

such rules and provisions, and procure the correspondent regulations on the part of the public institutions referred to, as they may deem necessary to accomplish the object.

Mr. Peabody's first letter.

Third. I wish, also, that the Institute shall embrace within its plan an Academy of Music, adapted in the most effective manner to diffuse and cultivate a taste for that, the most refining of all the arts. By providing a capacious and suitably furnished saloon, the facilities necessary to the best exhibitions of the art, the means of studying its principles and practising its compositions, and periodical concerts, aided by the best talent and most eminent skill within their means to procure, the trustees may promote the purpose to which I propose to devote this department of the Institute. They will make all such regulations, as in their judgment, are most likely to render the Academy of Music, the instrument of permanent good to the society of this city. As it will necessarily incur considerable expense for its support, I desire that it may be, in part, sustained by such charges for admission to its privileges, as the Trustees may consider proper, and at the same time compatible with my design, to render it useful to the community; and I suggest for their consideration the propriety of regulating the conditions of an annual membership of the Academy; as well as the terms of occasional admission to the saloon, if they should consider it expedient at any time to extend the privilege of admission beyond the number of those who may be enrolled as members.

Fourth. I contemplate with great satisfaction, as an auxiliary to the improvement of the taste and, through it, the moral elevation of the character of the society of Baltimore, the establishment of a gallery of art in the department of Painting and Statuary. It is, therefore, my wish that such a gallery should be included in the plan of the Institute and that spacious and appropriate provision be made for it. It should be supplied to such an extent as may be practicable, with the works of the best masters, and be placed under such regulations as shall secure free access to it during stated periods of every year, by all orderly and respectable persons who may take an interest in works of this kind; and particularly that