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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 13th, 1876, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that the same be printed for distribution.

A true copy of record,

Attest :

N. H. POOR, TOWN CLERK.

## *TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.*

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The Trustees of the Peabody Institute respectfully present to the town their twenty-fourth Annual Report, with the reports of the Treasurer, the several Committees, and the Librarian.

In making again their annual report, the Trustees have to present nothing of peculiar or unusual interest in the affairs of the Institute. The practical operations of its various departments are, as usual, fully shown in the accompanying reports.

The officers remain very nearly the same as in the year preceding, the principal change being in the office of Treasurer, in which Dr. George Osborne, who had resigned, has been succeeded by Mr. George A. Osborne, by whom, the town will be confident, the financial affairs of the Institute will be safely and wisely managed.

By an examination of the Treasurer's report, it will be seen that the finances are in a very satisfactory condition. The funds have been invested with the consideration of their security chiefly in mind; yet, while

adding continually to the reserve fund, the income is now sufficient for the needs of the institution, and it has been found possible year by year to increase the appropriation for the library.

The Trustees have no criticism to make on the management of the different departments during the year. They are happy to repeat the favorable report of years past, and feel sure that the Committees and other officers, in whose hands are the active operations of the Institute, have all faithfully and efficiently performed their various duties.

The Lecture Committee seem to have secured lectures of a very high order, and the course is said to have been as successful as usual. It must have appeared doubtful, however, to many who have attended the lectures, whether they are as profitable as it is very desirable, and perhaps possible, that they should be made. They are rarely attended by a very large portion of the inhabitants of the town, to whom they might be a source of entertainment and profit. No inconsiderable part of the audiences has been made up of young persons, who evidently did not understand or appreciate the purpose of the lectures, and to keep whom in control during the brief hour of the lecture a force of police has been found necessary. If the Committee on Lectures could devise some means by which the presence of such persons could be prevented, and a change made in the method by which alone it is now possible to secure seats, they would render a great service to the town. To do this would probably not be found

easy. The same difficulty was recently experienced in a neighboring town, and the plan, by which it was attempted to obviate it, utterly failed. It has been suggested that the public interest in lectures has, of late years, declined, and that in this is to be found a partial explanation of this state of things. The continued success of the lecture system generally, however, would indicate that this can not be true. It is to be hoped that the Committee will give the matter their earnest consideration.

It will be noticed, by the report of the Sutton Library Committee, that medical works constitute a large portion of the additions to that library. These are works of great value, and too expensive for ordinary purchase by physicians. The convenient access to them here can not fail to be of great advantage to the town in general, as well as to the individuals consulting them.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

HENRY WARDWELL.

## *Treasurer's Report.*

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The Treasurer hereby presents to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, the seven following accounts and statements of the financial affairs of the Institute for the year ending February 26, 1876.

- No. 1. The General Current Account.
  2. The Reserved Fund ditto.
  3. The Reserved Fund Statement.
  4. The Sutton Reference Library Account.
  5. The Peabody High School Medal Fund ditto.
  6. The Real Estate and Invested Fund Statement.
  7. Schedule of Insurance on property of the Institute.
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<i>Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. A. Osborne, Treas.</i>		Dr.
1875.		
April 2,	To paid Gas bill, one quarter . . .	\$88 90
20,	“ Janitor, quarter's salary . .	175 00
20,	“ Library and Lyceum Commit- tee . . . . .	1,000 00
20,	“ For Tin box . . . . .	2 00
May 4,	“ City of Boston 6 per cent.	



Currency Bond . . . . . \$1,025 00  
 Interest, 4 months 2 days . . . . . 20 33  
 Paid Commissions . . . . . 2 50

1,047 83

	6,	"	Renewal of policies of insurance on fixtures and books in Sutton Reference Lib'ry	121 50
				18 00
June	22,	"	Aqueduct bills . . . . .	47 25
July	2,	"	Gas bill, qr. ending July 1st,	175 00
	7,	"	Janitor, for quarter's salary .	15 85
	9,	"	J. O. Whitten's bill . . . . .	
	14,	"	Clark & Giddings, for work on brick house . . . . .	11 86
	23,	"	Renewal of Insurance on Institute building . . . . .	26 00
	30,	"	Renewal of Insurance on Institute building . . . . .	84 13
				3 55
Aug.	24,	"	J. E. Lawrence, labor in Hall,	
	26,	"	Potter, Batchelder & Co., for coal . . . . .	179 00
				2,000 00
Sept.	7,	"	Library and Lyceum Com. .	50 00
	17,	"	Samuel Brown's bill of stones	25 00
	25,	"	Street Watering . . . . .	
Oct.	1,	"	Gas bill, one quarter ending Oct. 1st . . . . .	27 65
				175 00
	7,	"	Janitor, for quarter's salary .	5 00
	22,	"	Hubbard, for tree protectors,	18 00
Dec.	10,	"	Aqueduct bills . . . . .	
			1876.	
Jan.	5,	"	Gas bill, one quarter, ending Jan. 1st . . . . .	106 08
				175 00
	5,	"	Janitor, for quarter's salary .	21 07
	8,	"	Pinnock & Son . . . . .	205 26
	16,	"	Samuel Trask, for mason work	
	19,	"	City of Providence, 5 per cent. Gold Bond . . . . .	\$1,050 00
			17 days interest . . . . .	2 36
			Commissions . . . . .	2 50
				1,054 86
	20,	"	Nath'l Annable, for repairing fence . . . . .	5 65
				1,000 00
	21,	"	Library and Lyceum Com. .	7 00
Feb.	3,	"	J. O. Whitten's bill . . . . .	2,287 26
	26,	"	Balance to new account . .	
				\$10,158 70

