

PREFACE.

AT the eighth Annual Convention of the Y. M. C. Associations of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, held in the City of Montreal, September 29th, 1875, and two following days, Mr. Crombie read portions of the lecture "The Young Men of Canada," by the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake.

This lecture Mr. Blake subsequently delivered before a gathering of the young men in the lecture room of the Association building.

The Directors were so impressed with the excellence of the lecture, that at their regular Monthly Board meeting a resolution was passed expressive of the good which would result from its publication ; a copy of this resolution being sent to Mr. Blake he kindly placed the manuscript at the disposal of the Board ; of the lecture the Board would simply say, Read it !