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*The Committee beg briefly to lay before the public, the objects that they propose by the establishment of a Mechanics' Institution.*

In this country every industrious man, from the high rate of wages and the low price of provisions, can, even while laying by a part of his earnings, enjoy all the necessaries of life—all its comforts, and many of its luxuries,—but from the highest luxury, and the most permanent and enduring, the luxury of knowledge, he is debarred. It is conferred on him this blessing, that the Mechanics' Institute is founded, and it proposes to accomplish this end, by establishing a good library of works on useful knowledge, particularly as regards the Mechanic Arts, by lectures, conversations, and instructions in the rudiments of physical science, and by procuring by degrees a philosophical apparatus, whereby these intentions may be carried more fully into effect.

But it is not alone the improvement of the working classes in knowledge; that is contemplated by the Committee, tho' that is their principal object.

It has been found by experience, that whenever you introduce a taste for information and intellectual enjoyment, you diminish a propensity to follow grovelling, demoralizing, and sensual pleasures,—and tho' you were not to give one useful idea to one mechanic in the Province by the means proposed; yet, you do no mean service to the public, if you give him a rational and innocent recreation, which will prevent him flying to the Dram-Shop, for a stimulus to rouse him from the languor of inactivity: under all these circumstances, the Committee appeal with confidence to the good sense and good feeling of the community, for countenance and support.

N. B. Donations of Cash, Books, Apparatus, Natural or Artificial Curiosities will be thankfully received by any of the Officers of the Institution.