

West Chester Sept 21st 1850

Dear Fitz

As a couple of weeks have intervened, between the receipt of your last, and the date of the above, it therefore becomes me to rake up an apology and an excuse – In the first place I think it would be, highly appropriate, to resort to yours which is “I deferred writing, till I could collect something to write about” – and further I have been so busily engaged, for the last few weeks at Latin, Greek, and French, that I could scarcely find out in which direction, to turn my head, - and also as you know as well as I, that I have always been punctual heretofore – I therefore hope I will be entirely excused – but I beg of you if possible, not to follow my example of delay;

I sincerely thank you my dear fellow for your untiring exertions on behalf of me in gaining the long desired information It also gives me great pleasure to hear that, that, darling angel (Do you hear that) may possibly be at Lititz by the time I pay a visit.

You seem to talk as if it was a settled matter for the above name to be Mrs etc etc but permit me to tell you the male person alluded to has never as yet had the extreme pleasure of addressing to her a single word – much less a word of love.

I also think you were quite forward in your predictions when you said that a certain passage in your last would cause the person addressed, to be enveloped in a scarlet coat of blushes – but he must and will confess, that it did really affect him but not as the above – truly it did affect him but in a manner causing gratification to himself with the extra blush – which you know is frequently initiated by ladies who have learned a trade – the implements of labor being the following, - viz – a good brush, similar to “tip top” painters, a beautiful mug to contain the paint, and I really believe the heart of a coquette, - for If [sic] she can deceive in one thing, she will in another, - is that not a logical inference. [sic] You grant it I suppose, - so here I have something on “hopping about on one leg, and all such ridiculous maneuvers” – for such coquettes, are generally fond, [sic] of dancing and they say, it gives them pleasure, - but as they deceive, in some other ascertained things, we therefore reasonably infer, that they as probably as possible, deceive in this, and therefore, that dancing is only an imaginary pleasure. but enough of that subject, It has been fully discussed, ere this piece of paper, I suppose was in existence.

I have no reason whatever, to excuse you for making the long clause, you spoke about – but charge you and will never excuse you for making it so short – agreeable subjects, never produce dislike, however long they may be – Ennk Squash ne Baker “Sacre S-ot” has at last, left us – so we have one buol [sic] though none the worse if its [sic] Capt. J. H. P. Kinser enjoys his usual good health –

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By, [sic] the By, some weeks ago, we the larger boys formed a debating Society, and so far it has been carried on with great success, in the large French room. I send you our Rules, or rather the Constitution, hoping you will excuse all mistakes—etc. We are getting 200 copies struck off, which are somewhat different from the enclosed –when I write again, I will be able to forward you one.

When you write again, please direct to the old P. O. – viz GD at P. O. – for I will be there – write soon, soon, soon. I will endeavour [sic] to avail myself of an opportunity, to come up to see you. If I can possible get off, -- but remember do not introduce me to any Ladies, I beg of you let our conversations be private, then I will not be driving to extremity – that is will not blush – from your true friend R. Kinzer

Accompanied by an August 26th 1850 copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Lyceum Society, of which Mr. Kinzer is president and Manuel Soruco, Sucra, Bolivia, is vice-president.

Rules and Regulations
of the
“Lyceum Society”
formed August 26th, 1850

Article 1st. Be it resolved, that the Debating Society, shall go under the appellation of the
“Lyceum Society.”

Article 2d. If any member of the “Lyceum Society,” be called to order he shall immediately, without asking any questions, change his language or behavior, as the case may be.

Article 3d. It is entirely out of order, for a member to interrupt another while he is speaking, and if two or more members, should rise to speak at the same time, the President shall decide who has a right to the floor, and those decided against must take their seats immediately.

Art. 4th. No member shall call another to order, nor shall he criticize on the speech of another whilst in the society.

Art 5th. When a member has the floor, the rest will pay strict attention to what he is saying.

Art 6th. When the President is called upon to decide a case, he shall do it impartially, and without regard to personal feelings, and in return, no member shall censure him for any decision he has made.

Art 7th. When a member rises to speak he shall advance to the speakers table, and address the President.

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Art 8th. No one is allowed to divulge the proceedings of the “Lyceum Society” to any one not belonging to the said society.

Art 9th. Spectators may be admitted, if a vote is taken one on the preceeding evening of meeting, results in their favour, and further, all amendments and votes must be made directly after meetings, and before debate commences.

Art 10th. The President will call all to order at 7 o’clock, preceisely, and in his absence the Vice President will officiate—also, we will adjorn at 8 o’clock the same evening.

Art 11th. The members must all attend, every evening of meeting unless prevented by sickness, non-presence at the school and the like, -- also when any spectator is admitted, he must be orderly, or he will be expelled, never more to return.

Art 12th. When a vote is taken on any subject, the voter shall write the word yea or nea, on his ticket, and under the same, his own name, when he will deposit the ticket, in, or on the place assigned.

Art 13th. It will be the duty of the Seretary to record all votes given, stating the person voting yea or nea, and the subject voted on.

Art 14th. The President, Vice President, and the Secretary shall have a vote on all subjects, and of them the Vice President is permitted to join in debate.

Art 15th. The President shall give out the subjects to be debated the following meeting, at the close of each debate.

Art 16th. Each member, must consult his own opinion in debating.

Art 17th. It will also be the duty of the Secretary, to read out what he has written since the last meeting, before debate commences.

Art 18th. Be it remembered, whoever signed the preceeding articles or any that may follow , is understood by the whole in a body, to give his workd to act up to them honorably.

Art 19th. By a fair vote taken August 26th, the following officers have been chosen and will discharge the respective duties required vix:

President Roland Kinzer, Lancaster County, Pa.

Vice President, Manuel Soruco, Sucre, Bolivia, S.A.

Secretary, James Chesnut, Camden, S. Carolina

Art 20th. Be it Resolved, that the society meet in debate twice a week, on Monday and Thursday evenings.

A. B. Kinsey, Natchex, Mississippi.

O.H. Robertson, Huntsville, Alabama.

Isaac A. Ross, Port Gibson, Miss.

E. S. Wills, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.

S. Downing, Downingtown, Chester Co.

Geo. K. Bowen, Philadelphia, Pa.

S.W. Shields, Mobile, Alabama.

F.W. Mintzer, Evansburg, Pa.

J. W. Sham, New Orleans

John Lord Delaware Pa

Debating Members

