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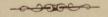
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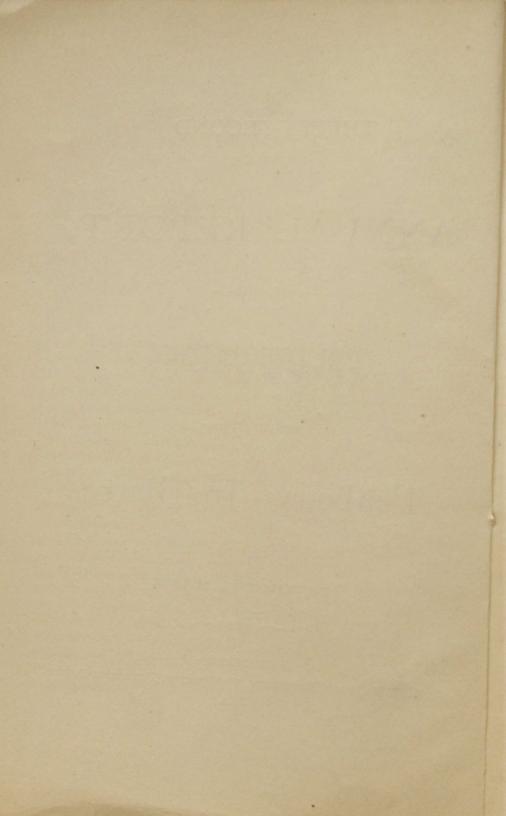
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## Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

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In the seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of the Institute, for the year 1858, it was announced that a new system had been adopted, under which nearly all the active direction and control of affairs devolved upon the Lyceum and Library Committee. That this "nearly" should have read "quite," is evident by an enumeration of the duties of that Committee. They were to have "the entire charge of the Library and of the courses of Lectures, and the appropriation and disbursement of all the income of the funds of the Institute." The worthy chairman of the Board of Trustees, (fragrant is the memory of his kindly countenance and genial ways,) very tersely and truly adds to this announcement of transfer of authority: "It will thus be seen that the Trustees can have but little to report upon to the Town which is not embraced in the Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee." Every writer of a Trustees' Report since that year must have endorsed the worthy chairman's statement with peculiar emphasis. It has seemed to the present writer at least, that not only the members doomed to write the Report, but the whole Board of Trustees stood in very much the same relation to the real managers of the affairs of the Institute, that the drum major does to the band. He occupies a leading position,

supplies a certain amount of show and dignity, but is not at all necessary to the production of the music. With a due regard for the wisdom of his predecessors, and a wholesome awe of disturbing long established precedents, the writer humbly ventures to dissent from their view of this delegation of the duties imposed upon the Board by the spirit of the Letter of Gift of Mr. Peabody. In that Letter the term " Committee" is applied to the governing board itself, to those taking charge of the trust-the Trustees. The town at its meeting January 28, 1852, added a Committee of twelve to serve and assist the Board, and, although the vote was that this new Committee SHALL perform certain duties, the meaning was undoubtedly MAY, as appears from the addition of the words, "and such other duties as the COMMITTEE shall assign to them." A mistaken interpretation of this vote of the Town and the singular action of the Trustees of 1858, have brought about the present curious and anomalous relations of the officers of the Institute. The principals having appointed their agents at the beginning of term year cannot, in any degree regulate, or ever inquire into, the workings of the machine they have set in motion. The Lyceum and Library Committee become, de facto, the Board of Trustees, and exclusive managers of the entire operation of the Institute. Whenever, as has once occurred, the Chairmanship of each of these important Committees is vested in one person, should that person be of an assuming and self-important disposition, and the two committees as ready to delegate their powers as are the Board of Trustees, this great Trust, instead of being under the charge of twelve men chosen by the whole town, would practically be at the mercy of one man whom the town might never choose. If, in addition, some of the members of these powerful committees were to be reappointed many times and hold their offices for long terms of years, a solution might be afforded to the hitherto unanswered problem, how is it, with a profuse expenditure of

money, yearly additions to the volumes of the Library, and with a constantly increasing population, the number of borrowers and readers steadily lessens, year by year. Would it be singular if there was a wide-spread popular belief that there was a tendency to exclusiveness in the management of the Institute, that materially diminished popular interest in, and sympathy with its noble mission? Far be it from the mind of the writer to undervalue the services of those worthy members of the Committees, past or present, who have served so long and well in their respective capacities. The public are their debtors for their valuable services, and for the many improvements in their departments. Yet it is probable that a strict limitation of their term of office to a number of years not exceeding that of the term of a Trustee would afford more general satisfaction and tend to awaken more general interest in the affairs of the Institute, as there are doubtless scores of worthy and capable young men in the town who would highly value such an appointment.

