

# The Literary Magazine

## Overview

A summary of the history of the Literary Debating Society is available on our sister website, *Glasgow's Literary Bonds* (see 'Additional Notes' below).

Whilst becoming more proficient in their rhetorical skills at their meetings, the purpose of starting a society magazine was so that members might improve their writing. The preface is in part a manifesto for the magazine, and quotes Lord Bacon: 'reading makes a full man, speaking a ready man, and writing a correct man'. This was to become an oft-used phrase by literary societies more generally over the course of the nineteenth century.

### **Name of Club, Society or Group That Produced the Magazine**

Literary Debating Society (Glasgow)

### **Date of Existence**

1845?-1846?

### **Date of Magazine**

Nos. 1-3, 1 December 1845 - 13 February 1846

### **Number of Issues**

3

### **Manuscript/Published Magazine**

Print

### **Contents and Contributions**

Articles (non-fiction); Notice (printed); Poem (translation); Preface; Song (vernacular)

### **Repository**

University of Glasgow Special Collections

## Reference

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## Additional Notes

From the [University of Glasgow online catalogue](#): 'Library holds: No. 1-3, 1 Dec. 1845-13 Feb. 1846. Copy at Mu1-d.13 has front and back covers of no.1 & 2, and front cover of no. 3, bound in. Copy at RB 3049 is item 1 of 5 bound together' [accessed 31 January 2018].

See also entry for [Literary Debating Society](#) on our sister website, [Glasgow's Literary Bonds](#).