
 T. F. Bayard

The letter of the C. S. is abbreviated, that of the answer copied in full.

Demosthenian Society  
 University of Georgia  
 Athens, Jan. 11th, 1880

Hon. Emory Speer  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago, you signified our willingness to present the Demosthenian Society with a portrait of yourself, in answer to the request of the society. If not inconvenient to you, the Society would be glad to receive the portrait now, and I have been requested to write you for that purpose. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours truly,

Harry H. Phinizy  
 Cor. Sect. of the D. S.

Committee of Elections  
 House of Representatives,  
 Washington, D. C., Jan. 21st, 1880

Mr. Harry H. Phinizy  
 Corresponding Secretary  
 Demosthenian Society

My dear Sir.

Permit me to thank you for calling my attention to my promise to give my portrait to the Demosthenian Society. I will at once have the picture executed, and will forward it.

I am, dear sir,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Emory Speer.

The letter of the C. S. is abbreviated, that of the answer copied in full.

Demosthenian Society

University of Georgia

Athens, Jan. 17th, 1880

Col. John C. Rutherford

Macon, Ga.

Dear Sir.

I have been requested by the Society to write you that the Demosthenian Society would be glad to receive your portrait, which sometime ago was given them to the Society. Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to the matter, I am,

Yours truly,

Harry H. Phinizy, Cor. Sect.

The letters below are exact copies of that sent, and the one received.

Demosthenian Society  
University of Georgia  
Athens, Jan. 26th, 1880

Hon. Thos. F. Bayard  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

A week ago, I had the pleasure of informing you of your election to honorary membership of this Society; I now have the honor of informing you of your election as Commencement orator. There are two literary societies at the University of Georgia, the Demosthenian and the Phi Kappa. They alternate in selecting the literary orator for commencement, last year the Phi Kappa Society selected Hon. O. A. Lechrane; this year the Demosthenian Society has the privilege. When the time arrives to select the orator several names are proposed and each generally receives some votes. On last Saturday the name of Thos. F. Bayard was chosen by an unanimous vote. Such has never happened but twice since the organization of the Society, and it has flourished for seventy-nine years. Our Commencement occurs the last of July, and while it is some time off, the members of this Society sincerely hope that you will be able to accept their invitation and be with them on the occasion. Soliciting an early reply,

I remain, Yours very truly

Harry H. Phinisy

Cor. Sec. of the D. S.

United States Senate Chamber  
Washington, Feb. 7th, 1880

Harry H. Phinizy, Esq.  
Cor. Sec. of the Demosthenian Society  
University of Georgia.

Dear Sir,

I beg to return through you to your Society, my sincere thanks for the honor done me in choosing me their orator for the next Commencement of the University. It is quite impossible for me however to make any engagements that would necessitate my absence from Washington during the session of the Senate, and for that reason am compelled to decline. You will please make known to your society my reasons for inability to accept the honor imposed, and that

I am very respectfully  
Your and their obt. servant  
F. F. Bayard

Demosthenian Society  
University of Georgia  
Athens, Feb. 25th, 1880

Hon. Jno. T. Morgan  
Washington,  
D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of your election as Commencement orator. There are at the University of Georgia

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two literary societies, the Demosthenian and the Phi Kappa. They alternate in choosing the Commencement Orator. Last year the Phi Kappa Society exercised that privilege and selected Hon. O. A. Lochrane. This year we have the right of selection and the Demosthenian Society has chosen yourself. Our Commencement occurs the last of July and if you can so make your arrangements as to be with us on that occasion, the Society will feel itself honored, and our Commencement made doubly interesting. Hoping to hear soon of your acceptance, I have the honor to be

Yours truly and respectfully

Harry H. Phinizy

Cor. Sec. of the D. S.

Senate Chamber

Washington,

March 8th, 1880

Mr. H. H. Phinizy

Secretary,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. informing me of my election as Commencement Orator by the gentlemen of the Demosthenian Society has been received. Please tender my thanks to them and inform them that I extremely regret that the multiplicity and urgency of my engagements for next Summer will deprive me of that pleasure of being with them at their commencement. I have already been forced to deny myself the pleasure of meeting the gentlemen of one of your Alabama Colleges



next summer. With best wishes to you and to other gentlemen of the Demosthenian Society,

I remain yours truly,

Jno. T. Morgan

University of Georgia

Demosthenian Society

Athens, April 24th, 80

Rev. H. J. Ryan

Dear Sir,

Some weeks ago, my predecessor Mr. Persons wrote you informing you of your election as Commencement Orator. No reply was received to the letter, and it was concluded that you failed to receive it. I have the honor to inform you again that you have been unanimously elected Commencement Orator, and in behalf of the Society which I represent sincerely hope that you will favor us with an early acceptance.

Yours truly,

Harry H. Phinizy

Cor. Sec. Demosthenian

Society

Mobile, May 10th, 1880

H. H. Phinizy

Dear Sir:

At the request of Father Ryan I inform you that your letter was not received and he also says that he will not

be able to deliver the address at the same time he feels highly flattered at the honor you confer on him.

Respectfully,  
Jas. F. Taylor

"Telegram"

Athens, May 8th, 1880

P. W. Meldrim Esq.  
Savannah, Ga.

Demosthenian Society has elected you Commencement Orator. Do you accept?

H. D. Phinizy

Savannah, May 8th, 1880

H. H. Phinizy, Sect.  
Athens, Ga.

Accept with pleasure. Return thanks to the gentlemen of Demosthenian Society.

P. W. Meldrim