

their flagstaff since the Revolution ; but lately their camp is sadly shattered, and the ministers, like Samson's foxes, are turning tail to tail. It is the fate of sects after two or three generations to give up the principles on which they started. They find the platform too narrow.

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ADDRESS TO THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN HALIFAX, ON 25TH DECEMBER.

We have seen with satisfaction the rise and progress of your society for reading the Word of God and prayer, and we trust by the grace of God it may reach higher degrees of usefulness and prosperity, and be a nursing mother to similar institutions, which shed such a lustre on the age. The course of this world and the tide of folly roll on ; but it is gratifying to see the pulpit, the press, the prayer meeting, the Sabbath school, and the lecture room uniting their forces to stem the torrent, and to deepen and widen the stream of Christianity. Popular lectures on science and literature are the order of the day ; but the tree of knowledge is not good for fruit unless sheltered by the tree of life. What though I possessed the treasures of a thousand volumes, and could speak a hundred languages, it will avail me nothing if I am an enemy to God and divine things. Balaam could speak in a style which might be admired by the whole world. The higher the Greeks and Romans advanced in knowledge, the deeper they sank in vice and depravity. I recollect the thunders of the French Revolution. That nation was the most enlightened and polished in Europe. They mistook Romanism for Christianity, sunk into infidelity, and attempted to govern the world