

time I am anxious to arrange
an educational museum (i.e. one
where the visitor may be educated by
the eye; - & the more constant
student may obtain illustrations
for his reading.) This might well
be done, for instance, in the Geological
Section. These designs are however
all 'in nubibus' at present; & will
I fear cost many years of patient
labour for their realisation. As usual
the 'vis in vis' is our most difficult
obstacle. My only apology for troubling
you with this long letter (from one who is a
perfect stranger to you) is the feeling
that we shall have your sympathy in
this attempt, & the hope that
you may not object to being placed

2 Royal Terrace (L154)

Weymouth

Feb. 29/84

Dear Sir
I have been deputed to
ask you whether you intend
in Weymouth, & in movements
intended to encourage a love
for art, science, & literature
amongst all classes of our
provincial towns would induce
you to become one of the patrons
of our "Weymouth Town Society".

I enclose a prospectus, & an
account of the meeting at which
the Society was formed. These, I think,

will best explain to you the
aims & ~~and~~ method of working
proposed by the Society.

The lectures which we have
had so far have been ^{rather disappointing} ~~the~~ ^{& indeed}
the whole (~~though~~ it is very
costly to ensure obtaining good
public lectures); but we shall
do everything we can to improve
them: the exhibition, which
we hope to hold in Easter week,
will probably be small; but
we shall spare no pains to
make it an annual one, &
to secure a healthy development

for it.

The Debating Society has
been successful. The Museum
& Field Club are at present
a dream of the future.

I read with great interest
the fragments of your speech
made at the opening of the
Dorchester Museum, & would
fain have seen the whole.

I hope we may be able to follow
out your advice with regard to
the ~~collection~~ character of
collection likely to really interest
our townspeople; & at the same

amongst our list of patrons. (L154)

Could you at the same time
kindly tell me whether there
would be any chance of your
being present at the opening
of our exhibition? I feel ^{the more} ~~more~~
diffidence in asking this question,
in that we are at present so
uncertain of the success of the
exhibition, to say nothing of
the ~~tax~~ ~~this~~ demand this would
make on your time.

Believe me, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully

Christopher Childs

answered Yes & a cheque for 5 £
sent to Mr Childs per Mr & Mrs Wood
Town Society.

The Tickets of Membership will be divided into four Sections.

Section A for Subscribers of 2s. 6d. per year, ending 30th September, 1884.

”	B	”	5s. 0d.	”	”	”
”	C	”	10s. 6d.	”	”	”
”	D	”	21s. 0d. and upwards	”	”	”

The A tickets will admit to Back Seats; B tickets to Middle Seats; C to Reserved Seats; D are transferable between members of the same household, and entitle the holder to 3 tickets—Reserved Seats—for the Lectures and Entertainments.

All Tickets will also admit to the Exhibition, to the Soiree and Entertainment with which the Exhibition will be opened, free of charge, also to the home Lectures and Entertainments, and on payment of the fees charged by the Debating, Field, and Games Clubs, to membership in those Clubs.

The Committee cordially invite you and your friends to become Members, and if you are willing to do so, please sign and return the enclosed form at your earliest convenience,

To Mr. ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE,

Hon. Sec.,

“The Fernery,” Weymouth.

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WEYMOUTH TOWN SOCIETY

ESTABLISHED 1883.



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* There has not been time yet to get the consent of our two Members to allow their names to stand as Patrons, but it is hoped they will have no objection.

PROSPECTUS OF THE WEYMOUTH TOWN SOCIETY,

For the encouragement of the study and pursuit of Art, Science, and Literature, and of other Social work in the Town.

The Committee of this Society have drawn up a code of rules in accordance with the instructions given at the public meeting which was held in "The Working Men's Club," on 21st August, 1883.

A copy may be seen or purchased at the offices of the Honorary Secretary.

The Committee are making arrangements for four Public Lectures, and Entertainments to be given during the first Session, commencing in October next.

Also for an Exhibition of Works of Art and Skill, by inhabitants of Weymouth and the Neighbourhood, to be held in the beginning of January, 1884.

Also for a series of four home Lectures and Entertainments, to be given by inhabitants of Weymouth or other friends.

Also for the starting of a Debating Club.

Also for a Field Club (Botanical, Geological and Archæological) which will be empowered to commence collecting materials for a Town Museum.

Also for the formation of a Chess and Games Club.

NOTE.—For the present, the Debating, Field, and Games Clubs will be expected to be responsible for their own expenses.

The Committee hope, however, to facilitate and perpetuate the work of these Clubs, and if they receive sufficient support, to reduce the subscription for membership to these Clubs to a minimum.

The success and effectiveness of this undertaking depend entirely upon the co-operation and support of all classes in the town, and if you are convinced of its desirability, you are requested to become a member, and persuade others to do the same as soon as you possibly can, in order that the Committee may feel justified in undertaking and carrying out this scheme.

Please turn over.)