



*Printing*

# SYLLABUS

Session 1891-92

British Typographia

Edinburgh Branch



## *To the Members*



*THE* Committee have great satisfaction in submitting to the Members the excellent Programme of Lectures, &c. for this Session. They beg also to call attention to the Practical Class Syllabus, where facilities are afforded for attaining proficiency in the various branches of the Trade at a nominal fee. They would again urge upon all interested in this movement the necessity of bringing the claims of the Association more prominently before the Trade.







## *Objects.*



**T**HIS ASSOCIATION has for its objects the technical, artistic, and educational advancement of its Members in all that is embraced in the Art of Printing. The following are the arrangements that have been made for Session 1891-92 :—

**LECTURES**, which will be delivered at intervals, on subjects of general interest to Printers.

**FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS**, at which Papers will be read, followed by discussion open to all the Members.

**CLASSES** for Practical Instruction once a-week.

**A LIBRARY**, for consulting and studying Technical and Artistic Works. The latest and best Periodicals and Trade Artistic Journals will be furnished so far as desirable.

The Association is limited to Members of the Printing Trade, who will be admitted on the following terms :—  
Managers and Overseers, 5s. ; Sub-Overseers, Readers and Journeymen, 2s. 6d. ; Apprentices, 1s. Those attending the Classes pay an extra fee of 1s. Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards will be considered Honorary Members, and are entitled to be present at any of the Lectures or Meetings, or to consult the Works and Specimens in the Library.



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ASSOCIATION'S ROOMS,  
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### *Abstract of the Income and Expenditure*

*From May 10, 1890, to May 15, 1891.*

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		12	3 6
Practical Class Fees :—			
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## Lectures, &c.



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**"The Place of Calligraphy in Persian Art."**

By MAJOR-GENERAL SIR R. MURDOCH SMITH.

*Wednesday, 2nd December.*

**"James Watson."**

Being an outline of the career of an Edinburgh Printer of almost two centuries ago, *illustrated by specimens of his handiwork.*

By JOHN S. GIBB, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

*Wednesday, 13th January 1892.*

**"Humorous Word Portraits of Edinburgh Authors and Printers, from 1847 to 1872."**

By SAMUEL KINNEAR, Esq.

*Wednesday, 10th February.*

**"Language: Being some Words upon Words."**

Importance of Words to Printers—Advantages of the bi-lingual Scot—Derivations of Words, real and imaginary—Weakness of Style in Present Day—Use of Meaningless Words and Clumsy Phrases in the Newspaper Press—Hints on Self-criticism in Style, Euphony, &c. &c.

By THOMAS A. CROAL, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

*Wednesday, 9th March.*

**"Hints to Machinemen on Colour Printing."**

By ROBERT IRVINE, Esq., F.C.S.

*Wednesday, 30th March.*

**"International Copyright."**

By W. B. BLAIKIE, Esq. (T. & A. Constable).

ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETING.

The Lectures will be delivered in Free Tron Hall, Chambers Street, on the respective dates, at 8.30 p.m.

## Papers, Debates, &c.



*Wednesday, 11th November 1891.*

Paper—"The Survival of the Fittest": a Plea for the Typographia."

Mr. JAMES CRAIG, *President.*

*Wednesday, 25th November.*

Debate—"Is the 'Stab preferable to Piece Work?'"

*Aff.* Mr. J. DAVIDSON; *Neg.* Mr. A. WEIR.

*Wednesday, 9th December.*

Paper—"William Makepeace Thackeray."

Mr. G. F. STEWART.

*Wednesday, 23rd December.*

Paper—"James Smith as a Poet."

Mr. THOS. THOMSON.

*Wednesday, 20th January 1892.*

Musical Entertainment,

Mr. GEORGE REID.

*Wednesday, 3rd February.*

**"The Recent Advance in Trade Journalism."**

Mr. W. GALLOWAY.

*Wednesday, 24th February.*

Paper—"Ancient Scottish Ballads."

Mr. W. G. CLARK.

*Wednesday, 16th March.*

Debate—"Should an Eight Hours' Day be Compulsory?"

*Aff.* Mr. P. GRIEVE; *Neg.*

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