

instruction is included in our curriculum, and now, through the kindness of our benefactor of to-night, we shall be better able to secure the culture in this respect which is so helpful to missionaries and ministers. Eighty students have been in attendance during the past session. The graduating class of to-night numbers fifteen, and is the largest we have yet sent out. Adding their names to the present roll of alumni brings it up to 151. This is inclusive of ministers honored by the Senate with degrees in recognition of their worth and distinguished service to the church and the cause of sacred learning. Four of the members of the out-going class are French, and will be engaged in educational and missionary work among their fellow-countrymen. Four others have offered themselves for the foreign field, and are likely, in the good Providence of God, to enter upon it during the current year. It is highly gratifying to be able to announce that the outfit, the travelling expenses and salaries of three of these missionaries to the heathen are provided by the Christian liberality of our people in Montreal. Last spring St. Paul's church did this in the case of Mr. Geo. Mackelvie, who then finished his studies with us, and is now in India as our first foreign missionary. Three of those who take leave of us at this time are destined for the Province of Honan, China, and are to be sustained in the following manner: Mr. John MacDougall by Erskine church, Mr. Murdoch Mackenzie by Mr. David Yuile, an elder in that church, and Mr. John H. MacVicar by Crescent Street church, to which it was my privilege to minister during my first eight years in Montreal. Mr. John J. Forbes has applied to the American Board of Foreign missions for an appointment in any field they may be pleased to select. I heartily rejoice in the development of the missionary spirit among our students and the churches of the city, and especially in the fact that five of our alumni are so soon to be witnesses for Christ among the perishing millions of heathendom. May they be followed by many more in coming years. The vast majority of our graduates have hitherto remained in our own country, but to have all do so would be to disregard the Master's command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We disown a narrow provincial spirit, and claim to be cosmopolitan, to be true to our college motto, "*Sermonem vite prelatentes*," holding forth the word of life, and that to men of all tribes and kindreds. There need be no alarm as to antagonism between home and foreign mission work, or as to means being forthcoming to carry on both to an extent hitherto scarcely contemplated. There are resources enough in hands of Presbyterians in this city alone to send out scores of missionaries; and were the spirit of God in answer to prayer to descend upon us in His quickening power, these resources would soon be at His disposal, and young men and young women would be moved in ever increasing numbers to offer themselves for service, saying, each one, "Here am I; send me." I do not