1875.		Cr.
Mar. 25,	By Balance . . . . .	\$2,408 95
April 7,	" 6 months interest on Town Pea- body notes . . . . .	2,362 50
21,	" Rents for quarter ending April 1st,	237 50
21,	" Use of Hall . . . . .	90 00
22,	" Dividend Warren National Bank .	18 00
29,	" April coupon City of Lawrence Bond . . . . .	30 00
May 6,	" Received of F. C. Merrill, Treas. for renewal of insurance on fixtures and books in Sutton Reference Library . . . . .	121 50
July 1,	" July coupon City of Boston Bond .	30 00
1,	" July coupon City of Boston Bond .	30 00
2,	" Gold interest on \$28,000 Mass. 5 per cent. Gold Bonds . . . . . \$700 00	
	Premium 16½ per cent . . . . . 117 25	
		817 25
31,	" Rents for quarter ending July 1st .	237 50
31,	" Use of Hall . . . . .	12 50
Oct. 1,	" October coupon City of Lawrence Bond . . . . .	30 00
7,	" 6 months interest on Town of Pea- body notes . . . . .	2,362 50
12,	" Dividend Warren National Bank .	12 00
Nov. 20,	" Rents for quarter ending Oct. 1st .	237 50
1876.		
Jan. 1,	" Two coupons of \$30 each, on two Boston City Bonds . . . . .	60 00
11,	" Gold interest on \$28,000 Mass. 5 per cent. Gold Bonds . . . . . \$700 00	
	Premium, 13 per cent . . . . . 91 00	
		791 00
Feb. 26,	" Rents for quarter ending Jan. 1st .	237 50
26,	" Received for use of Hall . . . . .	32 50
		\$10,158 70
1876.		
Feb. 26,	By Balance, . . . . .	\$2,287 26

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

Correct—Attest:

EDWARD W. JACOBS, }  
C. F. WINCHESTER, } Committee on Finance.

## RESERVED FUND ACCOUNT.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne,  
Treasurer.

		Cr.
1875.		
April 2,	By Balance . . . . .	\$98 77
21,	“ Quarter's rent, ending April 1st, of Hammond house . . . . .	50 00
29,	“ April coupon City of Lawrence Bond	30 00
May 1,	“ May coupon City of Fall River Bond	30 00
July 2,	“ 6 mos. Gold int. on \$20,000 Mass. 5 per cent. Gold Bonds . . . . .	\$500 00
	Premium 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. . . . .	83 75
		<u>583 75</u>
31,	“ One quarter's rent of Hammond house, ending July 1st . . . . .	50 00
Oct'r 1,	“ Oct. coupon City of Lawrence Bond	30 00
Nov. 20,	“ One quarter's rent of Hammond house, ending Oct. 1st . . . . .	43 75
Dec. 22,	“ Nov. coupon City of Fall River Bond	30 00
1876.		
Jan. 11,	“ 6 mos. Gold int. on \$20,000 Mass. 5 per cent. Gold Bonds . . . . .	\$500 00
	Premium 13 per cent. . . . .	65 00
		<u>565 00</u>
Feb. 26,	“ One quarter's rent of Hammond house, quarter ending Jan. 1st .	43 75
		<u>1,555 02</u>
		\$500 00
	26, By Balance . . . . .	Dr.
1876.		
Jan. 19,	To paid for City of Providence Gold Bond, 5 per cent. . . . .	\$1,050 00
	Interest 17 days . . . . .	2 36
	Commissions . . . . .	2 50
		<u>\$1,054 86</u>
Feb. 26,	To Balance to new account . . . . .	500 16
		<u>\$1,555 02</u>

## RESERVED FUND STATEMENT.

This fund, first set apart for accumulation to provide for future wants and contingencies of the Institute, March, 1870, as recommended by Mr. Peabody, in his last memorable interview with the Trustees, September 14th, 1869, consists of 4 Certificates of \$5000 each of Mass. 5 per cent. Gold bearing Bonds, amounting to . . . . . \$20,000 00

Accumulations and investment of the same as follows:	
Hammond House on Wallis Street . . . . .	\$3,550 00
1 City of Lawrence 6 per cent. Bond . . . . .	940 00
1 Fall River 6 per cent. Bond . . . . .	990 00
1 City of Providence Certificate of 5 per cent.	
Gold bearing Bonds . . . . .	1,050 00
Cash on hand . . . . .	500 16
	7,030 16
	\$27,030 16

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND—ENDOWED BY MRS. ELIZA SUTTON, OCT. 15, 1866.

*Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. A. Osborne, Treasurer.*

1875.	Dr.
April 12, To paid Frank C. Merrill, Treasurer of Library and Lyceum Committee, the April interest on the fund . . . . .	\$570 62
Oct'r 7, To paid Frank C. Merrill, Treasurer of Library and Lyceum Committee, the October interest on the fund . . . . .	585 00
	\$1,155 62

1875.	Cr.
April 3, By 6 mos. Gold interest to April 1st on \$20,000 City of Boston 5 per cent. Bonds Premium 14½ per cent. . . . .	\$500 00 70 62
	\$570 62
Oct'r 7, By 6 mos. Gold interest to October 1st \$20,000 as above . . . . .	\$500 00
Premium 17 per cent. . . . .	85 00
	585 00
	\$1,155 62

PEABODY, February 26th, 1876.

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. A. Osborne, *Treas.*  
Dr.

