

tion of a minister were then gone over. In addressing the minister, M. McLennan, B.A., purposely gave expression to certain heterodox views. A charge was at once preferred against him, and a committee appointed to confer with him, this committee to report at the next meeting of Presbytery. If no retraction be made the court will proceed to try the erring brother, and fully discuss the opinions which he entertains. Presbytery then adjourned.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on the 11th of Nov. little business was done. An interesting address was given by H. T. Kalem, in which he briefly traced the history of the Armenian nation. "Mission work in Edinburgh" was the subject of some remarks by D. Campbell. The various city missions were described and their methods of working. J. C. Martin, B.A. gave notice of the following motion:—

"That this society take steps to raise the funds necessary to sustain a missionary in the foreign field, and that a missionary be appointed when the society has sufficient guarantee of such a fund."

On Friday evening, Dec. 9th, the members were chiefly occupied in discussing Mr. Martin's motion *anent* the appointment and support of a foreign missionary.

All the speakers readily recognized the great and pressing needs of the foreign field, but there was difference of opinion as to the advisability of undertaking this work at the present time. The society has already committed itself to a particular portion of French work, viz., the erection of a mission school in this city. The response to the Committee's appeal for help in this direction was far from what was expected, consequently, affairs are not in as prosperous a condition as the society desires.

In view of this fact some of the speakers considered it unwise to undertake this additional burden of supporting a foreign missionary. They contended that we should "do the duty that lies next us;" should endeavour to dispel the darkness that hangs around us at our very door, and should now concentrate our energies for the completion of the work to which we are pledged. If this second responsibility were laid on the shoulders of the society, they thought that, being unable to perform both duties fully, prostration and failure in both directions would be the unwelcome result. Those who supported the new project maintained that engaging in mission work abroad would tend to widen and increase the interest in the welfare of the great brotherhood of mankind, and would thus hasten to completion the work now in hand.