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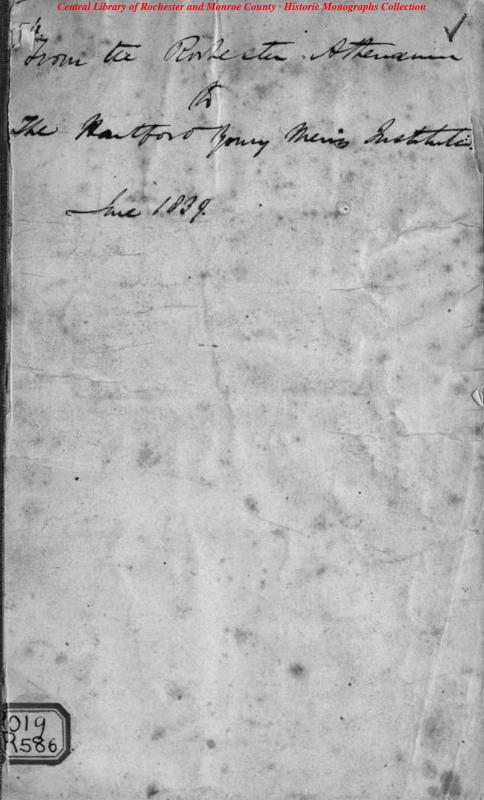
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607-8	Pickwick Papers,	Dickens. 2
1756-7	Poetry of Life,	Sar'h Stickney.2
909	Poor Rich Man and Rich Poor Man,	. Miss Sedgwick.1
484-5	Probus, or Letters from Rome,	Ware. 2
883-4	" " " " " 2d copy	v. " 2
1739	Rasselas,	Dr. Johnson. 1
1295-6	Recollections of a Chaperon,	Lady Dacre. 2
899	Records of a London Clergyman,	Caunter. 1
2064	Rectory of Valehead,	R. W. Evans. 1
670-1	Refuge in America,	Trollope. 2
588-9	Repealers,	Blessington. 2
618	Rienzi, Last of the Tribunes,	Bulwer. 1
570-1	Robber,	James. 2
1053	Robinson Crusoe,	De Foe. 1
496-7	Romance of Vienna,	Trollope. 2
621-2	Romance, Library of	21010000. 2
621	Bondman, ?	1
622	Khan's Tale,	Fraser. 1
586-7	Romance and Reality,	Miss Landon. 2
595-6	" of History – France,	L. Ritchie. 2
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581	Sam Slick-Sayings and Doings, 1st se	
1352	Sandford and Merton,	
1987	Scottish Chiefs,	Tho's. Day. 1 Miss Porter. 1
1048	Sedgwick's Tales and Sketches,	
	Sherwood's Works,	Miss Sedgwick.1
245-57 216-17		Mrs. Sherwood.13
	Sketch Book,	Irving. 2
584-5	or onaracter,	
1256	Sketches by a Traveller,	1
560-1	" of a Seaport Town,	Chorley. 2
160-1	Smollett's Works,	2
576-7	Spy,	Cooper. 2
583 -	String of Pearls,	James. 1
810	Tales for the Parlour,	1
222-3	" of a Traveller,	Irving. 2
1121	" " Romance,	1
2084	" " the Passions,	James. 1
630	" " " Puritans,	1
533-4	" " " War of Montrose,	2
1982 - 3	Thaddeus of Warsaw,	Miss Porter. 2
553	Tuggs of Ramsgate,	Dickens. 1
603	Tutti Frutti,	Puckler Mus- ?
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481-2	Two Flirts, and other Tales,	Bulwer and {
101	I WO I HINS, AND ULICI I AICA.	
		others. S2
1755 5545	Ups and Downs, Valerius,	W. L. Stone. 1 J. G. Lockhart. 2

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NUMBER.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.	VOLS.
6278	Waverley Anecdotes,		2
258-84	Waverley Novels, (Uniform,)	Scott.	27
258	Waverley,		T
259	Guy Mannering,		1
260	Antiquary,		1
261	Rob Roy,		1
262	Tales of my Landlord, 1st series,		1
263	44 44 44 2d 44		1
264	" " " 3d "		1
265	lvanhoe,		1
266	Monastery,		1
267	Abbot.		1
268	Kenilworth,		1
269	Pirate,		1
270	Fortunes of Nigel,		1
271	Peveril of the Peak,		. 1
272	Quentin Durward,		1
273	St. Ronan's Well,		1
274	Red Gauntlet,		1
275	Tales of the Crusaders,		1
276	Woodstock,		1
277	Chronicles of the Canongate, 1st series,		1
278	" " " 2d "		1
279	Anne of Geierstein,	1000	1
280	Tales of my Landlord, 4th series,	1000	1
281	" " a Grandfather, 1st series,		1
282	et et et al et		1
283	" " " " 3d "		1
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619-20	Westward Ho,	Paulding.	2
881-2	Zenobia, or Letters from Palmyra,	Ware.	2

