

tinguished strangers, and the eminent success which attended the Addresses from Judge Preble of Portland, Maine, and W. H. Merritt, Esquire, M.P.P., fully justifies them in suggesting to their successors the propriety of endeavouring to obtain Lectures from gentlemen who may visit this city during the winter.

Another pleasing feature in last year's Course was the delivery of Lectures by two of the Clerk Members. The attendance on these occasions, and the marks of approval with which the Lectures were received, attested the success of this experiment, which your Board trusts will be repeated.

Classes.

At the commencement of last winter steps were taken for the formation of Classes in various branches of learning, but your Board regret to report that none but a Drawing Class was formed. They hope to see more interest exhibited in this department during the approaching winter. A Debating Class in connection with the Association has already been formed, and they would recommend Members to avail themselves of the advantages which it cannot fail to afford.

At the last Annual Meeting it was resolved to offer a Prize for the best Essay on "*The advantages to a Commercial Man of a Literary Education*," and in accordance with that Resolution, due notice was given, and the Rev. Messrs. Wilkes and Simpson, and John Dougall, Esquire, were requested to act as judges. Your Board regret to record the fact that only four Essayists competed for the Prize; which was unani-