At the risk, too, of differing with many of his more experienced associates, the writer feels compelled to coincide with the views hinted in the following report of the chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee, in regard to the accumulation of the Reserve Fund of the institution. He is of opinion that the wise forethought which established the Fund never intended a rigid and unreasoning application of the rule then agreed upon that "the fund and all its accumulation be set apart as a reserved fund until some organic change in or permanent addition to the Institute or until some great emergency arise." An extreme construction of this vote, would allow the fund to accumulate to hundreds of thousands of dollars while the present generation were deprived of what may be termed the literary necessities of life. With a full insurance upon the property of the Institute; with land enough; with ample room in the present Hall for future shelf facilities, it is difficult to

imagine such an emergency as too strict a rendering of the vote of 1870 would require. So far as ordinary judgment can avail, there would seem to be no danger in the addition of the interest of the present fund to the working funds of the Institute, at least for some years. To say nothing of the desirability of adding to the Library a larger proportion of valuable current literature, than is now possible, the times are ripe for an increased expenditure for the yearly Course of Lectures. The greatly enlarged and improved accommodation afforded by the New Town Hall, and the consequent marked addition or revival of popular interest in the Course, call for a response from the authorities of the Institute, if within the bounds of possibility, and who can doubt that the gain to the citizens will be greater than that resulting from hoarding the reserve fund for an indefinite term of years. With some suggestions in regard to the issuing of books the writer will close with a strong suspicion that one of his notions will be carried out, viz : the one term idea, so far as it applies to himself! During the last year the Library Committee have "starred" and thus retired from indiscriminate circulation, certain volumes of an ultra Secession tone and spirit, such as Semmes' "Cruise of the Alabama," Gilmor's "Four Years in the Saddle," "Narrative of a Blockade Runner," etc. These works can now be had by application of adult borrowers to the Librarian. The impartial student of history has thus an opportunity to avail himself of all sources of information in regard to the late struggle, and its veterans are spared the mortification heretofore arising from their children bringing home books in which their fathers are set down as cowardly Yankee miscreants, and the cause they fought for as utterly unworthy. It would be judicious to extend the starring system further, and keep from the immature mind the works of Cargreve and Wycherly, of Fielding and Smollett, in fact of a majority of the works of the dramatists contemporaneous with these authors, including even

the poems of Shakespeare, to say nothing of such translations from the French as Numa Roumestan.

However classic this reading may be held, its influence must be more or less injurious to certain stages of mental develop-Per contra, such palatable and profitable mental food as is afforded by the popular magazines Harpers, Century, etc., should be placed within easy reach of every borrower, and there shoule be no further complaint of a lack of a sufficient number of sets of these valuable adjuncts to any library, even if it should require encroachment upon the reserve fund to do it. whole force and influence of this institution cannot be more profitably employed than in contesting for the possession of the minds of the coming generations, with the floods of evil literature that pour forth from so many polluted sources, almost every news stand furnishing means for more mental corruption than all the good books in the world can overcome, when once the appetite for vicious reading has been formed. In this, as in other moral reforms, the only chance for victory for the right, lies in getting first possession of the battlefield.

Though these observations deal so little in the indiscriminate adulation of their subject, so frequent, of this kind of literature, it must not be inferred that the writer does not fully appreciate the scope and degree of the work of the noble Institution, for which he has the honor to speak. No one can be more alive to its importance and beneficient possibilities. One of the few bulwarks of society against the fierce attacks of the powers of vice and crime it should receive the heartiest support of every good citizen.

Upon our free educational institutions rests the only hope of future triumph over the deadly influences of the gaming saloon and the dram shop. Therefore we may well cherish our grand old Institution of "Good Words" and make it our profound study to increase its elevating influences—to learn how best to

make its Library and Lyceum Course the potent factors they ought to be in the great conflict that is continually going on between good and evil.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Trustees,

FRANK E. FARNHAM.

Peabody, Feb. 20th, 1884.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The treasurer hereby presents to the Trustees the four following accounts for the year ending January 15, 1884:

1st. The General Current Account.

2d. The Reserved Fund Account.

3d. The Sutton Reference Library Account.

4th. The High School Medal Fund.

Also Statements of Invested Funds and Schedule of Insurance.

## GENERAL CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Trustees of the Peabody Institute in account with Franklin Osborn, Treasurer.

						Dr.
1883	3.		P 1- \$93	,000	00	
Jan.	25.	To paid	ZO TOWN DOZENY	460	00	
0	25,	i.	Premium,	217		
	25,	66	Accrued interest,	211	49	3,677 22
	,				42	22 10
77-1-	=	"	George Randall			
Feb.	5,		William Blaney,			7 04
	1,		T Tibrary			45 00
	7, 27,	66	Insurance, Library,			45 00
	27,		Insurance, Reference Library,			162 50
Mar.	31,		J. D. McKeene's salary,			75
mai.	31,		J. D. McKeene's, bills paid,			1 19
			A. H. Whidden,			1 86
	31,		Samuel Trask,			
	31,		A II Down			1 24
	31,	"	A. H. Perry,			67 50
April	2.		Gas,			20 43
P	2.		Water,			800 00
	10		L. & L. Committee,			3 00
		,	Peabody Press,			28 08
	27	,	E. G. Kelly,			20 00
	28	,	E. G. Hony,			

