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## NEW-BEDFORD LYCEUM.

☞ The Annual Course of Lectures will commence on **TUESDAY EVENING, Oct. 12th, at Liberty Hall.**

The Committee have engaged most of the following gentlemen:—**BISHOP POTTER**, of Philadelphia; **PARK BENJAMIN**, **HENRY GILES**, Prof. **HADDOCK**, of Dartmouth College; **HERMANN MELVILLE**, Esq., and **E. P. WHIPPLE**, Esq.

Oct. 12.—**THEOPHILUS PARSONS**, Esq.: "Study of History."

Oct. 19 and 26.—**FLETCHER WEBSTER**, Esq.: "On China."

Nov 2.—**CHAS. T. CONODON**.

Nov. 9.—**REV. EPH. PEABODY**. "The Religious Tendencies of Modern Science."

Nov. 16.—**REV. CHAS. T. BROOKS**: "Hints to Future Historians of Luther and the Reformation."

The Committee are negotiating with other well known lecturers.

**THOS. A. GREENE,**  
**JOHN A. KASSON,** } Committee.  
**L. F. BRIGHAM,**

☞ Tickets to be had at **Bourne & Lewis'** bookstore, at **Wm C Taber & Sons'**, and **Wm P S Cadwell's**.

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## NOTICE.

☞ The price of Tickets for Admission to the New Bedford Lyceum for the ensuing year will be 50 cents each. Individuals may retain their membership by the purchase of two Tickets, which they will obtain of **GEO A BOURNE**, Treasurer, **JNO F POPE**, Secretary, oct8-tf

## LECTURE ASSOCIATION.

☞ The Annual Course of Lectures will commence on **MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 11th, 1847.**

Oct 11.—**CHARLES SUMNER**, Esq., Boston. Subject: "Fame and Glory."

Oct 18.—**THEODORE PARKER**, Boston. Subject: "The Political Mission of America."

Oct 25.—**REV. JOHN WEISS**, Watertown. Subject: "A Tour in Circassia."

Nov 1.—**JOHN W. BROWNE**, Esq., Boston. Subject: "The Novel."

Nov 8.—**HON. HORACE MANN**, West Newton. Subject: "The different values of different kinds of Knowledge."

Nov 15.—**HON. HORACE MANN**.

Nov 22.—**ALLEN CAOCKER SPOONER**, Esq., Boston.

Nov 29.—**REV CALEB STETSON**, Medford.

Dec 6.—**REV JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE**, Boston.

Dec 13.—

Dec 20.—**REV WILLIAM H CHANNING**, Boston.

Dec 27.—**WM P ATKINSON**, Brattleboro, Vt.

And others whose names will be duly announced.

☞ Tickets for the season 50 cents each, and transferable; for a single Lecture 25 cents, which may be obtained at the usual places.

**JOSEPH RICKETSON,**

Oct 4.

Secretary.

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New Bedford 10<sup>th</sup> month 8<sup>th</sup> 1847-

My Dear friend,

I can well assure you that the receipt of your kind and interesting letter a few days since, gave me much pleasure and satisfaction; and although I had been expecting to hear from you for some time I think you are perfectly excusable in not writing soon. I am well aware that the city of New York is a gay place, and that young damsels have so much to occupy their time while there, that there is but little left to write their distant friends - Right glad am I that you and Lizzie are having such a pleasant time of it - I wish that I could have been there while you are there; what fine times we could have had going round shopping looking into windows &c, I should have imaged myself in New Bedford going round as we used to sometimes in the evening - You cannot tell how much I feel indebted to you and Caroline for your very valuable present - I shall always consider it among my choicest treasures - I wrote to Caroline & thanked her and yourself, and presume she has received the letter though I have not heard from her since - She is undoubtedly enjoying "Otium cum dignitate," I imagine



I am very sorry to be obliged to inform you that  
my health has been very poor almost ever  
since I was at Weymouth, for a few days  
after I returned I felt quite well. The weather  
was exceedingly warm while I was in Goshen  
and whether it is owing to that or the very im-  
moral atmosphere <sup>there</sup> I am unable to say. I  
have had much of the head ache and  
for the last week hardly been able to do  
any thing. I am not confined to the house  
however but go moping about; to day I feel  
little better and have ventured to write  
you this letter poor as it may be. My wife  
and inclination are good enough, and if the  
performance is not very valuable you no doubt  
will take the will for the deed. The rest  
are all well. Mrs E. Ricketts has been spend-  
ing the last week with us, and is very agreeable.  
I would that she might always be so. Phoebe Ann  
Russell that was, now Mrs Monell and her hus-  
band are here on a visit, and I think you  
must laugh when I tell you that Aunt  
Bethiah, Grand Mother Russell gives a party  
this evening to all her grand children on  
their account. She has rode out twice and  
spent one day at John R. Throntons. I think  
she may live many years yet. Sometimes  
her upper works get a little deranged, and then  
look out. Should that be the case this evening,  
what a laughable and pitiable time we shall have.

Heate intends spending the winter in Philadelphia  
I think she leaves here on Wednesday next,  
and I hope you will be able to see each  
other in New York - We have had some very  
fine preaching lately - Rev Mr Holland of Rochester  
New York preached two Sundays - he is a good  
abolitionist as well as interested in all the other  
reforms, in my letter to Caroline, I think I  
made mention of visiting the jail & almshouse.  
The next Sunday after I wrote her, we had an  
adjourned meeting of the Anti Slavery Society  
from North to this place - Mr May & Pittsbury  
were here - the former is cousin to Mr Holland  
In the afternoon Mr Holland attended and  
made a very good speech & in the evening at  
his own rather our church he gave a very fine  
peace sermon in which were many very good  
abolition sentiments - He is a fine man. He sit  
aid with me & I like him much - But last  
Sunday we had some of the finest preaching  
I ever heard from Rev Mr Weiss of Watertown -  
The whole audience were taken by surprise,  
he is not much larger <sup>than</sup> myself & his voice is feeble  
but very clear, it can be truly called the still  
small voice - he was hardly heard at first but  
in a few moments his voice became louder  
and all was quiet so much so that you could  
have heard a pin drop - and the strictest  
attention was paid by all - We hardly think of any  
one else now but him, he has made such an impression



I have been trying for the last six months to get the  
Committee to have him here and finally pre-  
vailed upon them. He is to preach again next  
Sunday and perhaps longer. He also remains  
with me. The best of all is that I have secured  
him to lecture before the Association, and  
if he writes another lecture this winter, we  
are to have that also. You cannot tell what  
a mess the Lyceum are in. They had hoped  
and so far deceived themselves, to think that  
by the recording of their "odious vote," we should  
have no lectures this winter & were all taken  
by surprise, when our course was announced.  
They have shown no manliness or courtesy, for if  
they thought we were not to have any lectures,  
it would have been but fair to have moti-  
vated some of our lecturers; but this they did not  
nor have to my knowledge done. They announced  
their lectures on the same day we did and by  
the advertisement enclosed you can judge for your-  
self. They say we are obstinate. I tell them, it is as fair  
to ask them to give up, as to ask us. Our motto is "Exce-  
cution in plain English" "Go a head". They had a meeting last  
evening & reduced their tickets from Two dollars to fifty cents  
& yesterday they were trying to sell their tickets to colored  
people at that price, when only two years ago, they could  
have got two dollars. Verily what a fall was there.  
My townsman - Tempora Mutantur. One large colored man  
has purchased a ticket & says it may happen that he may set sail  
of "Capt Merrill". There's fun a head. Good bye write soon. Your true friend  
Joseph Ricketson