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19-21	Addison's Works, (Spectator, &c.)		3
1285	Addresses to Youth,	Eddy.	1
1760-3	American Library of Useful Knowledge,		4
784	" Theatre,	Dunlap.	1
1297-8	" Anecdotes,		2
925	Anecdotes, Common Place Book of		1
2036	" of Richard Watson, Bp. of Land	daff.	1
164	" "Percy,	,	1
1140	Aphorisms of Wisdom,		1
958	Biographia Literaria.	Coleridge.	1
1041	Book of the Seasons,	Howitt.	1
1191	" " ' United States,	G. Mellen.	1
1317	Brief Remarker,	or monom	
526	British Spy, with a Memoir,	Wirt.	1
1036	" " " " 2d copy,		1
1386	Buckingham's Claims,		i
1219-21	Burke's Works,		3

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NUMBER.	TITLE.	AUTHOR. VOLS.
1765	Byron's Private Correspondence,	R. C. Dallas. 1
714-16	Cabinet of Freedom, (History of A	holi-) The Clark-)
	tion, &c.,)	son. { 3
703	Channing on Slavery,	, com , ,
695	Cheever's Defence,	i
1038	Characteristics of Women,	Mrs. Jameson. 1
1380	" " " 2d copy	
928	Chesterfield, American,	·, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
87	"Works of, (Letters, &	-
712	Child's, Mrs., Appeal,	1
713	" " " 2d copy,	
1019	Civilization, History of	Guizot. 1
1750	Cobb's Manual, on Silk, Mulberry Tr	
2025	Colden's Memoir-Canals,	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1118	Common Place Book of Prose,	Cheever. 1
1271-2	Condition of Women,	Mrs. Child. 2
400-30	Classical Library, (Uniform,)	Mis. Child. 2
200-00	Classical Library, (Omorin,)	
400-1	Xenophon,	Spelman & } 2
4023	Demosthenes,	Leland. 2
402	Sallust,	
77.2		
405-6	Cæsar's Commentaries,	Duncan. 2
4079	Cicero,	3 2
410-11	Virgil,	
412	Æschylus,	Potter. 1
413	Sophocles,	Francklin. 1
414-16	Euripides,	Potter. 3
417-18	Horace and Phædrus,	Francis & } 2
		Smart. 5
419-20	Ovid,	Dryden & } 2
401 0	Thuandidas	Pope. ( <sup>2</sup> Smith. 2
421-2	Thucydides,	
423-7 428-30	Livy, Herodotus,	
	Criminal Trials of Celebrated Men,	
1366		D'Israeli. 3
672-4	Curiosities of Literature, 1st series,	
658-60	~~	0
1263	Deaf and Dumb, Condition and Educa	
1314	Discourses, Addresses, &c., Downing's, Major, Letters,	Verplanck. 1 Davis. 1
1146		Macnish. 1
1060	Drunkenness, Anatomy of Dwight's Decisions of Debates	
638	Dwight's Decisions of Debates,	
1031	Economy, Public and Private,	
709	Enemies of the Constitution, (Lynch )	tory of, Chambers. 1
1291	English Language and Literature, His	story of, Chambers. 1 82
319-99	Family Library, (Uniform,)	) Milman. 3
319-21	History of the Jews,	Lockhart. 2
322-3	Life of Napoleon,	
324	" " Nelson,	Southey. 1 Williams. 1
325	" " Alexander the Great,	
326	Natural History of Insects, 1st series	Galt.
327	Life of Byron,	
328	" " Mohammed,	Bush. 1

