

society," to notice the near approach of its annual general meeting, which will take place on Tuesday the ninth of the next month in the evening, at 7 o'clock, at the City Tavern.

We rejoice in an opportunity of directing the public attention to an institution which has for its basis, the same liberal principle as that by which it is our desire to regulate our humble efforts to advance the reign of reason, enlightened by the truths and precepts of undefiled religion. It is our desire to witness the union of all who revere the Holy Scriptures in advancing the education of those who constitute the mass of the population of every country, and in furnishing the food which is requisite to feed, to sustain and to invigorate the immortal minds of God's intelligent creatures. Too long has the key of knowledge been taken away, and the key of the labouring classes of the people resembled the darkness of a dungeon, from which every ray of light was assiduously excluded; we gladly lend our hand to the engine destined by the friends of humanity to open the doors to them that are bound, and to emancipate angelic nature from the adamant chains of brutish sense and servile acquiescence, undirected by the light of reason, unimpelled by the pure motives of sacred truth.

While it affords us pleasure to find that many gentlemen have cheerfully contributed the aid of their talents and their influence, from among that learned

profession which has generally been distinguished for liberality of sentiment, we promise ourselves much gratification from the annual meeting, by listening to the eloquence with which, we have no doubt, they will enlighten and persuade the assembled public, in both languages. The Ministers of the Gospel of every denomination, it is said, mean to refrain from appearing on the field; and they cheerfully leave to the magnanimity, the generosity, and the powerfully persuasive talents of the advocates of Justice, to plead, in this instance, for mercy to the ignorant and the indigent; well assured that no class of men in society have a better opportunity of being informed of the connexion between ignorance and crime, between education and moral virtue.

#### QUEBEC.

A Bethel Flag was sent by the friends of seamen to this port early in the season; and we have been informed that the Rev. Mr. Williams, the Wesleyan minister, has preached frequently to large and attentive congregations.

Preaching to seamen is attended, like other beneficent efforts, with indirect benefits, which are scarcely less valuable than those which were first and chiefly contemplated; the novelty of the thing has attracted many persons residing on land to listen to the sermon preached to sailors, and those who had been living "without God in the world," have learned to keep his sabbaths and reverence his sanctuary.

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