

LECTURE.

OUR fifth series of Lectures is closing; and so far, the public voice, the Christian heart of Halifax, has pronounced its approval. During the course now closing, the *young man* has been instructed in the duties which he owes to Society and to the *Age** and warned respecting the character and limits of his "*Amusements*."† Our minds have glowed with admiration of the grandeur and glory of the Universe as "*Astronomy*"‡ became the Lecturer's theme. With increasing delight, we have heard of the *diversity* of the Divine works and of their perpetual *progress*; variety and advancement serving the more gloriously to develope and to display "*the Divine Law and love of Unity*."§

Nor have the themes peculiar to Revelation been neglected. The Paper on "*Undesigned Coincidences in Scripture*,"|| wrested the weapons of infidelity from her grasp and turned her artillery against her own flimsy defences. For our *Old English Bible* and *free Press* to print it and circulate it by the million among all tribes and tongues on earth, as well as for the literary treasures of the Old World the lecture on "*Bibliography*"¶ evoked deep emotions of gratitude and joy; and as we heard of the material intellectual and spiritual blessings which we derive from the Sabbath,** involuntarily we exclaimed, thanks be to God for that source of light and peace and joy to man.

But we are not only Christians but citizens, constituting part of a great nation, and being the loyal subjects of a Chris-

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‡ Lecture by Rev. Professor Henslow. § Lecture by Robert Miller, Esq.

|| Lecture by Rev. Professor Hill. ¶ Lecture by Rev. E. Maturin.—

** Lecture by Rev. T. Jardine.