To paid Amos Merrill, Chairman of School Committee, 4 Gold bearing coupons of \$25 each . . .	\$100 00
	Cr.
By one year's Gold interest on two U. S. 10-40 Bonds of \$1000 each to March 1st, 1876 . . .	\$100 00
PEABODY, February 26th, 1876.	

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

*Invested Funds and Real Estate of the Peabody Institute.*

Four Certificates of \$5000 each of Mass. Registered Bonds, No. 461 to 480 inclusive . . . . .	\$20,000 00
Four Certificates of do. as follows:	
No. 106 . . . . .	\$1,000 00
" 107 . . . . .	1,000 00
" 108 . . . . .	1,000 00
" 112 . . . . .	5,000 00
	8,000 00
Three Shares Warren National Bank . . . . .	300 00
Two Town of Peabody notes dated Oct. 6th, 1874, payable in six years from date, with interest at 6½ per cent. annually:	
One note for . . . . .	\$62,000 00
" " " . . . . .	8,000 00
	70,000 00
Two dwelling-houses, one of brick on the easterly side, the other of wood on the westerly side of the land on which the Institute Building is located . . . . .	12,000 00
The Peabody Institute Building and land, together with its Libraries, Portraits and Cabinet of valuables, not appraised.	
One City of Boston Bond, No. 652. Cost . . .	1,010 00
One do. do. " 10,276. Cost . . .	1,025 00
One City of Lawrence Bond, No. 100. Cost . .	940 00
One Certificate City of Providence Gold Bond .	1,050 00
Reserved Fund property as follows:	
Four Certificates, No. 79 to 82, inclusive of Mass. 5 per cent. Gold Bonds, \$5000 each . . . . .	\$20,000 00
The Hammond House on Wallis Street . . . . .	3,550 00
One City of Lawrence Bond . . . . .	940 00
One Fall River Bond . . . . .	990 00

One City of Providence Certificate of Gold Registered Bond . . . . .	1,050 00	
Cash on hand . . . . .	500 16	
		<u>27,030 16</u>
High School Medal Fund, consisting of 2 U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. Bonds . . . . .		2,000 00
Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library Fund, consisting of City of Boston 5 per cent. Gold bearing bonds . . . . .		<u>20,000 00</u>
		\$163,355 16

PEABODY, February 26th, 1876.

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

INSURANCE ON PEABODY INSTITUTE PROPERTY, FEBRUARY, 1876.

On Peabody Institute Building . . . . .	\$25,000 00
“ Two Dwelling Houses . . . . .	5,000 00
“ Peabody Institute Library . . . . .	9,500 00
“ Peabody Portrait . . . . .	1,000 00
“ Everett Portrait . . . . .	150 00
“ Peabody Bust . . . . .	400 00
“ Piano and Furniture . . . . .	300 00

SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

On Book Cases and Furniture . . . . .	\$5,000 00
“ Books . . . . .	<u>2,000 00</u>
	\$7,000 00

RESERVED FUND PROPERTY.

On the Hammond House . . . . .	<u>\$1,000 00</u>
	\$49,350 00

The following are the policies insuring the above property, and time of expiration.

South Danvers Mutual expires June 1, 1877 . . .	\$2,000 00
do do “ June 1, 1877 . . .	3,000 00
do do “ Aug. 1, 1879 . . .	550 00
do do “ Mar. 1, 1881 . . .	450 00
do do “ July 1, 1882 . . .	5,000 00
Essex Mutual, Salem, “ July 1, 1882 . . .	5,000 00
Salem do “ May 1, 1880 . . .	3,000 00
Merchants and Farmers Mutual, of Worcester, “ May 1, 1880 . . .	<u>4,000 00</u>
Liverpool, London and Globe, “ Nov. 19, 1877 . . .	14,000 00
London Assurance Corporation “ Nov. 19, 1877 . . .	<u>12,350 00</u>
	\$49,350 00

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

Peabody, February 26, 1876.

*Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.*

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE :

In accordance with the rules of the Institute, I submit to you the following report from the Lyceum and Library Committee for the year ending in February, 1876, together with the documents from this board usually accompanying the report.

We are frequently reminded by passing events that this is the Centennial year, and although it is no anniversary of our cherished institution, as long periods in a history are usually marked in the calendar, yet our own history claims a small place in two full decades of the century now about to close, and we feel justified in indulging in a few words of retrospect.

Twenty years ago the first catalogue of the Peabody Library had just been published. The Committee having charge of that work felt that, in some degree, our institution was a pioneer in a peculiar and important field of usefulness, and ventured to publish, with the catalogue, some account of our organization and modes of operation.

Their perusal of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the town, which became the basis of our subsequent organization, thus published to the world, calls to mind the then venerable Dr. Andrew Nichols, always a staunch friend of popular edu-

cation, and himself a shining example of self culture, who is understood to have drafted those resolutions, and who certainly offered and explained them and advocated their passage.

It has been sometimes said that the machinery of two Committees or Boards was cumbersome and that a simpler plan might have been adopted with equal advantage; but after an experience of twenty years, we do not feel sure of this, while we see in its working many evidences of foresight, sagacity and a knowledge of human nature. A prominent feature is the due balancing of the conservative element, in its government with its direct responsibility to the citizens of the town, who have frequent opportunity to express and give effect to their approval, or its opposite. We believe that this has had much to do with that deep undercurrent of sympathy with the Institute and its affairs, which has never flagged, but has only deepened and widened as time rolled on.

