

adaptation to its various uses, it may be worthy of the purpose to which it is dedicated, and may serve to embellish a city, whose prosperity I trust will ever be distinguished by an equal growth in knowledge and virtue.

Mr. Peabody's first letter.

I am with great respect,

Your friend,

GEORGE PEABODY.

To Messrs. Wm. E. Mayhew, John P. Kennedy, Chas. J. M. Eaton, Thomas Swann, George Brown, John B. Morris, S. Owings Hoffman, G. W. Burnap, W. H. D. C. Wright, Josias Pennington, Wm. McKim, David S. Wilson, John M. Gordon, Samuel W. Smith, Chauncy Brooks, Wm. F. Murdoch, Enoch Pratt, J. Mason Campbell, Geo. W. Brown, Galloway Cheston, George P. Tiffany, Wm. Prescott Smith, Chas. Bradenbaugh, Edw. M. Greenway, Jr., Wm. C. Shaw.

And whereas, the list of two hundred names referred to in the foregoing letter, is contained in another letter from Mr. Peabody to certain persons therein named, of which the following is a copy :

Preamble continued.

SECOND LETTER OF MR. PEABODY.

BALTIMORE, February 14th, 1857.

Gentlemen:—In the organization of the Institute to be established in this city, in conformity with a plan adopted by me, I have confided its government to a Board of Trustees, twenty-five in number, to be preserved in constant and perpetual succession by their own selection and appointment. And as from the nature of the duties required of them, they are necessarily limited within a compass which excludes a large number of those whom I should be glad to interest in the success of the undertaking, I have thought I might, in some degree, assure myself of this advantage, by placing in the hands of the Board of Trustees, the names of two hundred citizens, selected from the most worthy and intelligent of this city, comprised of many, whom it has been my good fortune, in time past, to rank amongst my intimate personal friends, several of the sons of my old associates now gone, and a

Mr. Peabody's second letter.