Dialectic Hall, September 25th, 1837

Tuesday, Night

Society convened at the usual hour; President took the chair and called the house to order. The Sec. read the proceedings of the last meeting, which were approved. Upon motion of Mr. Hamlin, Mr. McElroy was admitted as a regular member of our society. Messrs. Hamlin and Gilmer were appointed to conduct the gentleman in. Upon motion of Mr. Thos. Cowan, Sr., Mr. Strong was granted six weeks indulgence, and upon motion of Mr. Martin, Mr. Thos. Cowan was granted the same privilege. Mr. Buchanan then moved that he be granted a copy of Judge Gaston's speech, together with an act of Mr. Hooper.

Regular duties being next in order, the following query was debated by the first and second classes. This Should Congress Pass an International Copyright Law? The first class having the affirmative, decided in favor of the second class. The query for the next night's discussion reads as follows—"Is a Republican form of Government more stable than a limited monarchy?" To be debated in the third and fourth classes; the former having the affirmative; Mr. Tharp will open the debate and Mr. Brockton will reply.

The President appointed Mr. W. Williams to act as part of the third class and Mr. Friend, honorably as part of the fourth class. Election of officers being next in order, the following gentlemen were elected to fill the following offices: Mr. Mansfield, President; Coffine, Vice, Mr. Clamming, Treasurer; Barry, Librarian; McEasdale, Secretary, Keeper; Farman, Poins, Keeper, Penn, Recorder. The Vice appointed the following gentlemen monitors in their respective classes; McElroy, Barry, J. A. Graham, Hamlin, McEasdale, Alexander, Garrett, Finch, Martin, Leaven. Mr. Gooch moved to refer that the next question be referred. Capt. The Treasurer made his report, which was received. Officers and monitors making their report the following gentlemen were fined, viz,

Mr. Beavon .50  Irviny .50  S. Lyke 1.35
Mrs. Beavon .55  J. Jones 1.35  Thompson .60
Parrish 1.80  R. Perry 1.60  Lee .25