Our system has also worked well in this, that we have escaped for the most part those bickerings and strifes which would impede our progress in the cause of education and morality. Gentlemen of various degrees of culture and aptitude for the work are brought together upon our Board, but each soon finds his appropriate sphere of usefulness, and if an especial weight of labor falls upon individual shoulders, it is always a self imposed burden cheerfully borne, and the corresponding honor it confers is readily conceded.

The Board meets after each election at the appointed time, organizes, apportions the work of the year among its members, and rarely comes together again as a body until the next annual occasion. Full faith is felt that the work thus laid out will be creditably performed, and that expectation is not disappointed.

In the meanwhile each Sub-Committee has its own trials. The Lecture Committee studies how with a limited appropriation to face a public pampered by a race of sensational caterers to depraved literary taste, whose impudence in imposing their wares upon the lecture hearers, is equaled only by the exorbitance of their demands for the privilege of so doing. We



rejoice that this race has nearly had its day, and that our Lecture Committee of the past year have felt strengthened, by signs of an improved public taste, to attempt to furnish a higher order of mental food.

Upon the Chairmen of the two Library Committees falls a weight of responsibility and an amount of solid labor through the whole year, which ought to be understood and acknowledged, and it is no less a duty than a pleasure to acknowledge here the fidelity and ability with which those duties are performed, without compensation, by the present incumbents, Mr. Upton and Mr. Osgood. I think it is due to the latter gentlemen to ask your special attention to the appeals made by him in the official report prepared by him, and now laid before you, as to the wants of his department. Since the re-arrangement of the Library, it has become possible to ascertain where deficiencies are most glaring, and his vigilant eye has detected many instances of gaps which nothing but increased funds can enable us to fill up. Trusting that you will not without good reason withhold any income fairly available for our wants, I leave this subject in your hands.

A review of the history of the Institute, however brief, would be incomplete without appropriate reference to the services of our veteran janitor. His zeal in the performance of his duties, and the suavity and good taste he always displays in his intercourse with all, whether Committees, citizens, or strangers, who visit the Institute, are too well-known to require more than the mention of them.

Mr. Osborne continues to administer the affairs of the Library with marked ability, and leaves nothing to be desired in carrying out the wishes of the Committee, and in keeping the condition of the books and their arrangement up to the standard which it was designed to maintain since the re-arrangement.

The Sutton Reference Library shows good results of the year, as the statistics submitted prove, and it is the same attractive place where the student may find a retreat for his pur-

suits that it was designed to be, with constantly increasing means to realize the intentions of its founder.

We are able to announce a very recent donation by Mrs. Sutton of 39 volumes of the London Illustrated News for the period from 1855 to 1874.

Miss Floyd acceptably performs the duties of Librarian of this Library.

This report is respectfully submitted by

THOS. M. STIMPSON,

Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

*Report of Peabody Library Committee.*

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The Sub-Committee for the Peabody Library submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1876.

The Library has had another year of quiet prosperity and usefulness. The few changes in the details of its administration, that further experience has shown to be required, have been made.

Some trouble was experienced during the early part of this winter from the bad behavior of certain boys who frequented the Library, mainly, as it appeared, for the purpose of having a good time. Remonstrances seemed to have no good effect, and it was found necessary to resort to more vigorous measures. Two or three of the leaders in these disturbances were forbidden to enter the Library room until they could conduct themselves properly there. This had the desired effect, and the behavior of those who now come to the Library room is all that can be expected.

The Committee believe that this is the proper ground to take in reference to such disturbances, and the most effectual method of preventing their recurrence. If any one so conducts in the Library as to make himself a nuisance to all who are there for a legitimate purpose, and continues to do so after repeated warnings, he ought to be deprived of its privileges until he can behave himself becomingly there. It is believed

that this penalty will, in almost every case, secure the strict observance of the regulations.

Your Committee would again urge, and with still greater emphasis, the necessity of a larger appropriation for the purchase of new books. As has been said before, the constant increase of the sum required for rebinding and replacing worn-out volumes makes a large encroachment year by year upon the funds devoted to this purpose. This wear and tear is inevitable, and increases in proportion to the age and growth of the Library. During the past year more than 500 volumes have been replaced and rebound, and there still remain about 150 volumes which it seems desirable to place again upon the shelves. These replacements, which occur mostly in the Department of Fiction, have not been made indiscriminately, but have included only such books as have some intrinsic value.

Another reason for the increase of the book fund is found in the fact that during the past summer the discount given to Libraries by American publishers has been reduced from thirty to twenty per cent. However unwise this policy may seem to us, the fact remains, and just in this ratio increases the cost of this class of publications.

It can not have escaped the notice of any one who has frequented bookstores for the past ten years, that during that time there has been more than a proportionate increase in the more substantial, enduring and useful publications, and a corresponding decrease in works of fiction. This, undoubtedly, can be attributed to the almost complete absorption of the latter by the periodical literature which has had such an immense development within that time. This has a practical bearing upon the purchase of books for Libraries. Historical, Scientific and Art Works and Books of Travel, many of them elegantly and expensively illustrated, make larger demands than ever before upon any Library that would keep itself abreast of the time.

In Scientific books, both theoretical and practical, which are so much sought now-a-days, and will be still more in de-

mand in the immediate future, our shelves are, in many directions, sadly deficient.

For *all* these reasons it is evident that a further increase of the fund for the purchase of *new* books is desirable.