					3 50
	June :		J. O. Whitten,		31 75
	July	2,	Cido,		17 50
		2,	das, folderence files		175 00
		2,	o. D. McMoreon & Strange		50
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		2,	mon opton,		1 05
		2,	D. I. Hateminson,		6 00
		2,	E. L. McDonald, N. M. Quint,		3 00
		2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2	Tr. m. Quint,		4 00
		2,			6 30
T	uly é	3,			120 00
91	uly 6		William Pickering, reference lik	prary.	60 00
	6		Five B. C. & M. bonds,	\$5,000	
	6		Premium,	700	
	6			92	
	6		Brokerage,		25
		,	Dionologo,	-	5,798 61
	9.		L. & L. Committee,		800 00
	9,		C. G. Folsom,		21 64
Oc	t. 1,	66	J. D. McKeene's salary,		175 00
	1,	44	J. D. McKeene's bills paid,		40
	1.	44	Samuel Trask,		3 88
	1,		A. H. Whidden,		1 18
	1.	**	T. G. McLaughlin,		8 00
	1,	66	E. G. Kelly,		6 58
	8,	"	Merrill & Macintire,		12 45
	8,	. 66	Gas bill,		19 55
	8,	66	Gas bill, Sutton Library,		4 60
	8,	66	E. D. Trask & Son,		30 45
	8,	"	Farnham & Wei re.		5 00
	8,		Water rates,		20 43
	8,	**	William Pickering, Jr.,		14 00
	8,	- 66	C. G. Folsom,		29 11
	8,	44	Norton & Gilman, furnace,		162 58
	9,		L. & L. Committee,		800 00
	10, 20,	"	A. F. Clark,		17 85
	20,		O. B. Chadwick & Co. Insurance,		414 19
	20,		Golthwait & Bixby,		41 42
	20,	66	Merrill & Mackintire,		5 61
	30,	66	William Blaney,		152 59
1884.	00,		T. G. Pinnick,		28 67
Jan.	3,	"	Gas bill,		59 57
	3,	66	Gas bill, Sutton Library,		13 57
	4,	"	J. D. McKeene's salary		175 00
	4,	66	J. D. McKeene's bills naid		1 50
	4,		neary Hale & Co		4 50
	4,	"	Samuel Trask,		2 48
	1,	1 2 2	Munroe & Arnold,		4 25
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Jan.	4,	"	M. S. Clark,	11 81
	4,	66	Dole & Osgood,	2 50
	4,	"	Norton & Gilman,	3 75
	4.	"	E. G. Kelly,	2 50
	7.	"	C. E. Teague,	8 00
	7,	"	Richard Skinner, Jr.,	47 50
	8,	"	L. & L. Committee,	800 00
	15,	66	Fernald & Vittum,	1 50
	15,	66	Treasurer, sundry expenses,	10 00
				\$35,038 73
100	0			
188	3.			Cr.
Jan.	15,	By	Balance,	682 74
	28,	66	Sale of \$23,000 Mass. Registered Bonds,	
			Maturing July 1,	23,240 85
Feb.	1,	66	Received for use of hall,	30 00
Marc	h 1,	66	Received for use of hall,	40 00
	1,	66	One E. R. R. Coupon,	30 00
	31,	46	Received for use of hall,	30 00
April	1,	"	Received for rent from J. D. McKeene,	87 50
	2,	"	Three City of Boston Coupons,	85 00
	2,	66	One City of Lawrence Coupon,	30 00
	4,	"	Rec'd for rent from R. S. D. Symonds,	75 00
	6,	66	Six month's interest on town notes,	1400 00
	9,	66	Received for rent from D. P. Grosvenor,	75 00
	11,	66	Dividend of Warren National Bank,	10 50
35	30,	"	Received for use of hall,	35 00
May	1,	66	Twenty-three Peabody Coupons,	460 00
	11,		Received of Reference Library, loan of	247 16
31	91	46	Nov. 23, 1882, Received for use of hall,	15 00
May	31,	66	One B. & M. Coupon,	35 00
June		66	Two City of Cambridge Coupons,	60 00
Tanler	29,	66	Mass. Registered Bonds, (matured)	5000 00
July	2,	46	Mass. Registered Bonds, Interest,	125 00
	5,	46	Interest on Providence Bond,	25 00
	2, 2,	44	Received for rent from J. D. McKeene,	87 50
	2,	46	Received for rent from D. P. Grosvenor.	
	2,	46	Rec'd for rent from R. S. D. Symonds,	75 00
	2,	46	Received for use of hall,	15 00
Sept.		66	One E. R. R. Coupon,	30 00
Oct.	1,	66	Received for rent from J. D. McKeene,	87 50
000.	3,	"	Received for rent from D. P. Grosvenor,	75 00
	3,	66	Rec'd for rent from R. S. D. Symonds,	75 00
	3,	"	Received for use of hall,	30 00
	6, -	66	Interest on Town notes,	1400 00
	12.	66	One City of Lawrence Coupon,	30 00
	12,	66	Three City of Boston Coupons,	85 00
	12,	66	Five B. C. & M. Coupons,	175 00
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Nov.	12, 1, 3, 3,	" Dividend Warren National Bank, " Twenty-three Peabody Coupons, " Rec'd of Treas. Sutton Library, for Ins. " Received for use of hall,	460	00 00 00 00
1884. Jan.	4, 4, 4, 4, 7, 10,	"Received for use of hall, Received for rent from J. D. McKeene, Interest on Providence Registered Bond, One B. & M. Coupon, Two City of Cambridge Coupons, Rec'd for rent from R. S. D. Symonds, Received for rent from D. P. Grosvenor, Transfer from Reserved Fund,	87 25 35 60 75	30 50 00 00 00 00 00 18
	10,		\$35,038	73