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NUMBER.	TITLE.	AUTHOR. VOLS
319-99	Family Library, (Uniform,) [continued,]	8
329	Demonology and Witchcraft,	Scott.
330-1	History of the Bible,	Gleig.
332	Polar Seas and Regions,	
333	Life of George 4th,	Croly.
334	Discovery and Adventure in Africa,	
335-7	Eminent Painters and Sculptors,	Cunningham,
338	Chivalry and Crusades,	James.
33940	Life of Mary, Queen of Scots,	Bell.
341	History of Egypt,	Russell.
342	" " Poland,	Fletcher.
343	Festivals, Games and Amusements,	Smith.
344	Life of Sir Isaac Newton,	Brewster.
345	Palestine,	Russell.
346	Memoirs of Josephine,	Memes.
347	Court and Camp of Bonaparte,	
348	Lives of Early Navigators,	
349	Pitcairn's Island,	
350	Sacred History of the World, 1st series,	Turner.
351-2	Celebrated Female Sovereigns,	Mrs. Jameson.
353-4	Travels in Africa,	Lander.
355	Intellectual Powers,	Abercrombie.
356-8	Lives of Celebrated Travellers,	moercromble.
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361-2	Life of Frederick the Great, Sketches of Venetian History,	
362-3	Lives of the Indians,	Thatcher.
364-6	History of India,	i natcher.
367 367		Brewster.
3689	Natural Magic,	brewster.
303 - 9 370	History of Ireland,	
370	Northern Coasts of America,	Humbella
3723	Travels in South America, &c.	Humboldt.
372	Natural Philosophy,	Euler.
	Observation of Nature,	Mudie.
375 376	Philosophy of the Moral Feelings,	Abercrombie.
370	Improvement of Society,	Dick.
378	Life of Charlemagne,	James.
379-80	Nubia and Abyssinia,	· · · · · ·
	Life of Cromwell,	
381 382	Lectures on English Literature,	Montgomery.
	Life of Peter the Great,	
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3856	History of Arabia,	
387	A CIDIQ.	
388	Health and Mental Cultivation,	Combe.
389	Sacred History, 2d series,	Turner.
390	History of the Barbary States,	
591	Natural History of Insects, 2d series,	
392-5	Life of Washington.	Paulding.
394	Philosophy of Living,	
595	Physical Condition of the Earth.	Higgins.
596	History of Italy,	00
5978	" " China,	
599	Circumnavigation of the Globe,	

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NUMBER.	TITLE.	AUTHOR. VOL	LS.
871	Female Student,	Mrs. Phelps.	1
1379	" " 2d copy,	"	1
116-17	Franklin's Works,		2
169	Goldsmith's, Oliver, Works,		ĩ
455	Hamilton, Alexander, Death of, &c.,	Coleman.	1
786	Hazlitt's, William, Literary Remains,	ooleman.	î
664	How to Observe,	Martineau.	1
1037	" " " 2d copy,	if if	1
625-6	Indian Character, Traits of	Turner.	2
1753	Internal Navigation, Treatise on	a union.	ĩ
1136	Invalid's Oracle,	Barrett.	1
711	Jay's Inquiry,	Darrette	1
1752	Jewish Manners and Customs,		1
173-8	Johnson's Works,		6
939	Lacon,	Colton.	1
1258	Lay Sermons,	Coleridge.	1
1054	Lectures to Young Ladies,	Mrs. Phelps.	î
896	" for " People,	Dr. Clarke.	1
876	4 4 4 4 A	Sprague.	î
1745	Letters about the Hudson,	F. Hunt.	1
1275	" and Conversations of Coleridge,	r . munt.	1
507-8	" " Journals,	R. Baillie.	2
875	" to a Daughter,	Sprague.	ĩ
2032	" " Young Gentleman on Education,		1
872	" "Young Ladies,	Sigourney.	1
1577	" " " " 2d copy,	Sigourney.	1
873	" " Mothers,	"	1
1715-29	Library of Entertaining Knowledge,		15
1715	Menageries,		10
1716	Trees and Fruits,		1
1717	Pursuit of Knowledge under Difficulties,		î
1718	Insect Architecture,		1
1719	New-Zealanders,		1
1720	Insect Transformations,		1
1721	Quadrupeds,		1
1722	Pursuit of Knowledge, &c., Part 2d,		1
1723	Architecture of Birds,		1
1724	Vegetable Substances-Food for Man,		1
1725	Historical Parallels,		î
1726	Insect Miscellanies,		i
1727	Menageries, Part 2d,		î
1728-9	Vegetable Substances-Trees & Fruits,		2
900	Manly Exercises,	Walker.	ĩ
1208	Masonry and Anti-Masonry,	Stone.	î
1222	" Light on	D. Bernard.	1
902	Matthias and his Impostures,	Stone.	î
1050	Million of Facts,	Sir R. Philips.	î
1051-2	Memorials of Mrs. Hemans,	Chorley.	2
2119	Monuments of Washington's Patriotism,	Gallaudet.	ĩ
23-9	More's Works,	Hannah More.	
1215	Neele, Henry Remains of		ĩ
704	Negro Pew,		1
665	Newspaper Miscellanies,		1

