

meeting in its inaguration, held this time in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. Mr. Addy presiding on the occasion, prayers were offered and addresses delivered by several of the city clergymen. The Course has received perhaps as much of the patronage of the public as could have been expected under the circumstances. The Committee would fain hope that an improving source of instruction occupied the attention of young men; and they congratulate themselves that your Association has been the means of introducing a system of instruction by Lectures, which have become both fashionable and lucrative. The Ninth Course was closed with the usual prayer meeting held on this occasion in Grafton Street Church, in which the several Evangelical denominations of the city were represented both by their clergy and laity.

The Committee tender thanks for the valuable assistance received, from the several persons who accepted their invitation to contribute to the Lectures of the season, a list of whom with the subjects of their Lectures will also be found in the Appendix (*No. 2*) To the newspaper proprietors who advertized the Lectures gratis, and to the several young men, who volunteered their services as door keepers and in various ways assisted in promoting the interests of the Association, they would also tender grateful acknowledgements.

Your Executive Committees have still been able to keep up the same number and class of papers and periodicals to the Reading Room, but fear that in your estimate for the year upon which you are now entered, several items for newspapers or periodicals will require to be withdrawn. Your Committee also regret the continued apathy which was complained of in the last Annual Report towards the Bible Class. A question might be asked in reference to this particular institution. Upon whom will the responsibility rest of continuing