## FRANKLIN OSBORN, Treas. of Trustees.

## RESERVED FUND ACCOUNT.

Trus		of the Peabody Institute in account with Franklin	Osborn,
	T	reasurer.	Dr.
1883.			11.
Jan.	25.	To paid for Twenty Peabody Bonds, \$20,000 00	
e con	25,	" Premium, 400 00	
	25,	" Accrued Interest, 105 89	20 500 00
			20,588 89
Mar.	20,	" E. D. Trask, repairs, Hammond house,	27 05
-	20,	" Merrill & Mackintire, paper, "	7 83
June		" B. F. Woodbury, repairs "	133 86
July		" E. D. Trask, " "	19 84
	6.	" M. S. Clark, "	38 94
	30,	" For One E. R. R. Bond, 1000 00	
	30,	" Premium, 102 50	
	30,	" Interest and Brokerage, 27 50	
	,		1,130 00
Dec.	8,	" E. D. Trask, repairs on Hammond house,	19 71
1884.	,		
		"Transfer to General Current Account	20 10
Jan.	15,	Transfer to denotal current account,	39 18
	15,	" Balance,	660 62
			00 002 00
			22,665 92
1883.			Cr.
Jan.	15,	By Balance,	766 47
	24,	Sale of 20 Mass. Bonds, maturing July 1, 2	20 209 45
Mar.	1,	" One E. R. R. Coupon,	30 00
	,	,	00 00

April	2,	" One City of Boston Coupon,	25	00
	2,	" One City of Lawrence Coupon,	30	
	2,	" One State of Mass. Coupon,	25	
	12,	" Rent of Mrs. Lord,	43	
	30,	" One City of Fall River Coupon,	30	
	30,	"Twenty-two Peabody Coupons,	440	
June		"Three City of Providence Coupons,	75	
oune		" One B. & M. Coupon	17	
	29,	"One P. & A. Coupon		
	29,	"One B. & A. Coupon,	30	
T 1	29,	"One City of Tauuton Coupon,	15	
July	2,	"Interest on Providence Registered Bond,	25	
	6,	"Rent of Mrs. Lord,	43	
Sept.	4,	"Two E. R. R. Coupons,	60	
Oct.	12,	" One City of Lawrence Coupon,	30	
	12,	" One City of Boston Coupon,	25	
	12,	" One State of Mass. Coupon,	25	
	19,	" Rent of Mrs. Lord,	43	75
Nov.	1,	" Twenty-two Peabody Coupons,	440	00
	1,	" One City of Fall River Coupon,	30	00
1884.				
Jan.	5,	" Interest on Providence Registered Bond,	25	00
ean.	5,	"Three City of Boston Coupons,		00
	5,	" One B. & M. Coupon,		50
		" One B. & A. Coupon,		00
	5,	" One City of Taunton Coupon,		00
	5,			75
	9,	"Rent of Mrs. Lord,	40	10
			\$22,665	92

#### FRANKLIN OSBORN, Treas. of Trustees.

#### EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND.

Trustees of the Peabody Institute in account with Franklin Osborn, Treasurer.

1883.		Dr.
May	1, To paid Institute Fund,	247 16
	1, Treasurer L. & L. Committee,	152 84
Nov.	1, "Treasurer L. & L. Committee,	400 00
		800 00
1883.		Cr.
May	1, By Twenty Peabody Coupons,	400 00
Nov.	1, "Twenty Peabody Coupons,	400 00
		800 00

FRANKLIN OSBORN, Treas. of Trustees.

## PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

Trustees of the Peabody Instituie in accouni with Franklin Osborn,

Treasurer.	Dr.
1883. May 17, To paid J. W. Hudson,	100 00
1884.	50 00
Jan. 15, Balance,	150 00
1883.  Jan. 15,  May. 1,  Nov. 1.  By Balance,  Two Province of Quebec Coupons  "Two Province of Quebec Coupons	Cr. 50 00 50 00 50 00
Nov. 1, " Two Frovince of Care	\$150 00

#### FRANKLIN OSBORN, Treas. of Trustees.

PEABODY, Jan. 15, 1884.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account and find the same correct with proper vouches for the payments.

ALEX B. MERRILL, KENDALL OSBORN, Finance Committee. CHARLES C. PIKE,

PEABODY, Jan. 22, 1884.

#### REAL ESTATE AND INVESTED FUNDS OF THE PEA-BODY INSTITUTE.

Land, building, library, portraits and cabinets of valuables not appraised. \$12,000 00 Two Dwelling Houses, 70,000 00 Town Notes, 23,677 00 Twenty-three Town Bonds, 300 00 Three Shares Warren National Bank, 940 00 One City of Lawrence Bond, 3425 00 Three City of Boston Bonds, Two City of Cambridge Bonds,
One City of Providence Registered Bond,
One B. & M. R. R. Bond,
One E. R. R. Bond,
Five B. C. & M. R. R. Bond, 2325 00 1050 00 1200 00 1082 00 5798 00 -121,797 00

#### RESERVED FUND PROPERTY.

One Dwelling House,	3,550 00
Twenty-two Town Bonds,	22,634 00
Twenty-two Town Bond	940 00
One City of Lawrence Bond,	990 00
One City of Fall River Bond,	
One City of Boston Bond,	1125 00
One City of Taunton Bond,	555 00
Three City of Providence Bonds,	3351 00
Three City of Trovidence Bonds,	1050 00
One City of Providence Registered Bond,	1130 00
One Mass. Bond,	
One B. & A. R. B. Bond,	1065 00
One B. &. M. R. R. Bond,	630 00
One B. W. M. R. Donda	2212 00
Two E. R. R. Bonds,	699 00
Cash,	\$39,931 00
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#### EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND.

Twenty Town Bonds,

\$20,000 00

HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

Two Province of Quebec Bonds,

2,000 00

183,728 00

## FRANKLIN OSBORN, Treas. of Trustees.

#### INSURANCE.

Co.  Dorchester, Quincy, Essex, Holyoke, Merrimac, Phenix, S. Danvers,	Am't \$2,500 00 5,000 00 5,000 00 1,500 00 3,000 00 3,000 00 5,000 00	Expires. Nov. 19, 1886 Nov. 19, 1886 July 1, 1887 Nov. 15, 1888 Nov. 19, 1888 Nov. 19, 1888 July 1, 1889
Library { Holyoke, Royal, London & Lancashire Continental,	\$25,000 00 \$3,500 00 6,500 00 5,000 00 5,000 00 \$20,000 00	Mar. 15, 1884 Mar. 23, 1884 Feb. 25, 1886 Nov. 19, 1888

Portrait, Phenix, Portrait, Phenix, Portrait, Phenix, Bust, Phenix, Furniture, Phenix,	\$1,000 00 100 00 100 00 350 00 300 00 \$1,850 00	Nov. 19, 1888 Nov. 19, 1888 Nov. 19, 1888 Nov. 19, 1888 Nov. 19, 1888
Wallace House, So. Danvers, Merrill House, So. Danvers, Hammond House, So. Danvers, Hammond House, So. Danvers.	\$3,000 00 2,000 00 550 00 450 00 \$6,000 00	June 1, 1884 June 1, 1884 Aug. 1, 1886 Mar. 1, 1888
Fixtures of Sutton Library Salem Mutual,	2,500 00 2,500 00	May 1, 1885 May 1, 1885
Andrew & For	\$5,000 00 mers \$1.500 00	May 1, 1885
Sutton Library { Merchants & Far Salem Mutual, Phenix,	500 00 5,000 00	May 1, 1885 Feb. 25, 1886
	\$7,000 00	

FRANKLIN OSBORN, Treas. of Trustees.

## Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:-

The annual report of the Lyceum and Library Committee, due, by the rules recently adopted, on the first of February in each year, is here presented for the year ending February, 1884, together with the reports of officers and sub-committees usually accompanying it.

Having had recent occasion, in behalf of this board, to represent to the Trustees the desirability of transferring the Peabody lectures from the hall of the Peabody Institute to that of the new town house, which recommendation was promptly carried into effect by the Trustees by arrangement with the town: we have now to say, that the experiment, tested by the last four lectures of the course, proved to be a most gratifying success. The details will be found in the report of the committee on

We cannot refrain from taking this opportunity to express the pleasure we feel at the prospect, that the attendance at the Institute lectures will once more represent not only the population, but in a more proper sense and more amply, the society, so to speak, of our goodly town. It had been well understood for many years, that the personal discomforts attending the inevitable struggle for seats in the old hall were so great, as to deter many citizens of advanced years, and those whose presence gives tone and character to a public assembly in any community, from making the attempt. It could hardly be expected that a sober citizen would consent to compromise his personal

dignity, or that a lady of refinement would not shrink from the risk encountered, of being jostled by the impatient, surging crowd into the mud of the street, while waiting outside for the opening of the doors of the lecture hall.