It has been found necessary, during the past year, to enforce the regulation which prohibits borrowers from having access to the shelves, and limits them to the prescribed methods of obtaining books. The good results that were expected from it have already been realized. The next and most important improvement which your Committee can suggest is the adoption of some plan by which the borrowers of books from other classes than those of Fiction and Juveniles, can be better accommodated. The present system, while it is well adapted to the wants of seventy-five per cent. of our borrowers, is too rigid and inelastic, and often requires too much time and patience to attract the best class of readers. We believe that some system, which will allow greater freedom of selection and consultation to those who seek the best reading, can be devised and applied. The outline of such a plan was given in our last annual report, founded upon that of the Boston Public Library, and it is to be hoped that the coming year may witness its inauguration here.

For the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

*Report of Lecture Committee.*

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

GENTLEMEN :—The Lecture Committee for the year just closing have attended to the duties belonging to them. With what success their endeavors have been fraught, we leave to you to decide. In undertaking to secure lecturers for the Course, the Committee kept in mind the objects which the Course was designed to foster and advance, viz : study, enlightenment, and a cultivation of the taste and morals. We were careful to select such lecturers as were either well known and possessed of learning and culture, or such as had been favorably spoken of. We sought after no sensationalist whose bare name would have crammed the Hall. There is an abundance of tinsel and sham in the lecture field, and their glitter and noise are more alluring to those who seek mere diversion than anything of real value.

Error and prejudice are sure to become propagated without hastening. The Committee studied only to render the lectures profitable. In brief, as culture and refinement, or even improvement come only from an acquaintance with sound principles and true knowledge, and as anything short of these is of no practical good nor of any intrinsic worth, lecturers competent to instruct and not amuse only, were secured.

The Committee do not hesitate to declare themselves incapable of achieving impossibilities, and, consequently, have not sought to please all who might patronize the Course. Yet we trust that on the whole the lectures have been successful.

The unfavorable state of the weather on five evenings of the Course doubtless prevented many from attending. For the most part the audiences were of fair size.

Appended is a list of lectures delivered during the winter :

Nov. 26, 1875, REV. DR. TIFFANY. Subject:—"Work and its Worth."

Dec. 7, 1875, JAMES T. FIELDS. Subject:—"Rufus Choate."

Dec. 15, 1875, SIDNEY WOOLETT. Miscellaneous Readings.

Dec. 21, 1875, S. W. HIGGINSON. Subject:—"Aristocracy of the Dollar."

Dec. 28, 1875, MR. HOVEY, of the *Boston Transcript*. Subject:—"Iron and Steel."

Jan. 4, 1876, JOHN LORD, L. L. D. Subject:—"Madame de Maintenon."

Jan. 14, 1876, Prof. C. A. YOUNG. Subject:—"The Sun."

Jan. 18, 1876, Prof. C. A. YOUNG. Subject:—"The Moon and Eclipses."

Jan. 25, 1876, WENDELL PHILLIPS. Subject:—"Lost Arts."

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. N. HAM,

Chairman of Lyceum Committee.

## *Librarian's Report.*

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### TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

I herewith submit the annual report on the condition of the Peabody Library for the the year ending Feb. 1st, 1876.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year is 967. This includes 51 volumes of bound periodicals, and 11 volumes of the new issue of Patent Office reports, besides 174 volumes of replacements, and 45 volumes of duplicates of works previously reported; making the number of volumes of current and standard literature actually added to the Library 686.

28 volumes have been presented to the Library, as follows: From the Essex Institute, 5 vols; from Hon. George B. Loring, 5 volumes; S. F. Blaney, 3 volumes; Smithsonian Institution, 3 volumes; Department of the Interior, 2 volumes; Commissioner of Education, Cobden Club, of London, J. F. Hartranft, Librarian of Congress, Wm. H. Little, Ann F. Osborne, Dr. Samuel A. Green, Abram E. Cutter, Charles Hudson, and C. F. Holden, 1 volume each.

2 copies of the catalogue have been sold, and 2 copies presented to other institutions during the year.

Lists of the additions to the Library have been regularly published in the *Peabody Press*, through the year, and a new manuscript catalogue has been prepared, including a books



from the printed catalogue to January 1st, 1876. The labor of preparing these manuscript catalogues becomes greater from year to year; there are now upward of 2,500 volumes entered in them. A few copies containing only titles of works of fiction have been made, and their utility will be tested. But however carefully the preparation of these lists is made, they must fail to be of great usefulness, since they are necessarily few in number, their consultation is confined to the Library Room, and they are not as easily read as the printed catalogues. I believe that the public libraries of the country generally feel the need of some new system of cataloguing additions.

The circulation of books during the year was 26,794 volumes. Of these 74 per cent was fiction, 5 per cent. travel and description of countries, etc., 3 per cent. history, 4 per cent. biography, 5 per cent. scientific works, and books of reference, 2 per cent. books on law, and on mental, moral and social science, 2 per cent. poetry, 2 per cent. magazines, and 5 per cent. miscellaneous, including works in foreign languages, collections of miscellaneous works, etc.

There are now 3,163 names of borrowers on the index book; of these 288 have been added during the year, 237 being new applicants for cards, and the remainder former holders of cards who had not used their privileges for some time. The amount of fines collected is \$60.60.

166 volumes have been worn out or mutilated; 174 volumes have been replaced, and 335 rebound. Although the number replaced and repaired is larger than last year, there are still upwards of 150 volumes which it would be well to replace. The increased wear of the books necessarily accompanies the growing use of the Library.

The annual examination was conducted last summer on a new plan. The Library was divided into two parts which were called in separately, so that when the second part was due, the first part was ready for delivery again. It is thought that this method interferes less with the use of the Library than that formerly employed.

