

Twentieth Course of Lectures 1849-50.

1849 November 22. Lecture by Rev. John Pierpont of Medford.
Moral Influence of Physical Science.

December 5. Lecture by Rev. Arthur S. Train of Waverhill.
The Burial of the Dead.

19. Lecture by Orator A. Brownson Esq. of Chelsea.
Liberty.

1850 January 2. Lecture by Rev. Sylvester Judd Jr. of Augusta, Me.
The Dramatic Element in the Bible.

16. Lecture by Rev. Samuel Johnson of Salem.
Beauty.

30. Lecture by Rev. A. D. Mayo of Gloucester.
Reading.

Feb. 15. Lecture by Ralph Waldo Emerson of Concord.
The Spirit of the Age.

28. Lecture by Rev. Thomas Starr King of Boston.
Thought and Life.

Mar. Lecture by C. P. Whipple Esq. of Boston.
Character.

27. Lecture by Robert Rantoul Jr. Esq. of Boston.
The Prospects of our country.

Feb. 23. A meeting of the Directors was held this evening at the counting-room of the President, to take the following letter into consideration.

Boston Feb 18 1850

Benj. H. Colles Esq.
President of the Gloucester Lyceum.

Dear Sir,

It was my purpose during the early part of the present winter, to submit a proposition to the Government of your Institution, which might lead to its future prosperity, and increase its means of usefulness. This intention has, however, been neglected. I now beg leave to offer a donation of one hundred dollars, provided ten hundred dollars, or more, can be raised, sufficient to establish a foundation for a Library for the exclusive use and benefit of its members, and subject to such by-laws and restrictions as would become needful for its preservation.

The privileges of a Library connected with your Institution would naturally increase the number of members and its annual receipts - thus enlarging its sphere of usefulness, - and would secure its future permanence and prosperity.

Very truly your friend
Samuel E. Sawyer.

It was voted to lay the subject before the Lyceum at the next meeting.

Sir H. Lane Esq. proposed to furnish a painting which should sell for at least fifty dollars, in furtherance of the project. A circular was prepared, printed, and sent to various Sons of Gloucester.

No Son of Gloucester replied.