

true to your own aspirations, firm in your own choice, though you cannot give others satisfactory reasons for it. It is the mystery of God in the soul.

4. *As the Spirit will guide you*, as others in the past, then, it to a home field, it will probably be to a town or country charge first. So he guided Guthrie, Spurgeon and many who occupy the city pulpits of to-day. He may guide from one field to another; but is He not willing to throw open the door into a new field for His servant before he closes the door of the old one against Him?

5. *As the spirit guides to the most needy field* to which he opens up the way; then surely He is pointing many to the foreign field.

Do not wait for a vision; but decide for the foreign field, unless you can show reasons why you should not go. There are many reasons why you should choose the foreign field.

(1) There your field will average about a million souls, here about five hundred. Surely there is more glory in leaving the fort and fighting in the open field.

(2) God has opened up the foreign field by war—the flags of the Christian nations are respected, you will be safe—by explorers and by facilities for travel.

(3) God commands, “Go ye into all the world, etc.”

(4) To save the home church the heathen with all their abominations are coming to our shores. Thousands upon thousands they will come, pour over our Rocky mountains,

and swamp our church as to purity of doctrine and life, if we do not first christianize them.

“Of what use is the very best cabin, if the ship all around is a wreck?”

(5) To save the perishing millions many should choose the foreign field and choose it quickly.

Another of our graduates, the Rev. W. M. McKibbin, M.A., being also present, was called on for a speech, and replying in a few pleasantly worded sentences, gave us the benefit of some of his pastoral experience. Thus was brought to a close the last Conference of session of 1886-7.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Lecture on “Christian Churches and Missions in the East,” by Sir William Dawson.

Sir William Dawson delivered a lecture on the evening of February 25th, under the auspices in the Students' Missionary Society on “Christian Churches and Missions of the East.” The lecturer remarked that the East had become a somewhat ambiguous term. China is an Eastern land to an Englishman at home, but it is in the far west to the same Englishman when he emigrates to British Columbia. He proposed to use the term in the old sense when the Mediterranean was the centre of the world, and to refer to those Eastern people who occupied the old Bible lands, so interesting to us in their historical associations as well as in connection with prophetic intimations.