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# **ARCADIAN CLUB**

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PETER COOPER,

Aged 83.

DRAWN AND ENGRAVED BY PUPILS OF THE COOPER UNION.

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ARCADIAN CLUB, 52 UNION PLACE, NEW YORK, }  
August 15, 1873. }

MR. PETER COOPER—

DEAR SIR: The members of the ARCADIAN CLUB, on behalf of themselves, and in sympathy with the larger circle in New York City, who are familiar with your liberality in the cause of Science and Art, desire to express the grateful regard in which you are held, in view of your public services. We remember that, in a wiser and larger spirit than that of a mere patron of art, you have dedicated a princely endowment to educate Scientists and Artists from among the masses of the people, and to maintain a free Institute for their benefit.

As your eighty-fourth birthday is near at hand, the members of our Club look to it with interest, and request you to give them the pleasure of your company on the evening of that day, and thus afford them, in association with their invited guests from the ranks of the professors, teachers, scholars, artists, editors, and public men of our city and State, an opportunity to congratulate you on your honored old age, and to assure you, New York feels a generous pride in your name, as that of one of her distinguished citizens.

Very respectfully your obedient servants,

GEO. W. HOWS,  
ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN,  
GEORGE W. CARLETON,  
*Committee of Invitation.*

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COOPER INSTITUTE, NEW YORK, }  
August 25, 1873. }

*Geo. W. Hows and others, Committee of Arcadian Club.*

GENTLEMEN: I must confess that I am deeply touched by the offer of the Arcadian Club, to commemorate my approaching birthday,



by a special meeting of your members, and other invited and honorable guests.

If I were to consult purely my personal inclinations I would decline this proffered honor and kindness, expressing my sincere thanks. I have no other claims upon your kind attentions, and honorable recognition, than such as belong to every earnest friend of popular education. But it is often due to a good cause, and a public benefit, to make some public recognition of the servants of the cause. I feel, thus, your request as a sort of command whose weight comes from the high character of your members, and the promotion of the general welfare you have in view, in honoring one who through a long life has tried to do his duty in the city of his birth and home.

If therefore my life should be spared until the 12th day of February next, and you should continue of the same mind, it will give me great pleasure to meet with you and your guests whenever you may think it proper to hold such a reception.

Meanwhile, I should be happy to meet any member of your committee that will do me the honor to call at my house, any day but Saturday, after 5 o'clock P. M.

Again expressing my sincere thanks, I have the honor to be,  
Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

PETER COOPER.

GEO. W. HOWS,  
A. S. SULLIVAN,  
G. W. CARLETON,

*Committee of the Arcadian Club.*

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ARCADIAN CLUB

In accordance with the above correspondence, a reception will be held at the Club House on Thursday, February 12th, at 8 P. M.

HENRY G. STEBBINS,  
*President.*

THOS. J. HALL, *Secretary.*

# Arcadian Club.

February 12, 1874.

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## PROGRAMME

FOR THE

### ***RECEPTION TO MR. PETER COOPER.***

ON THE

Eighty-fourth Anniversary of his Birthday.

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At half-past 8 o'clock, Introduction of Mr. COOPER,  
By ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN.

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Address by HENRY G. STEBBINS.

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Ode, written for the occasion by  
Mrs. MARY B. DODGE, read by CHARLES ROBERTS, Jr.

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Response of Mr. COOPER.

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Congratulatory Address by Pupils and Graduates of Cooper In-  
stitute.

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Addresses in response to the call of the President of the Club.

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***Speeches by Distinguished Guests.***

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC.

- DUO, Belisario, - - - - - Donizetti.  
*Mr. H. MILLARD, Mr. FRED. STEINS.*
- BALLAD, When the Swallows build, - - - - -  
*Mr. W. H. SWEET.*
- SONG, A Jolly Good Laugh, - - - - -  
*J. B. THOMAS.*
- SONG, The Stirrup-Cup, - - - - - Arditì.  
*Mr. W. H. DAVIS.*
- BALLAD, Across the Sands, - - - - - Millard.  
*Mr. MILLARD.*
- SONG, When the Tide comes in, - - - - - Millard.  
*Mr. STEINS.*
- DUO, Martha, - - - - - Flotow.  
*Mr. MILLARD, Mr. DAVIS.*

*Accompanists, Geo. W. Colby, E. Agramonte.*

*Serenade by Dodsworth's Band, half-past 11 o'clock.*

1. FACKELTANZ, No. 4, - - - - - Meyerbeer.
2. CAVATINA, Immenso Jehova, from Nabuco, - - - - - Verdi.
3. WALTZ, Artist's Life, - - - - - Strauss.
4. SELECTIONS, from La Fille de Mad. Angot, - - - - - Lecocq.
5. FINALE, "The Union," North, South, East, and West, - - - - - Dodsworth.

The Art Contributions are by Pupils of the Cooper Institute.