

AMUSEMENTS FOR YOUTH.

A LECTURE.

GENTLEMEN,—

This is the third time I have come among you ; and what will you, now that I have come, that I say unto you on the confessedly difficult but all important subject which has been assigned to me ? Whatever I may say I claim credit for simplicity of aim and earnestness of purpose in furthering the objects of this Association, and I solicit alike your attention and your candour.

Probably some of you may be expecting that at least odd truths will be presented in a new dress, it may be seemly or it may be grotesque ; or some of you perchance may be imagining that the sour-faced Presbyterian whose features scarce dare clothe themselves with the bland or the cheerful, or glow with the smile of hearty geniality, will assume the air and utter the words of some stern censor of public morals, and prevent with his scowl all approach to the lightsome and the lively. My dear young friends, this be far from me. I had rather by every just means in my power make the human being happier and his means of rational manly pleasures a thousand fold more