

day morning, and we have reason to believe that from the oldest, to the youngest the opinion was that the time had been profitably spent.

The annual convention of the Church Students' Missionary Association was held at the General Theological Seminary, New York, on February 4th, 5th, and 6th. Rev. C. A. Seager, second Vice-President of the Society, was elected to go as a delegate to represent the Society at this convention in conjunction with Rev. Dr. Body, who kindly consented also to act as our delegate. There can be no doubt of the fact that our connection with the Association is, and will be in the future, a very great benefit to all members of the Society. The fire of enthusiasm kindled at these conventions over missionary work is bound to be far-reaching in its effects. Next year the members of this Society will have the opportunity of attending the convention here, as the Association has arranged to hold the annual gathering at the College. We shall all look forward with great eagerness to the convention of the Church Students' Missionary Society and also to the reunion which we hope will likewise be an annual institution. Who can estimate the results of having two such meetings within a short while? That it may have the effect of rousing us more than ever to a desire to promote the cause of missions at home and abroad is the earnest prayer, we feel sure, of every member of the Society.

We have lately been looking for new fields of work in the various deaneries close to the city, but although the harvest is undoubtedly ripe, yet there are certain obstacles in the way of sending out the reapers which compel us to be content with what we are doing for the present, hoping it may be possible to extend our work in the near future.

Our first regular meeting this year was held in the Provost's room and was addressed by Mr. N. W. Hoyles, who at much inconvenience to himself, consented to come and read a paper on "The Life and Work of Graham Wilmot Brooke." The attendance at that meeting was very good, and the paper proved most interesting. We shall hope to hear another paper from Mr. Hoyles some time in the future. Brooke was a young missionary in the Soudan Mission, Africa, whose work was cut short by his death at a very early age. Nevertheless he showed wonderful perseverance and determination, and his work while he was spared was marked with singular success, considering the difficulties he had to encounter. The missionary that follows in his path will find many a difficulty to encounter, but he would have many more, had not Graham Wilmot Brooke been his predecessor.

The public missionary meeting for this term will be held in Convocation Hall on Monday evening, February 22nd. Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan will take the chair, and Rev. Rural Dean Sweeney will give an address on Diocesan Missions.

On March 15th, Rev. Thos. Geoghegan of St. Peter's, Hamilton, will read a paper on "An Open Door." The date for the devotional meeting of this term has not yet been fixed, but notice will be given shortly regarding this. Another regular meeting has yet to be arranged for, of which due notice will be given.

The man who does not believe in missions—foreign or domestic—who does not want to have their needs brought constantly to his attention, must be prepared to take heroic measures with himself. He must give up the Lord's Prayer; he must forget the Catholic Creeds; he must put away the Prayer Book; he must close his Bible; he must go no more to the Lord's Table to be reminded of the one "full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world." Who is ready to pay such a price?—*St. Andrew's Cross.*

LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The first meeting of the Institute for the present term was held on January 15th. In the absence of the President and both Vice-presidents, the Secretary, Rev. R. Seaborn, took the chair. Messrs. Fee and T.C. Campbell favoured the meeting with readings, and Mr. MacEwen read an interesting but very short essay on "Student Life in Germany." In the debate of the evening, Messrs. J. A. R. Macdonald and Whittaker tried to justify the Alien Labour Law of the United States. They were opposed by Messrs. Canfield and Sommerville. The entire programme, excepting the essay and the speech of the leader of the affirmative, showed a deplorable lack of preparation. The affirmative won on both votes. The critic, Mr. C. P. Johnson, B.A., gave a fair but severe criticism of the evening's programme. His remarks were received with applause.

Mr. J. D. McCallum, B.A. presided at the second meeting on January 22nd. Messrs. Bushell and Steacy were the readers of the evening, their selections being far above the average in interest and preparation. Both were delivered in unusually good style and won from the audience well-deserved appreciation. The essayist, Mr. Bates, failed to put in an appearance or to provide a substitute. The subject for debate was Sunday Street Cars. Messrs. Temple and Ireland took the affirmative, in favour of them, while Messrs. McCallum, B.A. and Muckleston supported the negative. The speeches aroused considerable interest, and a feature of the evening was the discussion which followed from the body of the Hall. Both votes on the debate were in favour of the affirmative. Mr. MacGill offered a splendid criticism, confining his remarks mainly to the common errors in public speaking. Some discussion followed on the state of the common-room, and a resolution was also passed recommending the Council to keep on file copies of the *Globe* and the *Mail and Empire*.

THE PUBLIC DEBATE.

One more good old custom has been revived—never again to die, we hope—and a public debate has again been held!

There was not as large a crowd in Convocation Hall on the evening of Thursday, January 28th, as has been seen at a conversazione, an athletic dance, or even a Saturday afternoon lecture, (with teas innumerable to follow on). But those who were there were, of course, what our contemporaries, the large dailies, would call a select audience; and they certainly had a good programme provided for them.

The Reverend, the Dean presided in his usual happy manner and, in accordance with his custom on such occasions, he did *not* make a speech. (Would that chairmen generally would follow the good example!)

Mr. Brennensang two very pleasing songs, Mr. MacEwan read an interesting, but far too short, essay on German public schools, and Mr. H. N. Shaw, instructor in elocution, read two selections, the one a dramatic piece, the other being of the ballad order. The former, "My Unbiased Opinion," is cleverly written and was just as cleverly presented by the reader. Whether we were too far back in the hall or the reader's enunciation was not as perfect as he evidently tried to make it, we cannot say, but we did not enjoy the latter as much as we enjoyed the former.

The Council of the Institute had taken care to provide a live subject for four of its best debaters,—Resolved that the running of Sunday street cars in this city would be beneficial. The affirmative was supported by Messrs. McCallum, B.A., first Vice-president of the Institute, and Mr. Bradburn, the negative by Messrs. Anderson, M.A., and Boyle. The decision, which was left to the audience, was