

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE first regular meeting of the term was held on Friday evening, Jan-20th.

Two excellent papers were read one on "The Principles of Buddhism," by J. H. McVicar, which appears in this issue (see page 376, and the other on "South American Missions," by W. L. Clay, B.A. We refrain from giving an abstract of this paper, as it will be published in our next issue.

The Committee appointed to solicit subscriptions from the students for the French Mission School, rendered their report, according to which an aggregate of over \$600.00 has been subscribed, to be paid before the 1st of July next. This means considerable effort and self denial on the part of men who, in the majority of cases, find it no easy matter to bridge the financial straits of a college course.

We sincerely trust that their example will not be lost on the general public, and more particularly on those who have the means at their disposal, wherewith to combat the errors and superstitions of Rome, promote pure and undefiled religion, and so build up that righteousness which alone exalteth a nation.

The \$50.00 annually contributed by students for the support of two native helpers in the South Seas, was ordered to be sent in the name of the Society, which now becomes responsible for the collection and remittance of this sum.

We may here state that an additional \$30.00 has been raised this session which is to be employed in supporting a native assistant to the Rev. Joseph Annand, on the Island of Santo.

Regarding the matter of appointing a foreign missionary, it was decided to defer action, for this session at least, in view of what the Society has undertaken in connection with French work.

THE PRINCIPAL'S TALKS TO STUDENTS.

FOURTH TALK.

*Subject:—Our position on the Temperance Reform.*

This is a subject of the greatest public interest, which I consider at your request, and my view of its main features which I expressed before the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, in 1885, is conveyed in the following propositions:—

1. *Drunkenness is a sin against God and a crime against society.* The first part of the proposition is established beyond doubt by many utterances of Scripture, and the second is forced home upon us by the countless woes of innumerable ruined families and by the enormous burdens