26	MISCELLANY.	
NUMBER.	TITLE.	AUTHOR. VOLS.
1390	New-York and Brooklyn in 1837,	J. Disturnell. 1
470	Peter's Letters,	1
2118	Philadelphia Business Directory,	1
2117	" Commercial "	1
1158	Picture of Slavery in the United States,	Bourne. 1
1340	Philosophical Education,	Paul Brown. 1
887	Practical "	Edgeworth. 1
693-4	Puritan.	Withington. 2
1815	Reminiscences of Butler,	1
1399	" " Niebuhr,	Dr. Lieber. 1
697	Right and Wrong in Boston, 1st series,	1
699	"" " " " " Doston, ist series,	1
700	11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	1
1389	Rochester City Directory,	Swift. 1
1077	Salem Witchcraft,	Calef. 1
1197-8	Sands, Robert C., Writings of	Q
486	Sartor Resartus,	Carlyle. 1
1701-6	Scott's Miscellaneous Prose Works,	Sir W. Scott. 6
920	Seneca's Morals,	1
1040	Seven Ages of Man,	Shakspeare. 1
1303	Silvio Pellico, Imprisonment of	Shakspeare. 1
1151	Slavery in the United States,	Paulding. 1
165	Sterne's Works,	1 aurung. 1
1960-5	" " 2d copy,	6
1045	Student's Manual,	Todd. 1
19578	Swift's Dean, Tracts,	1000. 1 2
19882011	" " Works,	24
1099	Tablet of Memory,	Darby. 1
1099		Mussey & { 1
923	Temperance Prize Essays,	Lindsay. { 1
1144	Testimony of God against Slavery,	Sunderland. 1
1370	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	4 1
545-6	Tin Trumpet,	2
717	Thompson's, Geo., Lectures and Debates,	1
708	". " Letters and Addresses,	in the second
1143	" " Reception in England,	1
1097	Tooke's Pantheon,	intra in intra
1311	Vineyards of Spain and France,	J. Busby. 1
1020-1	Walpole's Letters,	H. Walpole. 2
728-39	Washington's Writings and Life,	Sparks. 12
901	Winter Evening Book,	Npains. 1
1204	Wonders of the Universe,	SHEFT CHILL
870	Young Lady's Friend,	Mrs. Farrar. 1
1110	" Man's Book of Knowledge,	T. Tegg. 1
905	" " Guide,	Dr. Alcott. 1
1130	" " 2d copy,	" 1
894	Young Wife,	" 1
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### 1839-40.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE

# ROCHESTER ATHENÆUM---YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The "Rochester Athenseum" and the "Young Men's Association," of which some particulars are given in a Report published last winter and now appended to this Catalogue, were formally united at a meeting held on the first Wednesday of May, 1839. The preliminary arrangements between the Societies are mentioned in the Report referred to. This arrangement was designed to give to the "Young Men's Association" the benefit of the Charter of the Athenseum. Instead of the Board of five Directors which existed under the former organization of the Young Men's Association, there are now seventeen Directors (including the executive officers)—the charter of the Athenseum requiring that the number should be thus increased. The following persons were elected officers of the Institution, under the new arrangement—their term of office to expire at the annual meeting in May, 1840—viz: Henry O'Reilly, President; Nathaniel T. Rochester, William S. Thayer, Recording Secretary; E. K. Blythe, Corresponding Secretary; Alonzo K. Amsden, Treasurer;—and the Associate Directors are, Hestor L. Stevens, Alexander Kelsey, Evander S. Warner, Christopher T. Amsden, E. Peshine Smith, E. S. Marsh, George R. Clarke, Hiram A. Tacker, J. Addison Eastman.

The organization of the Board of Directors is explained in the following notice :-

### Rochester Athenaum-Young Men's Association, May 15, 1839.

Pursuant to the Regulations of this Institution, the Directors have been arranged into four Committees, the members and duties of which are as follows:

1. The COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY consists of Vice President Nathaniel T. Rochester, Alexander Kelsey, Evander S. Warner, Christopher T. Amsden, and William S. Thayer, Recording Secretary.

2. The COMMITTEE ON LECTURES, CELEBRATIONS, &C. consists of Vice President William Churchill, Hestor L. Stevens, Hiram A. Tueker, and E. K. Blythe, Corresponding Secretary.

3. The COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY will consist of Vice President Lewis Brooks, J. Addison Eastman, E. S. Marsh and E. Peshine Smith.

4 The COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCES of the Institution consists of Vice President Amon Bronson, George R. Clarke, and Alonzo K. Amsden, Treasurer.

The DUTIES of the several Committees may be stated in this connexion, for the information of those having business with the Institution :

1. The LIBRARY COMMITTEE have particular charge of the Library, with the view of arranging and preserving the Records, Books, Maps, Documents, Magazines and Reviews, Newspapers, &c. It is a special duty of this Committee to extend the usefulness of the Library, by augmenting the number of readers; and to pay particular attention to the reception of the Ladies, for whose use chiefly the Library is opened on Thursday afternoon and evening of each week. This Committee will examine new publications, and select such works, new or old, as may be desirable for the Library—will effect or recommend such improvements as may be necessary for rendering the Library attractive and generally useful to the community—will appoint a Librarian, with a reasonable compensation—and publish such catalogues or other matters as may be particularly required for the advantage of the Library and the convenience of those who resort to it for books, &c. This Committee will prepare Rules for the Library, and cause those Rules, when established, to be rigidly enforced—a matter of great importance to the Institution. The Reviews, Maga-

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zines and Newspapers, required for the Reading Rooms, shall be selected by this Committee, the members of which will be expected to exercise daily supervision, so that all those publications may be kept in the best order on the Literary and News Tables, and be properly bound in volumes after having remained a proper period on those tables. This Committee will also carefully secure the copies of the Laws and Documents of this State, to which the Institution is entitled by its charter; and will make proper efforts for obtaining a share of the Public Documents and other publications occasionally distributed by Congress among such Institutions, &c.

