

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

KIATING, SZ-CHUAN, China,  
via Hankow, Feb. 6, 1895.

DEAR OLD COLLEGE JOURNAL.—I beg your pardon, *University Journal*, *College Journal* no more. No. 2, Nov. 17, 1894, reached me to-day, the first for this session. I'll probably get Nos. 1 and 4 next, and No. 3 later. It's a habit with our West China mails.

How one is carried back to days of yore! I can hear the tramp of hurrying feet and the hum of many voices in the corridors; I hear the warning sound of those electric bells, now there's a rush for class rooms and seats. The door shuts, but opens and bangs again for the last man. Out come ink, pen and book—till, with weary brain and aching finger joints, but glad hearts, we hear the merry tinkle of those little bells once more; and so on through another day. How fast the days slip past! We try to catch and hold them, but they won't wait; they fairly glide past our bewildered sight. Exams. are here. Then other sessions and other exams. pass with astonishing rapidity—till one day we are capped, and our college days, with all their opportunities, are gone forever!

Out we go, then, to fill our little niche in some corner of this wide world. And we find, each in his chosen work, that the years pass just as rapidly, perhaps, as they ever did.

CHINA? Why, what about the war? Weren't you driven away to the coast months ago? And weren't you mobbed, and robbed, and — — —? No, sir. "Our great country," as the Chinese love to designate their native land, is broad. A little squabble like the Chino-Japanese war at a point 2,000 miles away does not concern us in Sz-Chuan. I don't believe one person in twenty in this city of 50,000 knows of the existence of such a country as Japan, much less of the war. News percolates slowly amongst the people. We do not fear any direct effects of the war, but we do hope and pray that no great rebellion may light up and sweep with resistless fury over the land. Such things have happened in times past; should they come again, we and our work are in His keeping for whose sake and the Gospel's we are here.

We have a new hospital and dispensary in Kiating, and of course you want to know all about it. It is not three stories high, has no Watkins or Nickle wings, not even a new women's building or a fountain! But we can accommodate 16 male and 12 female, total 28 patients, without crowding. They are quartered in ten wards, three of which are private. There are consultation and private consultation rooms, general waiting room and guest room, operating room, and dark room for examination of eye, throat, etc. There are also kitchen, laundry and bath room, etc. All except the dark room glory in a profusion of glass windows, and most have "brand-new" board floors—these shining from recent applications of paint and oil.

It is the exceptional Chinaman who can or will put in glass windows or paint the walls of his rooms. But to put paint on the floor "where it will be walked on" is extravagance almost beyond his comprehension.

Our Kiating dispensary was opened for the first time December 17th, 1894. Patients are steadily increasing in number. Those who come in for hospital treatment are few as yet, but they will gain confidence as the weeks and months go by. By sale of tracts and Scripture portions, and by placing them where they can be read without being sold; by preaching and teaching; and not least, by our daily walk and conversation, we are trying to lead to know Him whom to know is life eternal. "Not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Surely there is no greater privilege on earth than that of being permitted to be the bearer of glad tidings straight into the stronghold of the enemy. How many in Queen's

this session are "willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries?" I pray there may be many! That "WILLING and DESIROUS"! It is a hard battle, but once fought and won is a source of great blessing to the combatant.

Success to you, dear old *Journal*, may you carry gladness and cheer to the heart of many a son of our Alma Mater, even as you do to mine.

Sincerely yours,  
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**GOLLEGE NEWS.**

A. M. S.

THE amount of work accomplished at the last four meetings was much greater than is usually done so late in the session, and toward the last the business became quite embarrassing in its quantity and urgency. At the last meeting in March, by a sort of accident, the long-promised debate on the question, "Resolved, that it is the first duty of the state to ensure the primary education of every child of school age," was taken up. J. M. Machar, Q.C., taking the affirmative, and John McIntyre, Q.C., the negative. Professor Ferguson kindly consented to act as chairman, and at the close of the debate gave his decision in favour of the negative. The song-book committee reported twice during the month of April, giving a sketch of what had already been done, and outlining a course for future work. They recommended that a prize of \$10 be given for the best original Queen's College song, and that January 15th, '96, be fixed as the limit for receiving songs for the competition. A fuller notice of this important departure will be found in another column.

The committee appointed to deal with the question of inter-year and inter-faculty matches, reported, recommending that for the inter-faculty matches a cup be provided, to be played for annually, and that for the inter-year matches a trophy be given to each member of the champion team. All arrangements for the carrying out of details were left in the hands of the committee.

The JOURNAL staff for the session '95-'96 was appointed as follows:

- Editor-in-Chief.....J. D. Stewart, M.A.
- Assistant Editor.....G. R. Lowe, B.A.
- Managing Editor.....F. Playfair, '96.
- Business Manager.....W. A. McIlroy, '97.
- Assistant Business Manager....D. H. Laird, '98.

W. W. Peck, M.A., reported for the curators of the reading room, showing a considerable balance on hand. The report also recommended that the curators be continued in office, but this was struck off, and the rest of the report remains in the auditor's hands till next session. The new curators were appointed as follows: J. R. Fraser, M.A., J. Johnston, C. R. McInnes, R. Burton, F. Playfair, C. E. Smith, A. Scott. D. McG. Gandier, B.A., (chairman).