

# CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated the BOSTON LYCEUM.

ART. 2. The objects of this Society shall be the mutual improvement of its members, and the general diffusion of useful knowledge.

ART. 3. Any person, of 16 years of age, and upwards, may become a Member of the Lyceum, by handing his name to the Recording Secretary.

ART. 4. Every Member of the Lyceum shall pay the sum of two dollars at the commencement of each official year, or as soon afterwards as the Treasurer may call upon him for that sum.

ART. 5. The payment of twenty-five dollars at any time shall constitute a membership for life.

ART. 6. The Lyceum shall meet annually, for the choice of Officers, and the transaction of other business, on the third Thursday of May.

ART. 7. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Curators; all chosen annually by ballot, who together shall constitute a Board of Managers, to whom the direction of all the operations of the Lyceum shall be committed. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur after election.

ART. 8. No person under the age of 16 years shall be admitted to the public exercises of the Lyceum, except by a special vote of the Board of Managers.

ART. 9. Honorary Members may be elected to this Institution, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Lyceum.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be altered at any meeting of the Society, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, the alteration proposed having been submitted at a previous meeting, and having been referred for consideration, to a committee for that purpose.

## TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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THE exercises before the Lyceum during the past season have consisted of eighteen Lectures, two Poems, and two Exhibitions of the Elocution Class.

The Lectures were as follows,—to wit:

- GEORGE H. DEVEREUX, ESQ., (of Maine.)—*SUBJECT*—  
“Public Opinion.”
- GEN. JOHN A. DIX, (of Albany,) “The progress of Science in the 19th Century.”
- HON. GEORGE LUNT, (of Newburyport,) — “The Progress of Society.”
- WILLIAM H. SIMMONS, ESQ., — “Hamlet.”
- OLIVER W. HOLMES, M. D., — “The Natural Diet of Man.”
- HON. JAMES T. AUSTIN, — “The Siege of Boston in 1776.”
- J. VANDENHOFF, ESQ., (of London) — Elocutionary Readings.
- REV. J. S. C. ABBOTT, — “Personal and Political History of Louis Phillippe, King of the French.”
- REV. RAY PALMER, (of Bath.) — “The Career of the Saracens in the East, including the Life and times of Mohammed.”
- REV. RAY PALMER, — “The Saracens in the West, including the Moors in Spain.”
- S. G. GOODRICH, ESQ., — “Truth.”
- JOHN C. PARK, ESQ., — “The Law of Husband and Wife.”

J. V. C. SMITH, M. D.,—“An Historical Account of the appearance of Massachusetts Bay, at the first settlement of Boston.”

CHARLES THEODORE RUSSELL, ESQ.,—“The Chinese, and their present difficulties with England.”

HON. HORACE MANN, — “Education.”

REV. E. H. CHAPIN, — “Claims of Literature.”

GEORGE TYLER BIGELOW, ESQ., — “Mary, Queen of Scots.”

JOHN A. BOLLES, ESQ., — “Lord Brougham.”

The Poems were:—

PRIZE POEM,—“The Intellectual Republic,”—Composed by T. H. PARSONS, M. D., and Delivered by FRANCIS G. WHISTON.

POEM, — “Consistency,” — Composed and Delivered by E. P. WHIPPLE.

The Exercises of the ELOCUTION CLASS, were as follows:

FIRST EXHIBITION.

Defence of Irish Character,—*Phillips*,—by H. M. L. WHITMAN.

Selection from Paradise Lost,—*Milton*.—by L. MASON, JR.

Marc Antony over the Dead Body of Julius Cæsar,—*Shakspeare*, —by WILLIAM W. BAKER.

Paul Clifford's Defence,—*Bulwer*,—by CHARLES M. EUSTIS.

Dialogue,—by NATHANIEL GALE, GOODHUE AMBROSE and GEORGE B. HANOVER.

Selected Extracts,—from *Macbeth*,... *Shakspeare*, and *Fall of Robespierre*,... *Coleridge*,—by FRANCIS G. WHISTON.

The Country Boy's Career,—*J. T. Fields*,—by THOMAS J. ALLEN.

The Passions,—*Collins*,—by BENJAMIN LYON.

Argument in the Case of *Bardwell vs. Pickwick*,—*Dickens*,—by GEORGE F. BECK.

The Maniac,—*Lewis*,—by GEORGE B. HANOVER.

## SECOND EXHIBITION.

- Salutatory,—*Original*,—by THATCHER CLARK, JR.  
 Othello's Apology for his Marriage,—*Shakspeare*,—by BENJAMIN LYON.  
 Gems of Literature,—*Selections*,—by GEORGE F. BECK.  
 Poetical Address,—*J. T. Fields*,—by FRANCIS G. WHISTON.  
 Scene from Percy's Masque :—by HENRY BEAVER and GEORGE B. HANOVER.  
 Changes of Time,—*Dana*,—by CYRUS BREWER.  
 Capt. Enoch Eldarberry's Exploits in the Militia. (written for the occasion by Timothy Tylsterwell, Esq.)—by NATHANIEL GALE.  
 The Cause of Freedom,—*W. L. Garrison*,—by JOHN CURTIS, JR.  
 Scene from the Tragedy of Barbarossa, in two parts,—*Rev. John Browne, D. D.*—by GEORGE B. HANOVER, FRANCIS G. WHISTON, GOODHUE AMBROSE and BENJAMIN LYON.  
 Valedictory,—*Original*,—by ALLEN SHEPARD.

The Board do not deem it necessary to enter into any detail respecting the state of the Institution. Its prosperity and success have already exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its founders; and its present commanding influence and popularity are sufficient evidence of its utility and power as a means of public instruction and amusement.

All the tickets for the last Course of Lectures were disposed of in the short space of two days, and many persons were disappointed in not being able to obtain admission to the course. It is to be regretted that the number of tickets are so limited as to be insufficient to meet the public demand, but under present circumstances it is difficult to devise a remedy for this evil.

Owing to the unusual and intense political excite-

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE BOSTON LYCEUM } *in acc't* } THOMAS A. DAVIS, *Treas.*  
} *with* }

1841.	DR.
To Cash paid to Lecturers, - - - - -	\$522 06
" " Boston Academy of Music, - - - - -	477 00
" " Secretaries, for services and travelling expenses, - - -	253 87
" " Advertising and Printing, - - - - -	200 01
" " Organist, - - - - -	100 00
" " Charles Cook, for services, - - - - -	80 75
" " T. H. Parsons, Jr. for Prize Poem, - - - - -	50 00
" " William Russell, for instructing Elocution Class, - - -	50 00
" " For Sundries, - - - - -	14 88
Balance to new account, - - - - -	810 43
	\$3087 49

1841.	<i>SUPRA</i>	CR.
By balance from last account, - - - - -		487 48
By Cash received for 800 Tickets sold, - - - - -		1800 00
		\$2287 48

Errors Excepted,

THOMAS A. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Boston, May 13, 1841.—We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

EBENEZER SMITH, JR. }  
 NATHANIEL HARRIS, } AUDITORS.

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