It is hardly necessary to add, that, for these reasons alone, this change should become permanent. But the importance of the change becomes very much enhanced, when we consider the bearing it may possibly have upon the solution of another problem that, as years roll on, presents itself to us with ever increasing urgency. That problem is, what shall be done with the books of the Peabody Library, after its large yearly accessions shall have filled every available space for shelves in the present library hall. This question may be speculative at present, but it will surely at some time become very practical, and if the space of the Institute building now occupied by the lecture hall should prove to be no longer wanted for that purpose, what would be more economical or more convenient, all things considered, than to utilize that space for securing the needed increase of library room, not to speak of separate reading rooms and some additional accommodations for library work, the need of which is beginning to be felt. Pursuing this course the question of a new building, or any costly additions to the present one, might be postponed for many years, if it ever became necessary to deal with it.

We leave this subject to touch briefly upon another, which, without having been thus far much considered by our board, has to some extent occupied the thoughts of its members. It will be noticed that allusion has been made in the present and past reports of the committee on the Peabody Library, to the fact of diminished resources at the command of the committee, not so much for keeping up with the current additions of the press of the day on the topics of general literature, science, art, etc., etc., but to supply those gaps which yet exist, and

which must be filled in every large library if it would become well balanced in all its departments.

The general causes of the diminished income at our disposal are well understood, and most of them, from the nature of the case, must be permanent, but it is argued that this is not necessarily so with that part of the invested funds of the Institute the income of which yearly adds to the capital of the reserved fund. We would approach this subject with much caution, for no one can appreciate more fully than the writer of this report, the wisdom that provided for the commencement of that fund, or the importance of swelling its amount to a point that shall provide for all possible contingencies in the future history of the Institute.

The question, then, is first, what is the limit beyond which it would no longer be useful or expedient to increase the reserved fund. We answer for ourselves that it has by no means vet The next question is, whether the rate of yearly been reached. increase at the present time is so large, that any part of the income of the reserved fund could be spared for yearly expenditure for the departments under the charge of our board. In treating of this subject we do not consider any objections that may exist, if any, to such a disposal of any part of the income of the reserved fund, arising out of the action by which it was originally created, not having given that subject any examination; but, granting that the way is clear, desire to do no more at the present time than to call this subject to your attention, as one worthy of consideration, and to suggest that, to limit to some extent the rapidity of the increase of the reserved fund, might possibly be found to be a safe change. This view would be somewhat strengthened if the suggestion made above, of plans to avoid for a long time to come any increase in the building of the Institute, should prove upon examination to have any practical value.

The reports submitted with this document afford abundant evidence that all the departments of the Institute have done their work faithfully and successfully, not the least of which their work done by the librarian of the Peabody library is the good work done by the librarian of the Peabody library in the preparation, with much labor, of a convenient reference in the preparation of additions to the library made since the supplement catalogue of additions to the library made since the supplement was printed.

Accompanying the report of the committee on the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library is a list of books added by purchase and donation, that attest the intelligent zeal and ability with which that department of the Institute is ever cared for.

Respectfully Submitted,

THOS. M. STIMPSON,

Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

## REPORT OF PEABODY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:-

The committee on the Peabody Library report a year of continued usefulness of the Library, marked by no special feature of change of management, though including substantial improvements in the shelving and the facilities for borrowers, and especially in the great and successful labor of the Librarian in completing a working catalogue on the same plan as those previously printed, for the use of those taking books from the Library. The extent of this work can be appreciated only by those who have attempted such an undertaking, and its correctness and convenience are fully appreciated by those who have occasion to consult it. Although copied in manuscript by means of a copying pad, it is quite as legible as ordinary print; and the method of its execution has been the means of a material saving of expense, which is specially important now that the income of the committee is so reduced.

The circulation of books shows a slight gain over that of the preceding year, the different departments maintaining about the same relative position, as appears by the Librarian's report.

The limited amount available for the purchase of new books has rendered the duty of the committee in the selection of books a difficult one, and has made necessary the rejection of many works which would have been of real value to the Library. The collection of books now in the Library is the result of constant care and exercise of judgment in selection, extending over many years. For a library such as this, more attention ought to be paid to the permanent value of books than to their imme-

diate popularity, or the demand for them on their publication. It is the function of a public library to furnish to the citizens the means of making exact and thorough acquisitions of know-ledge in all branches of history, biography, science, art and literature; and every valuable book may be the source of benefit through scores of years to come, which cannot easily be measured or calculated.

The two departments of the Institute were wisely planned to work together, the Lectures to awaken and excite interest in various fields of knowledge and attainment, the Library to furnish the means of pursuing the investigations so pointed out.

