

its members, and the increase of its funds, has occupied the serious attention of this Board, as well as of their predecessors.

It will be recollected that unceasing exertions to this end on the part of the last Board failed to secure success, and this is not surprising when it is considered how limited is the support extended to such lectures by your members, and citizens generally.

Soon after the advent of your Board to office, A. Walshe, Esq., Principal of the Lower Canada College, kindly offered to deliver a course of lectures on "The Mahometans." It need hardly be said that the offer was gratefully accepted; but your Board regret to state that these Lectures proved of little pecuniary benefit to the Association.

Letters were addressed in February last to Messrs. Geo. W. Curtis, Rev. E. H. Chapin, D.D., and Rev. H. W. Beecher, asking upon what terms, and at what time, they would consent to Lecture; but the answers returned were so undecisive that your Board ceased to communicate with them altogether. It is, however, pleasing to be enabled to inform the Association, that the Rev. John Lord, a divine of great eloquence, and superior acquirements, has consented to deliver a course of Lectures on the "Grandeur and fall of the Bourbon Monarchy," on 8th, 9th, 13th, 15th and 20th of January next, which, it is confidently hoped, will prove both interesting and profitable to the Association.

LECTURE I.—Cardinal de Richelieu, and the Foundation of Absolutism in France.

" **II.**—Louis XIV. and the Grandeur of the Monarchy.

" **III.**—Louis XV. and the corruptions of his Court.

" **IV.**—Mirabeau, and the French Revolution.

" **V.**—Napoleon Bonaparte, and the results of the Revolution.