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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
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As most of the Lectures contained in this volume were delivered before the Young Men's Association of this city, there seems a peculiar propriety in dedicating them to those, at whose request they were prepared, and before whom they were first presented. I do not intend by this dedication to imply, that your opinions in relation to the subjects considered in this work, conform to my my own. Many views maintained in these Lectures run counter to the popular sentiment of the day, and in regard to some of them, I stand, perhaps, alone. There is a tendency in this country to over-ride all inde-

pendence of thought and action by the tyranny of public opinion, which is not always manufactured by those most competent to decide the grave questions which demand research, argument, and reason, for their settlement, rather than majorities. I have never bent the knee to this god of our American idolatry, and I never will. That you have had the liberality, the independence, and the courage to give me a hearing from time to time, in the vindication of old-fashioned and unpopular opinions, demands from me this expression of regard.

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