It is a matter of serious concern, therefore, when the resources of a public library are limited and its operations restricted and diminished; and it is to be hoped that some means may be found for supplying the needs of the Library and enabling it to maintain that high rank among the public libraries of the country which its well balanced collections have already given it.

For the Committee,

THEODORE M. OSBORNE, Chairman.

## REPORT OF LECTURE COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:-

The Lyceum Committee would respectfully report that the course of lectures consisted of eleven, which fully sustained the standard of past years.

By direction of the Trustees the lectures were transferred to the New Town Hall at the close of the series given by Prof.

Richards.

The opening night showed an attendance of one thousand people, two hundred more than the seating capacity of the Institute Hall, while at the closing evening, consisting of "Select Readings," the number estimated to be present was placed at sixteen hundred, just double the number that could be accommodated at the Institute. The average nightly attendance, at the very lowest, was one thousand persons.

With comfortable seats, good ventilation and ample room, there came a large number of our people who had not been present at the lectures for years, and the Lyceum Committee have every reason to believe that if the lectures should be continued to be held at the New Town Hall, a larger average attendance will be shown, and thus the benefits arising from the lectures, reach a larger number of our citizens.

The following is the list of lectures for 1883-84:

Nov. 6, William Parsons. Subject:-Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Nov. 13, Alban Andren. Subject:—Sweden by a Swede. Nov. 20, Jessie Eldridge. Subject:—Miscellaneous Readings.

Nov. 27, Prof. W. C. Richards. Subject:-The Wonders of the

Atmosphere.

Dec. 4, Prof. W. C. Richards. Subject:—The Marvels of Magnet-

Dec. 11, Prof. W. C. Richards. Subject:—The Wonders of the ism.

Dec. 18, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject:-Japan. Sun.

Jan. 1, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject:—China.

Jan. 8, Wm. I. Marshall. Subject:-Colorado. Jan. 15, Geo. Parsons Gilman. Subject:—Picturesque Britain.

Jan. 21, Nella F. Brown. Subject:—Miscellaneous Readings.

## GEORGE M. FOSTER,

Chairman of Lyceum Committee.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:-

The fourth report of the present Librarian of the Peabody

Library is respectfully submitted.

In the last year's report, the inconvenience of examining a large number of printed lists of books, added to the Library since the issue of the Supplement to the General Catalogue, was mentioned.

To obviate this inconvenience, a Finding List of the Accessions to the Library for the last five and a half-years, making a volume of 380 pages, has been prepared, in which the arrangement of the printed catalogue has been followed with this only change, the placing of the names of the books of Fiction and Juveniles, under the general title of Fiction and Juveniles instead of in the alphabetical order as in the printed catalogues.

Six copies prepared by the Hectograph are placed on the borrowers' tables and two others are supplied when needed.

These tables are now lighted from above by gas jets, for the first time, giving the borrowers sufficient light to examine their catalogues with ease.

A new case has been placed at the south end of the room and two others have been moved so that now all the cases at that end of the room are in conformity to the plan drawn soon after the enlargement of the building.

To the Building Committee these last two improvements are

due. The bill for binding this year is somewhat larger than usual, partly on account of binding 21 volumes of the numbers of the "Christian Examiner" and 17 volumes of the new numbers of "Cornhill" and the 12 volumes of the Finding List, and partly

from the smaller number of additions to the Library, for the two previous years.

Many of the books of the greatest circulation are in very bad

condition and will soon need to be discarded or replaced.

The stringent laws passed by the Legislature of 1883, show that other libraries besides ours suffer from the defacement, destruction, and detention of books, as is evident by Chap. 77, page 393, and Chap. 81, page 395, of the Mass. Acts and Resolves for 1883.

#### ACCESSIONS.

Whole number of volumes added this year: By purchase including periodicals, Fy gift, By exchange of odd numbers of magazines,	702 50 21 —— 773
Volumes in the Library Feb. 1, 1883, Volumes worn out or withdrawn,	$\begin{array}{r} 23,271 \\ 35 \\23,236 \end{array}$
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#### BINDING.

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Volumes of books in general circulation bound and rebound, Volumes of periodicals bound from numbers, Volumes of Christian Examiner bound from numbers obtained by exchange, Volumes of Cornhill Magazine bound from numbers imported this year, Finding List (Hectograph),	642 45 21 17 12
Total,	737

#### REGISTRATION.

Cards issued from Dec. 15, 1880, to Feb. 1, 1883,	2102
Cards issued the last year,	301
Cards detained for unpaid fines, Dec. 15, 1880, to Feb. 1, 1	883, 123
Fines due on the same,	\$19 10

#### RECEIPTS.

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Fiction and Juvenile Books, Voyages, Travel, Description of Countries,	1,532	6
	710	3
History	973	4
Biography,	395	2 5
Poetry, Boforongo Books	1198	5
Scientific and Reference Books, Scientific and Reference Books, Books in Foreign Languages, Periodicals and Miscellaneous Collections,	1650	6
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The Librarian's thanks are tendered to the Building Committee of the Trustees for their successful endeavors to make the Library Room more convenient and attractive.