2. The COMMITTEE ON LECTURES, CELEBRATIONS, &c. will make all proper arrangements for securing Lectures for the Institution during the Regular Winter Terms—will arrange for all Discourses which may be delivered before the Association occasionally during the Summer season—and have the charge of all the arrangements requisite for the Celebrations of Important Historical Events, which form a leading feature in the Transactions of the Institution such as the Anniversaries of the Discovery of America, the Landing of the Pilgrims, the Declaration of Independence, the Birth-days of Washington and Franklin, the First Settlement of the State of New-York or of what is commonly called "Western New-York," the Foundation of the City of Rochester, the completion of the Grand Canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and the Inland Seas, &c. &c. This Committee will make timely preparation for the above objects, and have the whole conduct d in a manner worthy of the subjects and of the Society. This Committee will also superintend all publications which may be proper in connexion with the Transactions of the Institution, except those which fall within the range of other Committees or of particular members of the Board of Directors. Accounts of all Celebrations, with copies of all Discourses, &c. delivered before or in connexion with the Association, should be engrossed in volumes for preservation.

3. The COMMITTEE ON PROFERTY will have special charge of the present Halls of the Institution, and make all proper exertions for ascertaining when and where more commodious Halls may be permanently procured in some of the new blocks of buildings about to be erected—will have the direction of all alterations or additions which may be required in the furniture or cases in the Halls—will provide fuel, lights, stoves, and other articles requisite for the uses of the Halls—will pay constant and particular attention to the maintenance of *perfect neatness and propriety* in the Halls, at all times. This Committee will also have the property of the Institution properly registered, and marked whenever practicable; will have the property insured; and cause the rent and taxes to be paid regularly—making it an object to have the rent paid always at least one quarter of a year in advance.

4. The FINANCE COMMITTEE will superintend the pecuniary affairs of the Institution; will assist in effecting such projects as may be recommended by the Society or the Directors for raising money by subscription to increase the Library, and for other purposes; will make estimates of the sums requisite for defraying all the expenses of the Institution, and promptly notify the Society of any necessities which may exist for raising funds to meet the requirements of the Institution. This Committee includes the Treasurer; will have the supervision of his accounts; and may employ a Collector to aid him in collecting the ordinary income, as well as the subscriptions for increasing the Library and other purposes. This Committee will co-operate with the Property Committee in endeavoring to increase the number of members and subscribers; and with the Library Committee in efforts for increasing the donations to the Library. It will be a prominent object for this Committee to consider the means whereby the foundation may be laid for a *Permanent Fund*, the *interest* of which may be annually applied for increasing the Library.

By order of the Directors,

HENRY O'REILLY, President.

E. K. BLYTHE, Cor. Secretary.

ROCHESTER ATHENÆUM-YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

### PROCEEDINGS

# YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION,

OF THE

AT THE

### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

NOVEMBER 26, 1838.

EMBRACING A REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THAT INSTITUTION |

WITH A NOTICE OF THE UNION

BETWEEN THAT SOCIETY AND THE ATHENÆUM.

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### ARRANGEMENTS-1839.

### ROCHESTER ATHENÆUM-YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION-CITY READING ROOMS.

1. The News Room is regularly supplied with the prominent newspapers from various cities and sections of the Union.

2. The Literary Room, in rear of the News Room, is now regularly supplied with about Thirty Periodical Publications, embracing the prominent Reviews and Magazines of the United States and Great Britain.

3. The City Library, the foundations of which are now laid, consists already of about Two Thousand Volumes. As efforts have been made to procure the best and most comprehensive editions, it is probable that these 2000 contain as much and as various matter as can be found in some older Libraries in five or six thousand volumes.

4. The Lectures will be delivered usually on Thursday evenings of each week, during the greater part of the year.

#### REGULATIONS.

1. The City Reading Rooms are open from 7 in the morning till 10 at night, except on the Sabbath.

2. Strangers are admitted, free of expense during their stay in the

city, if introduced by a Member or Subscriber. 3. The Ladies of the families of members and subscribers are invited to avail themselves of the advantages of the Library, &c. Thursday afternoon and evening of each week are particularly devoted to the accommodation of the Ladies who wish to obtain books, &c.