Since the examination, borrowers have not been admitted

inside the railing of the Library Room, except for the purpose of consulting books of reference, and books on particular subjects. Although this course deprives some of a privilege which they would probably not abuse, it has been found to be the only practical solution of the difficulties attending a satisfactory delivery of books; and on this point the experience of other libraries, so far as I have been able to ascertain, agrees with our own.

In regard to the general needs of the Library, I will only suggest that although our deficiency in good editions of standard authors has been lessened by the addition of fine sets of Bulwer and Fielding, there is still room for substantial improvement in that direction.

THEODORE M. OSBORNE, Librarian.

## Treasurer's Report.

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*Library and Lyceum Committee in account with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer*  
1875.

		Dr.	
Feb'y	23,	To paid J. Blanchard, police attendance at lectures	\$10 00
	23,	" J. H. Teague's bill . . . . .	75
	24,	" Geo. Buxton, police attendance at lectures	10 00
	27,	" Assistant Librarian's bill . . . . .	19 00
March	3,	" Commissioner of Patents, 6 mos. advance for specifications & drawings of patents	15 00
	16,	" Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	70 50
	16,	" do. do. do. . . . .	12 53
	20,	" Assistant Librarian's bill, services . . . . .	14 00
	27,	" E. C. Kimball, for services . . . . .	10 00
April	1,	" Librarian, quarter's salary . . . . .	250 00
	6,	" Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	86 15
	6,	" Schoenhof & Moeller, for books . . . . .	15 25
	6,	" Salem Press bill . . . . .	16 60
	6,	" Postage . . . . .	3 30
	17,	" J. Perley's bill for binding books . . . . .	40 75
May	1,	" Clark & Gidding's bill . . . . .	2 55
	10,	" Assistant Librarian's bill, services . . . . .	8 25
	10,	" Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	100 02
	20,	" Assistant Librarian's bill, services . . . . .	25 00
	22,	" do. do. do. . . . .	25 00
	31,	" M. A. Shackley & Co.'s bill, express . . . . .	9 05
June	8,	" Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	176 58
	27,	" Jona. Perley's bill for binding . . . . .	21 15
	30,	" C. A. Gilson's bill for periodicals . . . . .	46 50
	30,	" J. W. Ripley's bill for binding . . . . .	3 75
July	1,	" Librarian, quarter's salary . . . . .	250 00
	7,	" Post Office bills . . . . .	4 68
	14,	" Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	77 04
	16,	" B. F. Stevens' bill . . . . .	4 45
	17,	" B. M. Hill's express . . . . .	2 75

	29,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	74 48-
	29,	"	do. do. do. . . . .	1 40-
	31,	"	Clark & Giddings' bill . . . . .	8 44-
	31,	"	Assistant Librarian's bill, services . . . . .	25 00-
	31,	"	do. do. do. . . . .	25 00-
Aug.	7,	"	Munroe & Arnold's express . . . . .	1 05-
	7,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	44 84-
	31,	"	Jona. Perley, for binding . . . . .	52 00-
	31,	"	Salem Press, for binding . . . . .	37 75-
Sept'r	11,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	176 18-
	11,	"	S. S. Gilson, periodicals . . . . .	60 42-
	27,	"	Assistant Librarian, services . . . . .	10 33-
Oct'r	1,	"	Librarian, quarter's salary . . . . .	250 00-
	2,	"	J. W. Ripley, binding . . . . .	3 75-
	7,	"	Post Office bill . . . . .	1 32-
	7,	"	T. M. Osborne, paid for services . . . . .	7 53-
	7,	"	Salem Press, binding . . . . .	1 50-
	15,	"	U. S. Patent Office, for specifications and drawings of Patents, one year . . . . .	20 00-
	16,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	154 25-
	29,	"	B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery . . . . .	2 45-
	29,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	34 00-
Nov'r	10,	"	do. do. do. . . . .	162 70-
	13,	"	Assistant Librarian, services . . . . .	25 00-
	19,	"	Jona. Perley, binding . . . . .	11 00-
	23,	"	Chas. Tapley, for Copy of Rice's "Anniversary of First Parish at Salem" . . . . .	2 00-
	27,	"	Rev. Dr. Tiffany, for lecture . . . . .	100 00-
Dec'r	7,	"	J. T. Fields, for lecture . . . . .	100 00-
	11,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	135 88-
	14,	"	Assistant Librarian, for services . . . . .	6 00-
	15,	"	Sidney Woollett, Readings . . . . .	100 00-
	21,	"	T. W. Higginson, lecture . . . . .	50 00-
	22,	"	Assistant Librarian, for services . . . . .	25 00-
	28,	"	W. A. Hovey, lecture . . . . .	50 00-
1876.				
Jan'y	3,	"	Librarian, quarter's salary . . . . .	250 00-
	3,	"	Post Office bill . . . . .	1 00-
	4,	"	Dr. John Lord, lecture . . . . .	75 00-
	10,	"	Munroe & Arnold's bill, expressing . . . . .	4 37-
	10,	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	100 12-
	10,	"	Postal Order on London, Eng., for sub. for Punch . . . . .	12 00-
	12,	"	C. D. Howard's bill . . . . .	39 85-
	12,	"	do. do. . . . .	42 25-
	12,	"	B. M. Hills' bill for expressing . . . . .	3 25-
£	18,	"	Prof. C. A. Young, for two lectures . . . . .	200 00-

