

THE INDEPENDENT LECTURE COURSE.

The managers of this Association, which has been so popular with our lecture-going public for the last two years, appear this season with decidedly the most brilliant array of talent upon their bill that they have yet offered.

On the 16th of December, GEO. WM. CURTIS will open the course with a lecture on "*The American Doctrine of Liberty.*" While Mr. CURTIS always interests and pleases his audience, he surpasses himself when discussing the elevated themes of human rights and national destiny. His subject is most timely for the present needs of the public mind.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON will follow Mr. CURTIS, and discourse on "*Perpetual Forces,*" December 26th. Every lover of a profound and spiritual philosophy will desire to hear what the foremost thinker of America has to say for the element of stability in our fluctuating affairs. Mr. EMERSON'S lecture, like all others delivered in the Independent Course, will be his latest and freshest production.

No lecturer has so uniformly filled every seat in Tweddle Hall as GRACE GREENWOOD. GRACE will give an hour of her charming gossip on January 2d, under the title:—"Washington, London and Rome: Personal Recollections." The portion on life in Washington will contain reminiscences of the principle characters now figuring on the arena of Rebellion; while the sketch of life in Rome and London will be rich in recollections of artistic and literary experience in those capitals.

On the 19th of January, Mr. HENRY WARD BEECHER will deliver a new lecture. The fact that BEECHER is to give the people his last and best thoughts on the times, is sufficient to crowd any lecture hall in the country.

The Committee have positive assurances from Hon. JAMES H. LANE, of Kansas, that he will address the people in their course at some convenient time during the winter, on "*The State of the Country.*" The words of so uncompromising and ardent a friend of Liberty as JIM LANN, of Kansas, will not fail to call out a large assembly. Early notice will be given of the date of his lecture.

The sixth and last lecture of the course will be delivered by Rev. HENRY W. BELLOWS, President of the Sanitary Committee, on February 6th. Mr. BELLOWS subject is:—"Phases of the War." The peculiar position of intimacy with the War Department of the Government enjoyed by this gentleman; his eminent public services as President of the Sanitary Committee; his distinguished reputation as a lecturer, and one of the most eloquent preachers of the Metropolis, assure us of a rich treat.

The tickets of the Independent Course, admitting a gentleman and lady to all the lectures, can be obtained at the Book and Music Stores of the city, for one dollar. As the number of course tickets is limited, and tickets of admission to a single lecture are twenty-five cents, it will be advisable for all who wish to be supplied to make early application.