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THE President and Directors of "THE SAINT JOHN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE" have engaged a number of gentlemen to deliver, during the approaching Season, a Course of Lectures which, they think they may safely say, will be, in many respects, the best and most attractive ever given in this city.

They have secured the services of four eminent professional lecturers, two of whom will come from the United States and two from the Mother Country.

In accordance with a Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute, the Board of Directors have undertaken to pay for their services all the gentlemen engaged to lecture. And in order to meet promptly the demands which will thus be made upon the funds of the Institute, it has been deemed advisable to secure, by means of a Guarantee Fund, the amount which may be required.

It is proposed that there shall be an additional, or supplementary, series of *four lectures*, to be delivered by the lecturers coming from abroad, and that the proceeds arising from the sale of tickets for such Supplementary Course shall be applied towards the payment of the expenses incurred in providing for the whole of the lectures.

The Regular Course, to which all Members will be admitted, as usual, upon taking out their Season Tickets, will consist of *Eleven* lectures and readings, and will begin on the evening of Monday, 8th December next; and the Supplementary Course, the terms of admission to which have been made as liberal as possible, will commence on the evening of Tuesday, 9th December. Herewith are given at length the names of all the lecturers, the order of their appearance, and the subjects which they will treat.

It is estimated that the amount required to be expended as compensation to lecturers, will be \$1350:

Which expenditure it is proposed to meet by an immediate appropriation, out of the revenues of the Institute, of...\$600
Leaving the sum for which a Guarantee is asked.....\$750

If, as is confidently expected, the four Supplementary Lectures yield a return of \$175 each, no call will be made upon the guarantors.

The Directors trust that the efforts they have made to obtain Lectures which shall be at once instructive and interesting to all classes of hearers, may be duly appreciated by the public; and they especially hope that the arrangements they have entered into will be approved by the Members, whose active and hearty support is more than ever before needed, in order to maintain the long-continued usefulness and high reputation of *The Saint John Mechanics' Institute*.