	21,	"	J. N. Ham, for Cyclopaedia of Chronology	10 00
	25,	"	Wendell Phillips, lecture . . . . .	100 00
	26,	"	Geo. S. Demerritt, attendance at lectures	8 00
	29,	"	W. F. Pingree, attendance at lectures . .	9 00
	30,	"	Assistant Librarian, for services . . . . .	14 50
Feb'y	7,	"	Jona. Perley, binding . . . . .	40 60
	8,	"	Chas. D. Howard's bill . . . . .	12 00
	8,	"	T. M. Osborne, for sundry bills . . . . .	3 42
	8,	"	Postal Order on London, Eng. . . . .	5 22
	17,	"	Estes & Lauriat, books . . . . .	150 10
			Balance . . . . .	440 23
				<u>\$4,622 02</u>
1875.				Cr.
Feb'y	20,	By	Balance . . . . .	\$559 42
April	21,	By	draft on Trustees . . . . .	1,000 00
Sept'r	7,	By	" " " . . . . .	2,000 00
1876.				
Jan'y	21,	By	draft on Trustees . . . . .	1,000 00
Feb'y	8,	By	received for Catalogues . . . . .	2 00
	8,	By	" " " Fines . . . . .	60 60
				<u>\$4,622 02.</u>
		By	Balance . . . . .	\$440 23

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

			Dr.
To paid for	Books . . . . .		\$1,753 94
"	" Binding . . . . .		229 45
"	" Lectures . . . . .		812 00
"	" Librarian . . . . .		1,000 00
"	" Assistant Librarians . . . . .		232 08
"	" Printing and Advertising . . . . .		94 10
"	" Express hire . . . . .		20 27
"	" Postage, Stationery and Incidentals . . . . .		39 95
	Balance . . . . .		440 23
			<u>\$4,622 02</u>
By	Balance . . . . .		559 42
By	drafts on Treasurer of Trustees . . . . .		4,000 00
By	received for Fines and Catalogues . . . . .		62 60
			<u>\$4,622 02</u>
	By	Balance . . . . .	\$440 23

FRANK C. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

*Report of Committee on Sutton Reference Library.*

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TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE :

The Sub-Committee having in charge the affairs of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, make this, their annual report.

During the past year about seventy volumes have been added to the Library, a list of which accompanies this statement.

The whole number of volumes now in the Library is 962, together with four portfolios of engravings and eight volumes of engravings.

As the works are expensive, the number of volumes added annually is comparatively few.

The Library has during the past year been consulted by many non-residents as well as by our own citizens.

The duties of the Librarian and Janitor have been performed in a satisfactory manner.

For the Committee,

J. WARREN UPTON, Chairman.

PEABODY, February 19, 1876.

### *Treasurer's Report.*

#### *EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.*

*In account with Frank C. Merrill, Treasurer.*

1875.		Dr.
Feb'y	23, To paid American Naturalist bill . . . . .	\$94 50
	26, " New England Historical and Genealogical Register for 1874-5 . . . . .	6 00
March	16, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books . . . . .	95 45
	27, " J. W. Upton's bill . . . . .	1 25
April	1, " Gas bill . . . . .	12 25
	1, " Mary J. Floyd, quarter's salary . . . . .	62 50
May	7, " For policy of Insurance, Salem M. F. Ins. Co. . . . .	52 50
	9, " For policy of Insurance, Merchants and Farmers Insurance Co. . . . .	69 00
	13, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books . . . . .	45 00
	26, " J. W. Ripley's bill for binding . . . . .	16 00
	31, " M. A. Shackley & Co., bill for expressing .	65
June.	16, " W. F. Draper's bill . . . . .	3 00
	14, " Almy & Bigelow's bill for curtains . . . . .	3 91
July	1, " Mary J. Floyd, quarter's salary . . . . .	62 50
	1, " Salem Gas Light Co. . . . .	6 65
	7, " B. F. Stevens, stationery . . . . .	5 70
Sept'r	24, " Salem Press, binding . . . . .	13 00
	27, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books . . . . .	268 00
Oct'r	1, " Gas . . . . .	4 90
	1, " Mary J. Floyd, quarter's salary . . . . .	62 50
	8, " J. H. Teague, Janitor . . . . .	50 00
	29, " B. F. Stevens, stationery . . . . .	3 43
Nov'r	26, " Sanger, Hood & Co., coal . . . . .	82 50

1876.			
Jan'y	1,	"	Mary J. Floyd, quarter's salary . . . . . 62 50
	12,	"	Munroe & Arnold's bill for expressing . . . . . 2 25
	15,	"	Gas . . . . . 15 05
	19,	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill for books . . . . . 46 25
	19,	"	Subscription to Notes and Queries for 2 years . . . . . 12 32
			Balance . . . . . 612 77
			\$1,772 33
Feb'y	20,	"	By Balance . . . . . 616 71
April	12,	"	By sale of \$500 Gold Int. on Sutton Fund, . . . . . 570 62
Oct'r	6,	"	By sale of \$500 Gold Int. on Sutton Fund, . . . . . 585 00
			\$1,772 33
			By Balance . . . . . \$612 77

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
To paid for Books . . . . .	\$570 52
" " Binding . . . . .	29 00
" " Librarian . . . . .	250 00
" " Janitor . . . . .	50 00
" " Coal and Gas . . . . .	121 35
" " Insurance . . . . .	121 50
" " Incidentals . . . . .	17 19
Balance . . . . .	612 77
	\$1,772 33
	Cr.
By Balance . . . . .	616 71
By Income of the Sutton Fund . . . . .	1,155 62
	\$1,772 33
	By Balance . . . . . \$612 77