Master William Hill is entitled to great credit for printing eleven

copies of the Finding List.

The services of the other attendants and of the Janitor are fully appreciated.

J. WARREN UPTON,

LIBRARIAN.

February 1, 1884.

Gifts of bound volumes to the Library for the year 1883-'84 have been received from

E. Preston; Treasury Department, U. S.; Dr. S. A. Green; A. F. Clark; Cincinnati School Board; B. F. Southwick; Peabody Institute, Baltimore; F. H. Appleton, 1 volume each.

Hon. E. F. Stone, 17 volumes; Smithsonian Institution, 7 volumes; War Department, U.S., 4 volumes; Interior Department, 2 volumes; Trustees of the Peabody Donation Fund, London, 2 volumes; Sec. State of Mass., 3 volumes; Librarian, 7 volumes. 50 volumes in all.

# Report of Committee on Sutton Reference Library.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:-

The Committee in charge of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library submit the 15th annual report.

There has been a decrease in the number of visitors to the Library and of consultations of books, of about 5 per cent. from the numbers of last year.

The additions to the Library comprise 104 bound volumes and 137 parts of serials or 7 volumes when bound. number of bound volumes in the Library is 2116. The Committee would advise the completion of the Debates of Congress, whenever the necessary volumes can be obtained. Miss Daniels has performed the duties of Librarian to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. OSGOOD, Chairman.

The following bound volumes have been added during the year ending Jan. 31, 1884:

Encyclopædia Britannica. Vol. 15. Loo-Mem. Boston, 1883. The English and Scottish Popular Ballads. Francis James Childs,

Ed. Boston, 1882. New York, 1860-69. 10 Vols. Harper's Weekly.

The New English Canaan. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., Ed. Bos-Champlain's Voyages. Rev. Edmund F. Slafter, A. M., Ed. ton, 1883.

Champian's Voyages. Rev. Edihand T. Sharter, R. M., Ed. 1878-82. 3 Vols.

Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology. J. W. Powell.

Washington, 1881. Presented by the Peabody Library.

Primitive Industry. Charles C. Abbott, Ed. Salem, 1881. Presented by the Peabody Library. Compendium of the 10th Census of the United States. Washing-

ton, 1883. 2 Vols. Report of the Commissioner of Education. Washington, 1883. Report of the Commissioner of Agricultural. Washington, 1882. Presented by the Department of the Interior.

Battle of Seventh-Day Adventists.

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J. N. Andrews. Battle History of the Sabbath. Mich., 1873.

Life of Wm. Miller. Elder James White, Ed. Creek, Michigan, 1875.
Life of Joseph Bates. Elder James White, Ed. Battle Creek, Michigan, 1877.
The Spirit of Prophecy. Ellen G. White. Battle Creek,

Michigan. 3 Vols., 1870-8.

Thoughts on the Book of Daniel. Uriah Smith. Creek, Michigan, 1881.

Thoughts on the Book of Revelation. Uriah Smith.

tle Creek, Michigan, 1881.

Illustrated London News. London, 1882. 2 Vols. Presented by Mrs. Sutton.

Message and Documents at commencement of 2d session of 47th Congress. Washington, 1882. Presented by Hon. E. F. Stone.

Debate and Proceedings in the Congress of the United States from Mar. 3, 1789, to Mar. 3, 1791, inclusive. Washington, 1834. 2 Vols. Register of Debates in Congress from Dec. 6, 1824, to 1837. 27 Vols. Washington, 1825-38.

Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New

York, procured in Holland, England and France. E. B. O'Callaghan, Ed. Albany, 1856. 11 Vols.

Report of the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey, by William H. Emory. Washington, 1857. 3 Vols.

British Seaweeds drawn from Harvey's "Phycologia Britannica."

Mrs. Alfred Gatty. London, 1872. 2 Vols.

Typegraphical Antiquities or The History of Printing in England.

Typographical Antiquities or The History of Printing in England, Scotland and Ireland. Joseph Ames, William Herbert and Rev. Thomas Frognall Dibdin. London 1810. 4 Vols.

American State Papers from the first session of the first to the second session of the 22d Congress, inclusive. Washington, 1833.

21 Vols.

#### UNBOUND SERIALS.

Bibliotheca Sacra. 4 parts. New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 4 parts.

Notes and Queries. Part 1-52.

Essex Institute Historical Collections. 4 parts. American Architect and Building News. Parts 1-52.

The Portfolio. Part 1-12.

Le Costume Historique. 2 parts. Masterpieces of French Art. 2 parts 19 and 20. Presented by F.

H. Appleton, to complete the set presented by him last year.

5 Reports of the U.S. Bureau of Education.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## LIBRARY AND LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

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