

us another John A. Williams. Our illustrious men are falling fast—a Ryerson, a Wood, a Rice, a Nelles, a Jones, a Williams. Around us are the graves “where our heroes lie buried.”

But in the presence of this sleeping dust and of the glorified spirit that has put on its ascension robes we pledge ourselves to new love, loyalty to truth and to those cardinal doctrines to which he bound himself with sublime devotion.

“We will travel home to God
In the way your fathers trod.”

COMMITTEE OF CONSULTATION AND FINANCE.

A MEETING of this important Committee was held at the Board Room on Friday, December 20th, and a good deal of routine business transacted.

Among the more important items, was a report from Revs. Dr. Cochran and J. W. Saunby, B.A., of the Japan Mission, giving an account of an exploring tour toward the west coast of Japan, with the view of ascertaining the prospects for the extension of the work in that direction. The report was deeply interesting, but as it embraced many details, it was deemed advisable to pass it over to a sub-committee for careful examination. In the meanwhile it was ordered that authority be given to occupy the City of Kanazawa, as that can be done without increasing the missionary force now in the country.

The General Secretary read letters from several young men who have felt moved to offer themselves for the foreign field. An earnest conversation ensued, and it was the opinion of the Committee that it would be well to publish the letters as a stimulus to the zeal and liberality of the Church. The first letter is from Mr. David W. Stevenson, of Halton County, at present a student in Rush Medical College, Chicago:

REV. ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, D.D.,

DEAR SIR,—Since I expect to graduate next April, at Rush Medical College, Chicago (three years' study), with the expectation of going as a foreign medical missionary, I want to make such applications to Boards as to insure my early going out. To my own Church I make first appeal.

While going on my last year in Toronto University, studying to fit myself for civil engineering, the Moody student missionary movement aroused me there, and ever since I have been preparing to follow the command of “Go ye!” My parents, as well as myself, were born and raised on the farm in Halton County, Ontario. We grew up under the Wesleyan Methodist Church, as you may see in Missionary Report the names of our family of six, from our birth, as subscribers on the Oakville and Trafalgar Circuits, Bowes' appointment. Going on twenty-four years of age, two of these spent in teaching in a little village on the shores of Lake Nipissing, and some time spent with surveying parties in Algoma, etc. As to mission work, I have done some, with other students, among the prisoners in Toronto; also under Rev. John Wilkinson, B.A., Agnes Street, who knows me well, and to whom I refer; also under the late lamented Kirkland, of Chicago.

I am willing to go any place where the need is great for medical missions. Would to God that Canadian Methodism would take Annam, with its uncared-for twenty millions. Would be willing to take \$500 on any field, or less, if a living could be made. My only desire is to win souls (Prov. xi. 30; Dan. 12; 3).

Yours, for Christ and the heathen,

DAVID W. STEVENSON.

Boyne P.O., Halton County, Ont.

P.S.—As Rush College allows less fees to missionaries, I went there. There are about 425 attending. For practical worth and noted professors, it is second to none. I have also nursed in two of their largest hospitals last summer. In major surgical accidents I have had a large experience. I was the chief means of starting the “Students' Medical Missionary Union” among over 1,000 students. I enclose one of our cards.

The next letter is on behalf of two young men, graduates of Queen's University, and reads as follows:

REV. DR. SUTHERLAND,

General Secretary, Methodist Missionary Society, Toronto:

DEAR SIR,—Another young man and myself, Canadian Methodists, are anxious to go as foreign missionaries. I would like to state our cases to see what our own Church can do for us.

Geo. E. Hartwell is a graduate in Arts of Queen's University, Kingston—obtained his B.A. in 1888. He is now in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, putting in his second year in Theology. He has had considerable experience in preaching, for two or three summers, and I believe has done very well. During the whole summer of 1889 he worked hard in the missions of the Methodist Church in New York city. Mr. Hartwell will graduate in Theology in April, 1891.

Now, as to my own case, I have taken the regular courses in Arts and Medicine in Queen's University, holding the degrees of M.A., M.D.—obtained the latter in April, 1889. Have had some experience helping in evangelistic work, and have taught a class in or superintended a Sunday-school for three or four years. This last summer I spent partly in New York city, gaining valuable experience in medical mission work, and partly practising my profession at my home, fifty miles from Kingston.

My reason for being in Kingston at the present time is that I am teaching some junior classes in Chemistry in the University, in the capacity of Tutor. This is the second year I have held the position. Am also taking advantage of the opportunity to take up some post-graduate work.

Intentions are to spend twelve months in Edinburgh, Scotland, at post-graduate work, April 1890 to April 1891, when Mr. Hartwell and myself will be ready.

Will the Society send us together to China in 1891? We would work together—Mr. Hartwell as preacher, and myself as doctor—in pushing forward the cause of Christ in some one of the as yet untouched provinces of China.

I am well aware, sir, that I need not now urge upon you the importance of medical mission work, and most especially as a pioneer agency in a land like China. And I trust that the recent agitation in favor of planting a new mission in China will be decided in the affirmative. If no one goes before, I believe we two would gladly lead the way—if our Church will accept of us. Hoping to hear from you at an early date.

I am,

Respectfully yours in the Master's service,

O. L. KILBORN.