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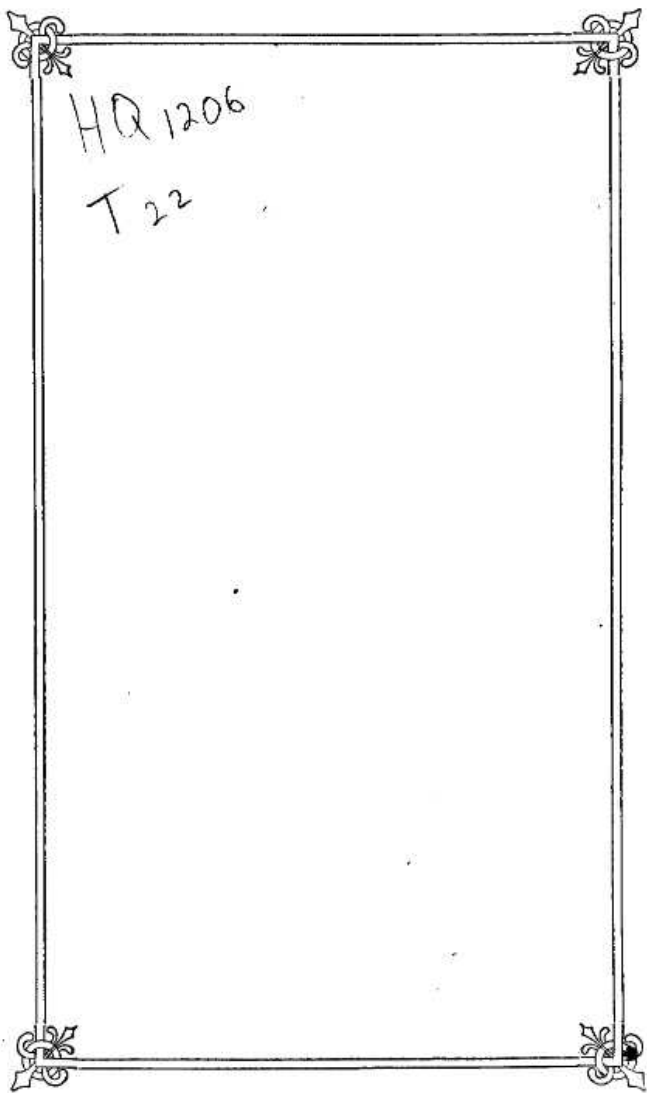
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DEAR SIR:

At a meeting of the Addison Lyceum held this evening, on motion of Mr. Geo. H. Rodgers, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Lyceum be tendered to L. F. Tasistro, Esq., for the appropriate and highly instructive lecture delivered before them on the evening of the 5th inst., and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

We hope the wishes of the Lyceum may meet with your approbation, conscious as we are, that your compliance will greatly oblige its members and all who may read the interesting and important truths contained in that admirable production.

With great respect, your obedient servants,

WILLIAM H. BROOKE, *Chairman*,

CHARLES W. CROCKER,

HENRY C. LARRABEE, *Committee*.

LOUIS F. TASISTRO, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, December 17th, 1848.

