

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATION.

THE Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association beg leave to lay before the Association, at this their First Annual Meeting, the following Report :—

They would begin by devoutly acknowledging the mercies of the Almighty, which have been so abundantly vouchsafed to them, during the first, and necessarily the most important year of their Institution.

Your Committee, in commencing the organization of the Association, could not but feel deep solicitude in thus entering upon a sphere which had been hitherto untried in this community. But looking at the success of similar institutions in other places, and feeling that they were actuated by a desire to benefit their fellow-citizens, and particularly the YOUNG MEN, in whose welfare the deepest interest should ever be taken; and above all depending on Him whose blessing is, never withheld from those who humbly seek Him—they have begun and have been encouraged to continue in their labors. In laying the basis of their institution, they were desirous of making it wide enough to include the members of all Evangelical Churches; and by this means not only make it more generally useful, but also increase the spirit of union among Christ's followers, who, though belonging to different branches of His Church, have yet their hearts filled with the same desire of extending His Kingdom in the world. They were desirous also of providing religious instruction in such an attractive form and upon such terms as might render it interesting and available to all classes in the