

# SPECIAL NOTICES.

**17<sup>th</sup> New Year's Day.**—Every one should purchase a copy of this week's *New-York Traveler*, containing an accurate likeness of Louis Peter Roback, uncle to the celebrated Philosopher, Dr. C. W. Roback, residing at No. 6 White-st. d31-11\*

**15<sup>th</sup> American Bible Society.**—A stated meeting of the Managers of the American Bible Society will be held at the Society's House, Nassau-st., **TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING**, at 9 o'clock, **JOSEPH HYDE,** General Agent. d31-11\*

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**The American Art Union.—TO THE PUBLIC.**—The Committee of Management have determined to postpone the distribution of Works of Art, until they shall have received 15,000 subscribers, and they present herewith the causes of this postponement.

The plan of the Institution requires that it shall annually contract large obligations in advance of actual receipts. The great bulk of the subscribers, notwithstanding every effort on the part of the Committee to procure early subscriptions, do not register their names until after the 1st of December, thus obliging the Committee to act, in the purchase of pictures, the contracts for engraving, and the maintenance of the Free Gallery, in anticipation of an estimated number of subscribers, and making it necessary in the course of every year, to assume some probable number as the basis of operations. The number thus fixed upon for the year 1851 was 15,000, and this was a reasonable and prudent calculation, because the number in 1850 was 16,310, and until very recently there was every reason to suppose that the receipts of 1851 would be much larger.

During the months of June, July, August, and September of the present year, the excess of subscriptions over the corresponding period in 1850, ranged between 1,500 and 1,800, and even as late as the 1st December inst. there were 510 members more than on the same day last year. The last purchases made by the Committee were in the month of September, during this favorable state of things. To their surprise and regret the subscriptions during the present month have greatly fallen off, and the whole number at the present date amounts to but 12,331.

This is to be attributed in part to the extraordinary excitement attending the visit of KOSSUTH, which has withdrawn the attention of the people as well as their subscriptions from the Institution, and in part to the pecuniary distress which prevails in many parts of the country, growing out of commercial difficulties, the effect of which has only recently become apparent through the last advices from our Honorary Secretaries. Under these circumstances the Committee have been driven to the alternative of reducing the number of Works of Art for distribution, or of deferring the distribution until the full number of subscribers for whom they have been provided, has been obtained.

After mature deliberation, they have decided on the latter course, as best calculated to meet the wishes of the subscribers, promote the interest of the Institution, and avoid the pecuniary embarrassment which would result from distributing a larger number of pictures than the receipts for the current year would justify. Honesty, as well as prudence, dictates this course, and the Committee believe that they will be sustained in it by every honorable and intelligent member of the Institution.

The Committee take this opportunity of adverting to attacks, which have recently been made upon them through the public Press, charging them in various ways with acts abusive of their trust. The limits of this communication precludes the possibility of the Committee noticing these attacks in detail. But they pronounce every charge impugning their conduct in the management of the Institution, false and unfounded.

The Art Union is not exempt from the accidents and fluctuations to which every institution depending upon subscription is liable. The Managers believe that the great body of the people are its friends, and that they will continue their support. It has extended a love and a taste for art through a large extent of territory, and among a greater number of persons than any other institution in the world. In furthering its noble purposes, the Committee of Management have no other interest than that of a prudent and honest administration of its affairs, and in this course they look with confidence to the continued support and sympathy of the American Public.

ART-UNION ROOMS, Dec 30, 1851.

ROBERT KELLY, ANDREW WARNER, BENJAMIN H. JARVIS, JOHN H. AUSTEN, WILLIAM H. APPLETON, EVERT A. DUYCKINCK, HENRY J. RAYMOND, GEORGE W. AUSTEN, WILLIAM A. BUTLER, GEORGE TREDWELL,	ABRAHAM M. COZZENS, MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, FREDERICK A. COE, CHARLES P. DALY, WILLIAM J. HOPPIN, ERASTUS C. BENEDICT, WILLIAM B. DEAN, GEORGE CURTIS, CHARLES H. RUSSELL, JOHN P. RIDNER, NATHANIEL JARVIS, JR.
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**Seventh Ward.**—At the primary election held this day, between the hours of 7 and 12 o'clock, A. M., in pursuance of an order of the Whig Ward Committee, at the East Broadway House, No. 117 East Broadway, corner of Pike-st., the following ticket having received 356 votes, the persons thereon named are elected to represent the Whigs of the Ward in the several Committees as designated, for the year 1852.

<i>For General Committee</i> Zopher Mills, Joseph M. Price, Gorham P. Taylor, Daniel L. Pettee, Heman Boyd.	<i>For Young Men's Committee.</i> W. H. Arthur, David Webb, Geo. A. Buckingham, O. S. Watkins, David W. Price.	
<i>First District.</i> W. D. Andrews, W. Fardon, Erastus Brown, D. S. S. Samis, W. H. Clussinan.	<i>Second District.</i> James R. Terry, Thomas Kerr, A. D. Freye, Charles Fox, John Mulligan.	<i>Third District.</i> Robert Hudson, John Barry, John McLellan, James D. Lyon, Joseph Smith.
<i>Fourth District.</i> James P. Bremner, Wade B. Worrall, Edwin Corey, Andrew Jordan, E. M. Osborn.	<i>Fifth District.</i> W. P. Knapp, Joseph Hollinan, George Armstrong, Samuel Young, Ed. Utter.	<i>Sixth District.</i> Thomas H. Bemis, John E. Baker, Wm. Wakeman, Charles S. Webb, Samuel Jordan.
Daniel Tuttle, Wm. H. Lewis.	<i>Seventh District.</i> Robert McGowan, James Kaighn.	W. H. Sanford, JAMES R. TING, DAVID W. PRICE, HEMAN BOYD, WM. D. ANDREWS,

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Inspectors.