4. The Lectures will be free for the Public, unless under circumstances which will be stated as they may occur.

IF Ten dollars reward will be paid for information which may lead to the detection of any persons guilty of Mutilating or Carrying Off books or papers from the City Reading Rooms. The Regulations of the Reading Rooms and Library (which are pos-ted up in the Rooms and inserted in every book) will be Rigidly En-

forced against all who violate them.

Such institutions as this cannot be sustained without the most perfect promptness and regularity on the part of all concerned.

The foundations of a valuable institution are here laid-the necessity for which is becoming more obvious as the city increases in population. It is earnestly hoped that citizens who have at heart the welfare of society, will continue to show, by their personal assistance as well as pecuniary contributions, the interest which they attach to such efforts for the moral and intellectual advancement of the community.

Citizens who have not joined the Institution are respectfully invited to visit the rooms, and judge for themselves.

By order of the Directors.

### HENRY O'REILLY, President.

#### HENRY A. DE FOREST, Cor. Sec.

#### ROCHESTER ATHENÆUM.

Several of the former officers of the Athenaum having lately resigned, that Associ-ation elected some members of the Young Men's Association to fill the offices—so as to identify the two Institutions as far as practicable, until a perfect union can be ef-fected at the General Meeting of the Young Men's Association on the 1st Monday of May next. The charter of the Athenaum requires that there shall be a Board of Di-rectors consisting of seventeen persons; and in order to comply with that requisition, the following persons (including the five officers of the Young Men's Association) were elected as officers of the Athenaum, viz: : Henry O'Reilly, President; Theodoro B. Hamilton, Alexander Kelsey, William Churchill and Nathaniel T. Rochester, Vice-Presidents; Henry A. De Forest, Corresponding Secretary; J. A. Eastman, Recording Secretary; A. K. Amsion, Treasurer; O. N. Bush, Hervy Ely, Lowis Brooks, E. K. Blythe, E. Peshine Smith, E. S. Warner, H. L. Stevens, E. Pancost, Hiram Leconard, and Amon Bronson, Directors. and Amon Bronson, Directors.

# YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING, Nov. 26, 1838.

Agreeable to notice in the daily papers, at half past 6 o'clock, the meeting convened, and was called to order by the President, when the proceedings of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The subjoined Report of the Board of Directors for the past year, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, was then read and adopted.

### REPORT.

To the members of the Association of Young Men of Rochester, their Board of Directors respectfully report :---

The Board take pleasure in calling the attention of their fellow members to the prosperous circumstances under which the first year of their existence as an Association has come to its close.

Difficulties of threatening character attended the commencement of the enterprise, and many discouragements dampened the ardor and diminished the hope of some who at first appeared most sanguine of success. An institution of similar name, and with like objects in view, had been suffered to decay, and its library to be lost. This proved, to some minds, that the young men of Rochester, active as they were known to be in all efforts to do good to others, would not become permanently interested in a project for their own advantage; and that the older inhabitants of the city, liberal as they were acknowledged to be in giving to objects of charity abroad, could not be induced to sustain an institution which in many things would accommodate themselves, and would exert upon their children much influence for good.

Notwithstanding these and many other discouragements, the Association of Young Men was formed; and by the constant increase of its members and subscribers, and donations to its library, has shown the high estimate which the citizens of Rochester place upon efforts of this nature.

By the liberality of the citizens, the Board of Directors have been enabled to execute, unembarrassed, the plans of the Association as detailed in its Constitution. Halls convenient for the purposes of the Association have been secured and fur

nished. Tables have been covered with the principal Magazines and Reviews of Great Britain and America ; with the Reports of various institutions for the advancement of arts, education, and morals ; and with numerous religious, political and miscellaneous documents, and newspapers from all parts of the United States and the Canadas. Lectures have been delivered at the Hall of the Association, which, for scientific value and literary merit, will not suffer on comparison with those heard by any similar institution in the land. By a recent and necessarily limited effort, a library has been collected at an expense of about \$2,000, which numbers some 2000 volumes, and to which additions are constantly made. The books are almost entirely of the latest editions, and each volume of the standard works, in numerous instances, contains what formerly was printed in several volumes. The works of Joseph Addison, comprising the Spectator, the Guardian, etc., are contained in three octavos, instead of, as formerly, some 20 duodeci-The poetical works of Milton, Beattie, Gray, Collins and mos. Young, which formerly numbered some eight or ten volumes, are now all bound together. Indeed nothing is hazarded in saying that the library of the Association of Young Men of Rochester already is richer in matter than many older collections which contain 5000 volumes. The character of the books can best be learned by an inspection of the shelves or a reference to the catalogue. The aim has been to select works which, while they have enough variety to please all tastes, and enough attractiveness to ensure their being read, have also sufficient solidity to convey useful instruction. With this view, care has been taken to collect, as nearly as possible, a complete body of history-that most entertaining, if not most useful of all knowledge-exhibiting as it does, the character of man in all ages and circumstances, and that not as drawn by subtle metaphysicians, but as revealed by his own actions.

