

The Concluding Lecture was delivered on the 14th March, 1854, by Rev. D. INGLIS ; subject—
“ The True Patriot.”

The Sub-Committee on Classes having observed that during former years the Classes were attended by but a very small number of the Members, perhaps not averaging more than from 12 to 18, resolved to abolish the small charge usually made for admission, and to afford instruction in the Classes free to all Members of the Institute. The result was, that immediately on the announcement of this proceeding, the applications for admission numbered upwards of 100, being as many as the limited accommodation would admit of. Instruction in Mechanical, Architectural, and Ornamental Drawing, was given by W. Milln, D. J. Macfarlane, John Kay, and James Duncan, Esqs. Messrs. Duncan, Milln and Macfarlane, having refused to accept any compensation for their services, were presented with Tickets of Life Membership.

Your Committee hope that the Free Class system, so auspiciously commenced, will be still further extended by their successors, affording instruction in other branches of knowledge, requisite for the proper education of the youth of our working-classes.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The returns from last season's Festival exceeded those of any former year by about £50, amounting in net proceeds to £154 8s. 8d. The number in attendance was upwards of 1500 ; and the conduct and management, your Committee have been gratified to learn, gave universal satisfaction.

From the proceeds of the Festival, the Committee