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THE history of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society dates back to the founding of the College. In the same year that the College was opened (1844), the Society had its origin. Its object was to give information respecting Missionary movements, and to encourage and foster Missionary zeal. Monthly meetings were held, essays read, and all contributions were devoted to the Jewish Mission of the Free Church of Scotland.

In 1846-47 interest was aroused in the condition of the French Canadian Roman Catholics, and for some time work was carried on among them; at first in Quebec, and later on in the district around Amherstburg, Ont.

In 1873, the Society, for good reasons, abandoned this work, and turned its attention towards the great fields for labour, opening up in Muskoka, Algoma, and Western Canada. These districts continue to be the special field of the Society. The work has followed the westward trend of emigration and set-