

PROGRAM OF THE 122 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 83

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Members of the Literary Club: The celebration of our anniversary is entrusted, by hoary custom, to the discretion of the new president to provide members with an early opportunity to find out if this individual is going to be dynamic and innovative or perhaps fatherly and pedagogic. This is the time that you find out what you are stuck with for the coming program year. Obviously then each new president must face this occasion with at least some concern and trepidation.

When I think that there are still with us, having served you in this capacity, Seasongood, Carothers, Sagmaster, Osborn, Shine, Asbury, Wadsworth, Cellarius, Dorst, Werner, Stimson, Vitz, Anderson, and Merkel, when I think of this, I find it doesn't take much natural modesty to pause a moment to mumble some appropriate word of little humility.

You have already heard a brief word from Mr. Seasongood. Going over this powerful list I have in addition prevailed on Ed Merkel, our immediate past president, Bill Werner as representing intermediate past presidents, and Ralph Carothers, the most senior past president still listed on the active roll, to help me out this evening.

These fellows, in addition to participating in the affairs of the Club in many ways, have been prolific and interesting contributors to our literary fair, as have all of our past presidents. I have asked them to do something I thought you would like and go back and find budget papers that they contributed but did not get to read themselves, and to come with them this evening, each to be one who comes with a paper, and to entertain us en famille with a reading of old favorites of theirs. We shall do this by seniority and we shall let the minutes show by volume and page that this evening's exercises consisted of an orgy of nostalgia.

Mr. Carothers will start the proceedings.

(Mr. Carothers then read his paper entitled

The Early Life of Tommy Atkins from Volume 46, beginning on page 317. Mr. Werner then read a paper written by James A. Maxwell entitled The Gazelle Problem from Volume 82, beginning on page 317. Mr. Merkel then read his paper entitled Travels with a Sunbeam from Volume 74, beginning on page 269.)

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