

with understanding the motion to mean six months, either summer or winter. While others still believe the resolution is to be enforced only in the spirit and not in the letter. The latter interpretation of the motion simply makes it mean anything or nothing according to circumstances. Some presbyteries we understand intend working upon this elastic reading of the Assembly's motion, and will proceed to ordain students so soon as they are ready. But the presbytery of Kingston, we think, did wisely in resolving meanwhile to act up to the Assembly's instructions, and at the same time passing unanimously a motion asking the Assembly to rescind the objectionable resolution.

OUR Missionary Association is very doubtful as to where the money is to come from with which active operations are to be carried on during the ensuing summer. The Association has pledged itself to work fields in the North West and in Ontario on the faith of certain contingencies. Should these fail the financial status of the Association will not be hopeful. After much reluctance it was agreed at last meeting not to reduce the Society's work, believing that the necessary means will be forthcoming. We have little doubt but that funds sufficient shall be procured; but we think the members are too tardy in their exertions to help themselves. The students of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland should stimulate our divinity men to more active endeavours. We are told that our Scottish brethren are securing contributions on behalf of the mission work in Manitoba, and that the sum of £1,100 to £1,200 is expected from them next month. This is certainly commendable work. And the method by which this money is raised is just that which we previously indicated through the columns of the JOURNAL, and which has been pressed

upon the consideration of members at more than one meeting of the Society. We refer to the scheme of laying the claims of the Society orally before the people of our church. It is said that our churches are in the main too poor. Many may be poor, some are not; but there will always be excuses of this kind when willingness is lagging, and where there is a disposition to receive with indifference suggestions intended for the good of the Society.

AN appeal is now being made by the friends of Edinburgh University for funds to erect and equip a building, to be owned by the Associated Societies; where the students can meet and converse and become known to each other. The appeal reveals a state of things in Edinburgh University far from creditable, and that shows that, so far as students' health, life and general well-being are concerned, Carlyle's bitter remarks in "Sartor Resartus" were abundantly justified. The University buildings are in the heart of the city, and it is not to be wondered at that there should be no campus. But neither is there any gymnasium. There is no reading room and no place where students can write letters. The only post office is a window in the janitor's room. And, as the appeal puts it, "it seems hardly creditable that the Associated Societies of a university, whose annual matriculation numbers considerably over three thousand, should be compelled to hold their meetings and debates in a room incapable of accommodating more than fifty persons, and that, such as it is, is at their disposal in the evenings only." No wonder that the students have decided to establish a union, and that they ask for £15,000 to establish it. The proposed building is to include a hall for debates, reading and writing rooms, a dining room and a gymnasium. The students of Glasgow University have also decided to