

ANNUAL REPORT 1881-82

To the Members of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1882

The history of the work of the Institute for 1881-82 usually closely resembles the history of its work for any other year within a certain period, a table of its studies within the Institute has necessarily been attended by occasional periods of depression, but unlike many others it has steadily increased and overcome depression and without keeping up an extraordinary schedule at any time has made steady progress in accomplishing good results and in extending popular support.

The number of tickets issued to subscribers during the year has been twenty-four in excess of the number issued during the previous year, and there has been a proportionate increase of funds from this source.

The rental of the Hall has also been \$157 in excess of the amount realized from the same source of income during the previous year.

The larger demand for the Hall has doubtless been partly caused by the numerous who have been elected, and which were anticipated in the month of May, A. D. 1881.

In December, 1880, Mr. G. Foster Palmer was selected by the Board to prepare a scheme of alterations to improve the appearance of the entrance, the seating of audience, the distribution of side balconies, and the construction of a separate entrance to end railway, and of a permanent procession.

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