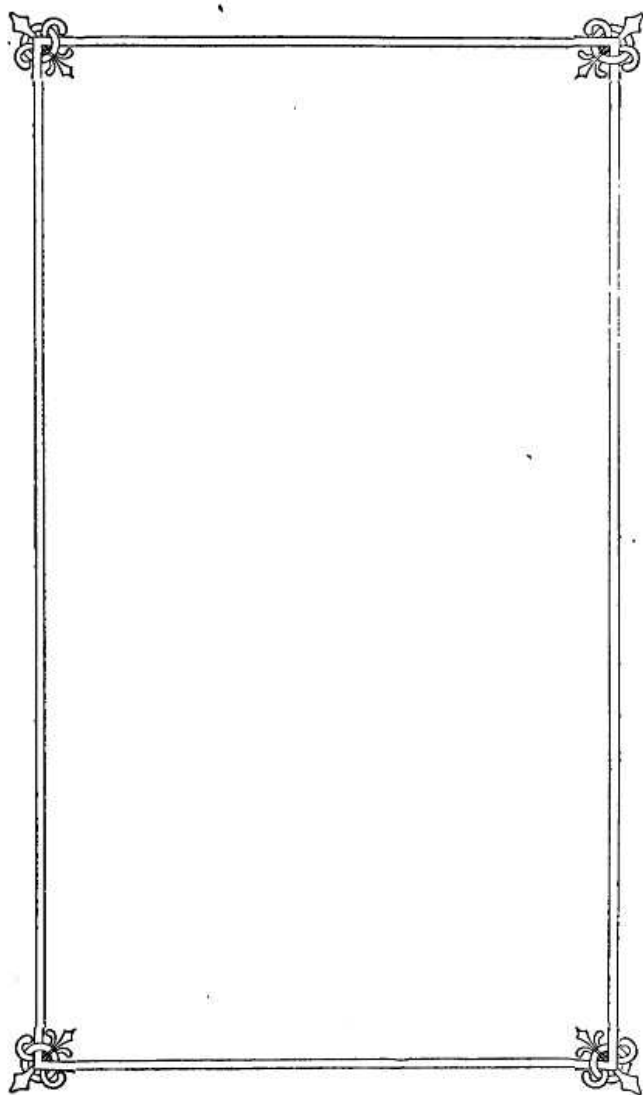
GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., and am truly gratified that any effort of mine to impart information, however humble or unpretending, should have elicited the approbation of so intelligent a body of gentlemen as those connected with the Addison Lyceum. I shall be most happy to comply with your request as soon as I can find leisure to make such revision of my notes as may be necessary for publication.

I am, most respectfully, your ob'd't serv't,

L. FITZGERALD TASISTRO.

To Messrs. WILLIAM H. BROOKS,
CHARLES W. CROCKER,
HENRY C. LARRABEE.



TO MRS. GENERAL MACOMB,

OF WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

MADAM,

In dedicating this trifle to you, I am actuated solely by a desire to do homage to that exalted benevolence of character, and to those eminent private virtues which have caused your name to be honored and beloved wherever you are known and understood. Although a great portion of your life has been spent in the midst of one of the most artificial communities known in the civilized world,—a community—where the charities of social life are hourly immolated on the altar of intolerance—where the specious semblance of virtue, both in ethics and in religion, is made to conceal the prevalence of the most detestable practices,—although surrounded by elements like these, *yet* the sterling qualities of your heart have shone forth with such steady and continuous brilliancy, that those, even, who cannot appreciate your self-devotion to the best interests of society, are forced to admire the beautiful consistency of purpose and the nobility of soul which have converted the first lady of the Metropolis of the Union into an angel of charity, whereas most persons similarly situated, would simply have aspired to be recognized as leaders of fashion.

Such, madam, are the considerations which have induced me to inscribe to you, the effort you were pleased to honor with your approbation when it was first delivered in the form of a lecture before a literary society of this city.

That your days may be long and happy, is the fervent prayer of

Your respectful and devoted servant,

LOUIS FITZGERALD TASISTRO.

WASHINGTON, July 15, 1860.



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THE various modes in which women have been treated, from the days of the Patriarchs to those of the Paladins, and from the days of the Paladins to these of the critics, is a subject of research at once curious, mournful, and amusing. Memorials of distinguished individuals afford but a fragmentary basis for speculation; but the history of the sex is the history of civilization. Lunar influences are not more immediately connected with the ebb and flow of the tide, than the rational estimate and education of women marks national progress or deterioration;—not in the arts, nor yet in manners,—but in the emancipation of the understanding from prejudice,—in the recognition of principles, and in the desire to ameliorate the human condition.