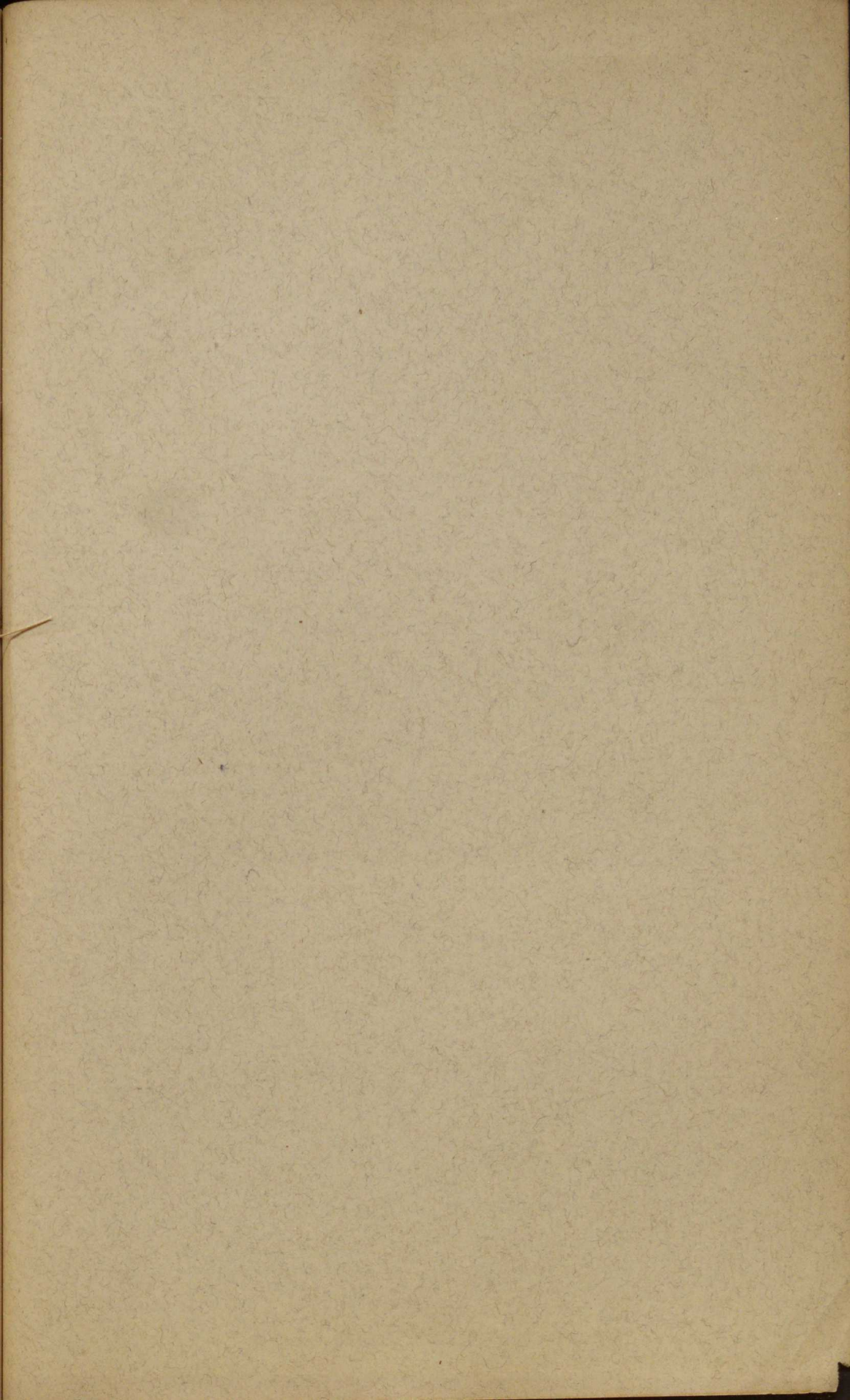
FRANK C. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*



LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE EBEN DALE SUTTON LIBRARY, 1875-6.

- Surgical Anatomy, Jos. Maclise, 1870.  
 Clinical Lectures on Puerperal Diseases, F. Barker, 1874.  
 Lectures, John W. S. Gonley, 1873.  
 Typhoid Fever, Wm. Budd, 1873.  
 Lectures on Clinical Medicines, A. Trousseau, 2 vols., 1873.  
 Treatise on Diseases of the Ear, D. B. St. J. Rosa, 1874.  
 Therapeutics and Materia Medica, A. Stille, 2 vols., 1874.  
 Principles and Practice of Surgery, F. H. Hamilton, 1874.  
 Treatise on Diseases and Anatomy of the Eye, Carl Still-  
 wagg, (Von Carion), 1873.  
 Treatise on Midwifery, P. Cazeaux, 1874.  
 Clinical History of Diseases of Women, R. Barnes, 1874.  
 Manual of Medical Jurisprudence, A. S. Taylor, 1873.  
 Manual of Psychological Medicine, Bucknell & Tuke, 1874.  
 Fairbairn's Crests of G. Britain and Ireland, 2 vols.  
 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th vols. of Encyclopædia Britannica, 9th  
 edition, 1875-6.  
 Burke's Armoury of G. Britain.  
 Rise of Great Families, B. Burke.  
 Owen's Invertebrates.  
 The English Catalogues, 1869-74.  
 Annual Cyclopædia, 1873-74.  
 Ancient Atlas, Wm. Smith.  
 Second Supplement to Watt's Dictionary of Chemistry.  
 Howell's State Trials of G. Britain and Index, 34 vols., 8°.  
 Notes and Queries, 1875, 2 vols.  
 Bibliotheca Sacra, 1875, 2 vols.  
 U. S. General Statutes, Vols. 16 and 17.  
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1875.  
 Also, one set of Heliotype copies of Durer's "Life of the  
 Virgin."





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