

December 6, 1841
Elihu Burritt to R.J. Hinman Esq.

Worcester [Massachusetts]
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My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 3rd come duly, to hand, and I take this opportunity to assure you that I will do all in my power to appear before your Society on the 20th of January. I have only three lectures, and these I would submit to your choice. This first is "Natural Philosophy prior or auxiliary to the Newtonian System." The principal aim of this subject is to show what had been said and done on the subject of gravitation previous to Newton's day. The second is, "The success of preserving Self Cultivation independent of Native Genius." This I delivered before the New York Lyceum. In this I endeavor to take up arms against the degenerating influence of mythological or classical metaphors and impressions with regard to the inspiration or existence of native genius. The third is "The History and Character of Roman Patriotism as contrasted with the spirit of the great Republican Principle." This I delivered before the Mercantile Lib. Assoc. Now as you may judge better than I which of these subjects might be received best with you, I would beg that you announce which of them you may think proper; as I shall not want more than 1 or 2 hours notice of your choice, when I arrive in New Haven.

Yours Very Respectfully,

[signed] Elihu Burritt

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