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[1865–66]

Jas. H. Matheny

Says that about 1837–8 & 9 a parcel of young men in this City formed a Kind of Poetical Society — association or what not. Lincoln once or twice wrote Short Poems for the book *None of the Poems are reclected in full*. *One verse* of one, on Seduction by Lincoln, runs thus —

Whatever Spiteful fools may Say —¹
 Each jealous, ranting yelper —
 No woman ever *played* the *whore*
 Unless She had a man to help her.

W. H. Herndon²

Newton Francis	}	Some of the members
Evan Butler	}	
Noah Rickord	}	
J. H. Matheny ³	}	

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Says —

Lincoln loved Burns generally — Shakespear — didn't care much if anything for such thing as Campbells' pleasures of Hope — Akenside's imagination &c. &c — Loved Byron's
 Don Juan —
 Darkness
 The Hosts of Sanacherib
 Last leaf by O. Holmes —
 Burns address to a young friend
 Burns' Cottre's Saturday Night
 Holy Wille's Prayer —
 Immortality —
 Child Harold —¹

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1. Verses and list of members are in another hand, presumably Matheny's.
 2. WHH has written his own name in here; the other names are in the hand presumed to be Matheny's.
 3. Under this list, WHH or JWW has written: *Mathy Clerk & enter pieces in a book*.

1. Titles referred to: Thomas Campbell, "The Pleasures of Hope"; Mark Akenside, "The Pleasures of the Imagination"; Lord Byron, "Don Juan," "Darkness," "The Destruction of Sennacherib"; Oliver Wendell Holmes, "The Last Leaf"; Robert Burns, "Epistle to a Young Friend," "The Cotter's Saturday Night," "Holy Willie's Prayer"; William Knox, "Mortality"; Lord Byron, "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage."