

varsity organization. It was decided that delegates be sent to the conference in Edinburgh.

The Inter-university Conference was held in Edinburgh, April 2d and 3d. Delegates were present from Cambridge, Oxford, London, Belfast, St. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh. Harmony prevailed, and a spirit of prayer; the Oxford and Cambridge University men were at one with the rest in making the movement inter-denominational. The Conference chose the covenant and the form of organization of the Student Volunteer Movement for foreign missions.

The *Free Church of Scotland Monthly* says: "There has been a missionary revival in most of the important colleges in Great Britain, and this is only the beginning of a great forward movement. On April 2d a number of students met at Edinburgh, representing about three hundred Volunteers in the various colleges in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and St. Andrews. A new union, to be called the Student Volunteer Missionary Union, has been developed out of the union already in existence. An executive committee of four will be appointed in a few weeks; and this committee will elect a travelling secretary, who will spend a large part of his time in visiting the colleges of Great Britain and Ireland, strengthening the branches which already exist and endeavoring to have new branches formed. And so, by the blessing of God, we shall soon be in the midst of a movement like that in America—a movement in which all churches will take part, and which has as its object the speedy evangelization of the whole world."

In addressing the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland in May, 1892, Mr. Wilder gave a short account of the British movement and his work in the universities of Scotland and England. One of the elements which combined to make this a foreign missionary assembly was a deputation of students. The news that sixty men connected with the Free Church colleges had offered themselves for foreign service profoundly stirred the Assembly. One man promised £2000, and over £3000 were pledged for the forward movement before the Assembly adjourned.

In August Mr. Wilder attended the Scandinavian students' conference at Horten. About one hundred and eighty men were present from the universities of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland.

On returning to England, he found the British Student Volunteer Movement Union well organized. Several student Volunteers had been speaking in churches during the summer vacation. The Executive Committee had commenced work in London, and were seeking an entrance to the colleges of Wales. They had asked Mr. Arthur T. Polhill-Turner to be the travelling secretary of the British movement. He was one of the original Cambridge band who visited the Universities of Great Britain in 1883.

Mr. Thomas, of Edinburgh University, says: "This new organization is the most promising of all; among many other reasons, because it is in league with similar organizations in the other six universities of Great Britain; and this Student Volunteer Movement, on the other side, has brought about the first permanent and well-organized combination for inter-varsity work."

Mr. Wilder sailed for India in time for the Decennial Conference, and since then writes of subsequent developments as follows:

"God has blessed the work in Poona, where I have been holding meetings for Christians and Hindus. For several days before my coming the native Christians met daily to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I long to see the native Church filled with the Spirit; then the work will move rapidly among the heathen. The place to begin is with us missionaries, and many missionaries are seeking earnestly for this pentecostal gift."