

The Committee at the suggestion of one of its members invited ministers of various denominations, to preach sermons in connection with this Association in their own churches; the sermons to be addressed specially to young men. The request was very kindly acceded to, and sermons were preached in the following churches: St. George's Church, St. Matthew's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Chalmer's Church, Poplar Grove Church, Brunswick Street Chapel, Granville Street Chapel, and Grafton Street Chapel. This was a new feature in the movements of the Association, and the Committee are happy to report that the plain and powerful addresses delivered were attended by large audiences and listened to with marked attention by those for whose special benefit they were intended.

The *Course of Lectures* last winter was well attended; still, owing to the system of free admission, it was attended with pecuniary loss to the Association. This year the Committee have determined on a small admission fee, and so far as their experience yet goes, they find that it is a more satisfactory system in every respect. A list of the Lectures delivered last year appears in another place.

Correspondence has been held and Reports have been exchanged with upwards of thirty kindred Associations in Great Britain, the United States, and the Provinces.

In November last the attention of the Committee was directed to the subject of "EARLY CLOSING,"—a subject which has recently attracted a large share of attention in the leading cities of England and Scotland, and which the Committee felt to be of great practical importance here.