

lowed a reading—a selection from Shakespeare, by Mr. T. A. Sadler, it was very much appreciated. Mr. S. L. Fraser next favored the society with a violin solo, after which Mr. G. Weir read an essay on "The Uniformity of nature." The debate then came off, the subject being. Resolved:—"That the Foreign Mission Field has stronger claims upon us than the Home Field." Mr. Sadler led the affirmative, and pictured in touching language the great needs of the Foreign Field, and pointed out the needless waste of energy being expended upon many of the little fields at home. He was followed by Mr. Patterson, who, in a brief reply, attempted to show the claims of the Home Fields. The debate was then thrown open to the meeting. At the close of the discussion the decision was given in favor of the affirmative by a small majority. Mr. A. MacVicar filled the position of critic, and gave a brief critique of the programme. The society then adjourned until after the holidays.

Missionary Society:—

A special meeting of this society was held on the 30th of November. There was a fair attendance of students. After preliminary exercises the president reminded the students of the annual collection to be taken up for the Christmas tree at the St. Jean Baptiste mission. Mr. Murray presented the auditors' report of the books of the society's collector, Mr. Biron; it was received. On behalf of the committee appointed to visit our mission, Messrs. Brandt and Sadler reported. Both gentlemen spoke very favorably of the work being done. The attendance is good, the people seem deeply interested and the schoolroom and other buildings are in excellent condition. The affairs of the Mission seem to be, on the whole, in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Beauchamp reported in behalf of the committee appointed to investigate the circumstances and standing of the Mis-

sion with a view to taking steps to have it regularly organized into a mission. He said that the committee found the Mission in a very hopeful state. Twenty-one members signed the petition asking for organization. They strongly urged the claims of the Mission for this privilege. There are fifty-one members and adherents in all in regular attendance. His report was received, and after discussing this and the report of the committee appointed at a previous meeting, both were adopted, and Mr. A. MacVicar was appointed to present the claims of the Mission before the Presbytery.

The last regular meeting of this society was held on Friday evening, the 14th of Dec. The meeting was opened by singing part of the good old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Notwithstanding the busy stage of the session the prospects of an interesting programme attracted a large audience, and they were not disappointed in their expectations. The programme was opened by a quartette by Messrs. Muir, Jamieson, Young and Weir, entitled "The Beautiful Golden Gate." Then followed an address by Mr. H. Dseronian, on "The Customs and Religion of Persia." His description was peculiarly interesting from the fact that the speaker himself is a Persian, and speaks with authority, and that we know comparatively little of that far-off but no less interesting oriental country. Mr. Dseronian is taking a course in theology with a view to returning to tell the Glad Tidings of Salvation to his fellow-countrymen. The French Glee Club next favored the society with a chorus, and were followed by Messrs. Muir and Jamieson, who gave a duet entitled, "Come unto Me." The business part of the programme then took place. The first item was a communication from Mr. Charles, containing some interesting news regarding the thoughtfulness for our mission on the part of the Rev. B. A. McKenzie,