**The Society "FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR WIDOWS WITH SMALL CHILDREN"** gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations: A Lady from the Dutch Church in Broome-st., \$5; H. I. Vanderhoff, \$10; Mechanic, \$10; A. B. Sands, \$5; Mr. D. C. Eaton, \$25; Mr. Lenox, \$50; J. B., by Dr. Potts, \$25; Mr. James Boorman, \$100; Mrs. Richard Ray, \$7; Sheriff's Jury, Second Panel, by Lora Nash, \$25; "Exchange," \$6; A Friend, by Miss Brevoort, \$20; Mrs. Robert McCroskie, by Mrs. Lamb, \$5; A. B. McDonald, by Mrs. Lamb, \$2; Mrs. William A. Spencer, \$100; Mrs. Col. Fish, \$20; Mr. Vermylea, \$2; Miss Elizabeth Neilson, \$5; Mr. William Lawrence, \$5; A Gentleman, by Mrs. Kimball, \$20. d31-1t

**The Ladies of the Church of the Advent, (Episcopal),** intend holding a Fair at Knickerbocker Hall, corner of 23d-st. and 8th-av., on the 29th, 30th and 31st days of December, from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. The 8th-av., Phoenix, and Knickerbocker line of stages pass the Hall every five minutes. d29-3t

**I. O. of O. F.**—The members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 17, are requested to be punctual in their attendance on THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, 31st inst., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term. By order of WILLIAM JACKSON, N. G. T. I. COLEMAN, Secretary. d31-1t\*

**Mercantile Library Association.—REGULAR NOMINATIONS for 1852:**

GEORGE PECKHAM, ...with...Eno. Mahony & Co. WM. T. B. MILLIKEN, ...with...Customs. JNO. MERCHANT, ...with...Cameron & Brand. CHAS. O. RICHARDSON, ...with...Nassau Insurance Co. H. L. HUNT, ...with...Butchers & Drovers B'k.	<i>For President,</i> <i>Vice President,</i> <i>Corresponding Secretary,</i> <i>Recording Secretary,</i> <i>Treasurer,</i> <i>Directors,</i> James B. Smith, ...with... Hoyt & Tillinghast. William Howe, ...with... Bowers & Beekman. Thomas Kenworthy, ...with... Clark & Wilson. Cyrus Clark, ...with... Hill, Hyde & Co. George C. Wood, ...with... Dibblee, Work & Moore. John B. Peck, ...with... Peck & Bloodgood. James R. Knapp, ...with... Swift, Waldron & Co.
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DOUGLAS LEFFINGWELL, Chairman,  
 Regular Nominating Committee.

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**Mercantile Library Association Lectures.**—The Board of Directors have the pleasure to announce to their fellow-members and the public, that they have arranged for a Second Course of Seven Lectures, to be delivered in the Hope Chapel, Broadway, near Eighth-st., commencing MONDAY, January 5th, in the following order:

Jan. 5. Hon. HENRY J. RAYMOND.  
 Jan. 12. Prof. GEORGE WASHINGTON GREENE, of Brown University, Providence.  
 Jan. 19. Rev. JOHN PIERPONT, Medford, Mass.  
 Jan. 26. Rev. ORVILLE DEWEY.  
 Feb. 2. Rev. E. H. CHAPIN.  
 Feb. 9. Ik MARVEL, (DONALD G. MITCHELL, Esq.)  
 Feb. 16. RALPH WALDO EMERSON, Esq.

Lectures to commence at 7 o'clock. Terms of admission to the Course—Gentleman and Lady, \$2.75; Gentleman, \$1.50; Members—Gentleman and Lady, \$1.50; Gentleman, \$1.00; single tickets, 25 cents. For sale at the desk of the Library, and at the principal Book Stores.

H. N. CAMP, Chairman, } Lecture  
 L. B. HENRY, } Committee  
 T. FESSENDEN, Jr. }

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**Begin the New Year by Laying the Foundation OF A HOME.**—The GREENWICH BUILDING ASSOCIATION, perhaps the most promising of any yet organized, will hold its First Monthly Meeting on FRIDAY EVENING next, at half-past 7 o'clock, in the Blecker Buildings, Blecker-street, near Morton. The great success which has thus far attended this Association, will enable it to offer one or two shares for sale at this meeting. The members are reminded that their first dues will be payable on this evening.

Interesting addresses, explanatory of the principles, may be expected. The public are invited to attend. All who wish to avail themselves of the full benefit should unite at once. Come and learn how you can procure a Home, or a large sum in a few years, by small monthly payments.  
 CHARLES CRANE, President.  
 DAVID MILLIKEN, V. P.  
 R. Ross, Secretary.

William Wright, James W. Booth, H. W. Deems.	TRUSTEES. Peter C. Baker, Wm. Dunning, A. Ackerson,	W. B. Milliken, J. A. Cregeir, N. D. Thayer.
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**Western Farm and Village Association.**—In consequence of the late fire at Mechanics' Institute, the next regular meeting of this Association will be held THIS EVENING, in Chatham Hall, at the head of Chatham Square, in the Post-Office Block. As another Letter has been received from our Western Agent, all the members, as well as the public, are invited.  
 WM. HADDOCK, President.  
 THOS. K. ALLEN, Secretary. d31-1t\*