

*Report of the Committee on Lectures for the Session of 1873-74.*

Referring to the report of our predecessors for last year, we find that this fully stated the objects and methods of the Association with reference to its Lectures, in a manner to which we have nothing to add, except that the experience of last year seems to have confirmed the wisdom of its recommendations by the success of the Courses of Lectures which were then arranged.

In the same report suggestions were made for the session now in prospect, and these suggestions we think should in the main be adopted.

1. For the first month of the Session, we would advise that Professor GOLDWIN SMITH should be requested to continue the subject of English History: and since it will probably be necessary that he should deliver three Lectures in each week, we would advise that no other Course should be in progress at the same time.

2. As many students have expressed a wish for longer Courses, we think it would be well to arrange in this way for a Course of Mental Philosophy, a subject of such general interest and importance that it might be allowed to extend from the end of October till the end of the session, say 35 Lectures.

3. We would also advise that the valuable Lectures of last session on Astronomy and Magnetism should be followed by a Course on some other department of Physical Science, and that this should, if possible, be a course of 15 Lectures before Christmas.

4. We beg also to report that there is a very wide-felt desire on the part of our members and students for further instruction from the Lecturer on "Useful and Ornamental Stones." We recommend therefore that Principal DAWSON be invited to give the remaining 20 Lectures. While we suggest Geology as a desirable subject, we would leave the final choice with Principal DAWSON, who, in case he accedes to our request will assuredly consult our truest interests in the matter.

With reference to the session of 1874-5, we think that it would be very desirable to continue and extend the Lectures on English Language and Literature, and that the Philosophical teaching might probably enter into the department of Ethics, while there would still remain large scope for new subjects in Natural History and Natural Philosophy, the study of Music, &c., &c.