Students of universal history will find already in the library the means of obtaining thorough information of the old world and the new.

Amateurs of *political* history, also, will find there abundant means of pursuing their favorite study, as far as this country is concerned, in the numerous biographical records and political writings of American Statesmen—as Washington, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Burr, Morris and others ;—in the laws of the United States and of New York, from the commencement of republican government in both,—and from the reported debates of state and national conventions, &c. &c.

At the same time, other branches of literature have not been neglected. The cases of books contain many standard

works on theology and ethical and metaphysical philosophythe best authorities in many of the numerous departments of natural science—Encyclopedias and other valuable collections of miscellaneous knowledge, together with the writings of the most popular poets of Europe and America, and selections from those productions which constitute the fashionable light literature of the day. The library, it will be remembered, is not owned by a company of stockholders distinct from the Association, but is the property of the Association itself, and therefore not liable to be diverted to other uses than was originally intended.

With all these advantages secured, and notwithstanding all the expenses incidental to the operations of the Association, especially during a first year's existence, every due has been discharged, and a small surplus of funds remains in the hands of the Treasurer, as will be seen more particularly by a reference to his separate report.

The number of subscribers to the reading rooms is ninetyseven—the number of members of the Association is one hundred and thirty-nine;—and additions are constantly made to the catalogues of both.\*

During the winter the lectures were so thronged as often to prevent the entrance of many who were desirous of gaining admission, and throughout the year the reading rooms have been frequented by numerous visitors, both citizens and strangers. Still there are many members who do not appear to appreciate the advantages they might obtain by habitually availing themselves of these means of intellectual improvement.

The Board of Directors have been desirous of rendering as general as possible, participation of the privileges of the lectures and library. With this view, seats at all times have been reserved for ladies at the lectures, and recently the female friends of members and subscribers have been invited to visit the library on Thursday afternoon of each week. They then have opportunity of examining the books without interruption, and selecting such volumes as best accord with their tastes.— The high flattery of their full attendance at the winter lectures is acknowledged with great pleasure, and the hope is indulged that the additional attraction of a library will bring more frequently the honor of their presence.

Is there need of urging upon those so well informed as are they to whom this report is addressed, the importance of sustaining an institution which promises so much usefulness?

Soon after the perpetration of the crime that led to the first capital punishment that has ever been inflicted in the county

\* The whole number of members and subscribers now (Feb. 1, 1839) is 284.

of Monroe, several large meetings of citizens were held for the purpose of devising some means of rational amusement for the young men of the city, in order to prevent them from seeking, in haunts that were found already abundantly provided, that recreation which, from the constitution of their natures, they must have. Encouraged by the promises of co-operation and support at that time made by their elders, a few young men formed an Association for moral and intellectual improvement, which, though at first small in its size and limited in its resources, has steadily increased in the number of its members and in the means of its usefulness.

The necessity for the existence of some such institution has not yet ceased. Those who get gain by the corruption of youth are still laborious in their vocations, and offer numerous amusements, possibly innocent in themselves, but dangerous in their accompaniments. Eating houses, with each a newspaper and a *bar*—bowling alleys, with their temptations to drinking and their temptations to betting—gaming tables, with their enthralling allurements and their degrading companionships—and enticements to every vicious indulgence—are diligently provided by those who excite appetite and feed passion for the sake of emolument.

The propriety of encouraging regular theatrical representations is still occasionally suggested, in order, as it is said, to raise the reputation of the city for taste and the cultivation of literature—to furnish a place of amusement for travelling strangers—and to prevent a resort to some worse means of recreation by young men.

But what would more favorably affect the reputation of the city for liberality and the love of letters, than the creation and support of an Institution like the Mercantile Library Association of the city of New York? Or what place can be more suitable than the halls of such an Institution for leaving stranger friends, when too much occupied to entertain them personally? But the advantageous and interesting occupation furnished by such an Association for its members during their hours of leisure, is the most powerful, as well as the most obvious argument in favor of continuing to it a liberal support. There must be periods of intermission of business, and the young will then have their amusements to dissipate the accumulated uneasiness of even a busy confinement. That youth, indeed, must be singularly destitute of vivacity, who is not irresistably impelled to leave at times the dull course of ordinary business, or the sober pursuits of scientific investigation, and expend his superfluous excitability by indulging in such change of objects of thought as shall furnish him cheerful

amusement, if it does not produce in him boisterous mirth .-It is vain to urge the young to employ their hours of relaxation in the acquisition of what is useful, unless they are directed to that which is also entertaining. Even this will fail to attract all; for so averse are some, at those moments, to every thing with which they have ever associated the idea of a task, that nothing can be pleasant to them by which they are to acquire learning, or wealth, or power. The Association of Young Men has endeavored to meet this demand for an agreeable and useful change of the objects of thought. It has aimed, by procuring lectures, a library, magazines and papers, to furnish pleasing and varied instruction; and thus, to encourage, in those who can be induced to frequent the rooms, habits of thinking, and provide them the means of obtaining wholesome food for thought. In this species of effort, the Association of Young Men has not been alone. Honor is due to the members of the Literary Association of Mechanics, for their persevering labor in the same good cause. The course they pursue is parallel to ours; and of so near proximity, that members are occasionally found enrolled on the catalogues of both.

From the liberal and increasing manifestations of favor which the Association of Young Men has received during the first year of its existence, full confidence is felt that success awaits its operations in future, and that the foundation has here been laid of an institution which in time will reflect honor on the city. But such Associations have in their organization nothing which insures their perpetuity. Their machinery is not of the *self-moving* order, and if the propelling power is withdrawn, their only remaining force is the attraction of gravitation-the direction of their progress is, uniformly and with constantly accelerating speed, toward the ground. The ingenuity which contrived, the active energy which set in motion, and the friendly co-operation which sustained, will ever be necessary to insure productive labor. Forgetfulness of this fact has ruined most of those Associations which, commencing under as fair auspices as our own, have flourished for a brief period, and then gradually or rapidly decayed.

The Board of Directors cannot pass unimproved the present opportunity of expressing their thanks for the zeal with which their efforts have been seconded by the members of the Association, and their gratitude for the liberality with which the means of carrying out their plans have been furnished by the subscribers to the reading rooms and the donors to the library. It is hoped that the same readiness to act and the same generosity to give will be manifested in all succeeding years of the existence of the institution.

To the Hibernian Society particularly, is the Association indebted for the aid which, with the prompt liberality characteristic of their country's sons, they lent to the collection of a library, at a time when the success of that effort seemed most problematical.

The clergy of the city, generally, deserve thanks for the ready zeal with which they have entered into the plans of the Association, especially those individuals of their order, as well as those gentlemen of other professions and occupations, who have rendered so valuable assistance in giving variety and interest to the series of lectures.

With this report of the operations, condition and prospects of the Association, its Board of Directors surrender the charge which was committed to their care.

H. A. DE FOREST, Cor. Sec.

The President then presented the proposition of the Board of Directors of the "Athenæum" to give the benefits of their charter for the use of the Association—and a committee of four, viz: Messrs. H. L. Stevens, J. W. Gilbert, H. A. De Forest and E. P. Smith, were appointed to confer with the Directors of the Athenæum and report at the Association's next meeting.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, and Messrs. Chumasero and Elwood were appointed Tellers.— The votes were given for the officers separately, and a majority of all the votes given for each officer was as follows:

For President, HENRY O'REILLY;

For Vice President, WM. CHURCHILL;

Corresponding Secretary, H. A. DE FOREST;

Recording Secretary, J. A. EASTMAN;

Treasurer, A. K. AMSDEN.

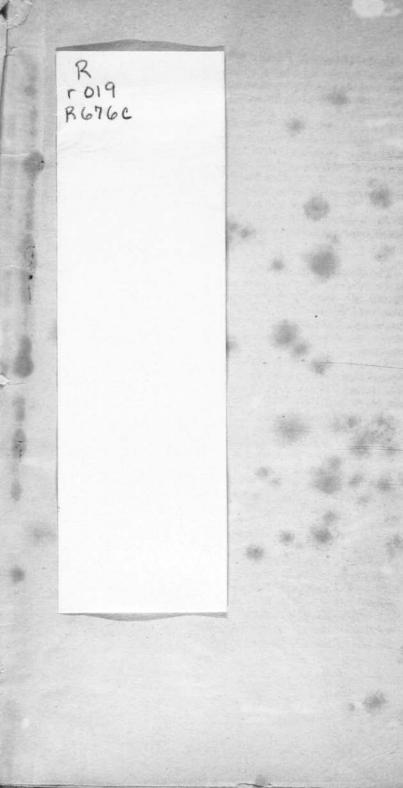
The following resolutions were then offered and passed unanimously:

On motion of Jasper W. Gilbert, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to H. O'Reilly, Esq., for his indefatigable and successful efforts in behalf of the Association—and for the dignity, ability and impartiality, with which he has presided over its meetings.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the other officers for their fidelity in discharging their several duties, and especially in watching over and promoting the interests of the Association.

E. S. WARNER, Secretary.



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