

Nov 1. 1845. Lyceum met, G. B. White in the chair. Amended the record of the last meeting. The secretary had it that Mr Page moved the amendment no adjournment to act on the admission of N. A. Bowden, when it was G. B. White who made the motion. It is very desirable that the record describe the doings of the soc accurately & therefore Mr Page moved to amend them by saying that G. B. White moved be instead of Mr Page. The committee on membership appointed at the last meeting, reported. Their report was accepted, including a list of those who in the opinion of the Committee were now members of the Lyceum. The list was then considerably enlarged by the addition of the names of gentlemen who now held tickets, but had not signed the constitution or been regularly voted in. When all things were thus put in a state of readiness to decide fairly on the request of N. A. Bowden question was taken by ballot & decided in the negative - 22 to 51. (Here Jonas Perkins applied or rather his name was given & he was admitted. D. W.)^a Protest against the action

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of the institution in relation to Puggles & Borden was then read by Sam. Rodman & a request made for it to be inserted on the records of the soc. Mr R. in a few & forcible words gave his reasons for the course he felt compelled to pursue. He was followed by Mr Page, who contended for the right of the protestants to record their honest opinion on the doings of the soc. He said he should dissent from some of the sentiments & inferences in the Protest; but with most of them, or at least some of them he should agree. The protest was respectful he doubted not the signers were honest & conscientious in the avowal of their sentiments & he thought the soc should grant their request. C. A. Greene said he regretted the action of the Lyceum - in rejecting a man who bore as fair & irreproachable character as any one in the community. He believed he was as little stained & defiled with the leprosy of the world as any man & on every consideration & principle was entitled to be received as a member of the Lyceum. Abraham Barker spoke in favor of recording the protest. He said he voted for the admission of Borden & thought

cold people ought to be admitted. Capt. Merrill & B. Rodman opposed it. They were exceedingly indignant that any person should attempt to question them in regard to the manner in which they voted (which no one had done). They assured us they should answer no such impertinent questioning, but before either had spoken 5 sentences he betrayed his own secret. The protest was finally withdrawn or laid upon the table for the time & S. Rodman presented a preamble & two resolutions. The preamble set forth the object of the institution &c. The 1st resolution went to rescind the vote lately passed to sell no more tickets. The 2d proposed to sell tickets to all without distinction of sect party or color. The preamble & 2d resolution were struck out. The 1st passed. Mr Rodman then proposed a resolution that the treasurer be directed to sell tickets as in years past. Negatively — The idea was advanced by Capt Merrill & S. Merrick that the cold people should be admitted & a particular part of the house assigned to them. A vote was then passed admitting the cold people to the North Gallery.

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gratuitously. "And so the frolic ended"
which is my remark. I could not write
Sat night I was so tired. & I found
Caroline has written the matter to
Wendell - so I refer you to him. for
her account & in great haste have
copied Mr Emersons minutes. I meant
to have copied the protest but have
not time. I have just given a advice to
Jo. who has been to see G. A. Greene. where
true Thomas made some verbs &
alterations. Ben Botch will sign if it
a triffling expression is changed some
thing of no consequence. But then
Jo says "these men who are used to
legislation action are so very careful"
there is some thought of James Arno
signing it. Peabody is to be asked &
Hitchcock. I will send the protest
per mail. In the greatest haste
ever yours J. W.

Have no time to read
over.

Webbs letter next time
write very chance way
- our anxiety for our paternal hearts
richness - mind - life -