

Barnstable Historical Society Archives
Minutes of the Iyannough Lyceum
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Extent: 3 composition books

Historical Note: Iyannough Lyceum was located on 6A in Yarmouth. Lyceums flourished in the United States before the Civil War and were important in the development of adult education in America. During this period hundreds of informal associations were established, across the country, for the purpose of improving the social, intellectual, and moral fabric of society. The lyceum movement — with its lectures, dramatic performances, class instructions, and debates — contributed significantly to the education of the adult American in the nineteenth century and provided the cultural framework for many of the areas of influence. Noted lecturers, entertainers and readers would travel the "lyceum circuit," going from town to town or state to state to entertain, speak, or debate in a variety of locations.

The material in this collection mirrors lyceum activities that took place around the United States including the question of the evening

Scope and Content Note: Collection consists of 3 composition books; one is an oversize ledger recording minutes of meeting, up to 1852, and a record of the question of the evening. Another small size composition book holds the meeting minutes from 1878 to 1885. The third composition book consists of compositions in response to the question of the evening.

Creator: Iyannough Lyceum, Henry Baker

Date: 1848 - 1878

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- 1 1 Henry Baker's Response to the "Question of the Evening,"
Composition #4 and #8, around 1859

- 2 2 Unknown respondent to the "Question of the Evening" and
meeting reports, around 1870s

- 3 3 Iyannough Lyceum Book of Minutes, 1848 – 1878