

## Report.

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THIS Association, organized on the 10th Decr. 1853, has now been in existence for upwards of two years; and its success has perhaps been equal to the most sanguine expectations of its friends. Your Committee would deem it ingratitude to the bountiful Giver of all good not to express their conviction that the Association has proved a great blessing not only to those who are in immediate connection with it, but also to the community at large. Imposing no religious test but such as is common to all evangelical denominations, its membership comprises men belonging to all the churches in this city; and persons of all denominations avail themselves of the privileges of the Reading Room and Library.

Since the Association's last Annual Meeting important additions have been made to the Library, which now comprises about *one thousand volumes*; and the more important Newspapers and Periodicals of the day continue to be regularly received in the Reading Room.

During last winter a course of *nine* public Lectures was delivered in connection with this Association, in the Temperance Hall; and two Lectures have already been delivered of this year's course. It is confidently hoped