



Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association,

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J. W. Dawson S. S. S. R. S.

Sir

The

Directors of this Assn composed of the two leading clergymen of each denomination (Evangelical) and our public educators as well as other Christian men include among the appliances to draw, elevate, and save our young people from evil resorts) a curriculum of Popular Scientific, Reperimental and illustrated lectures covering a period of five years. This is the fourth year of our reperiment, which has thus far proved a great, attractive, and ennobling instrumentality.

Should we be able to complete this
and the next year part of our
curriculum with increasing success
we have reason to expect that our
merchants will give us such a
building and endowment as will
enable us to furnish our business
young people with as good a culture
(employing their evenings) as can be
had in any of our institutions, giving
diplomas as the German Universities
do.

You will see by the enclosed programme
of last year and accompanying information
that these lectures are given to all
who are members at a mere trifle
- two dollars per year - in order that no
poor young man or woman shall be
shut out. The hunger they have
created has been without parallel
in the opinion of our lecturers,
who acclaim that they were never
so listened to. The lecturers from

this city have given their services
- those from other cities have taken
a merely nominal sum over their
refenses, all have been charmed
with the work which has been a
grand advertisement for the lecturers
themselves in this country as well
as inducement for this style of
lectures instead of the intellectual
syllabus and buffonery so prevalent
in the past.

We have had one course on Geology
from Prof. Winchell of Michigan
University in the first year, our
committee on education having heard
of your taking style as well as
ability desire to know at what
or the lowest ^{and at what times} expense you could
deliver a course of four lectures
on Thursday evenings this winter should
we be able to make a place for
them. A prompt answer will oblige
yours truly W. H. Martin

J. M. C. M.
June 1/72

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