

and loving zeal especially by our brother the Rev. P. A. McEwen, and with very encouraging success. The amount subscribed and partly paid is about \$36,000. As yet we have received but small amounts towards it from the United States; if we do not reckon as belonging to that fund, one thousand dollars from the Brooklyn Ladies Association, for Scholarships, and also one thousand dollars from Mrs. Rope in the same intention.

Realizing that enough had been subscribed to justify us in commencing important and necessary repairs and enlargement to the present buildings, especially to the old Mission House which was to be raised one story and a half, we had all our plans and tenders ready to begin work as soon as the School could be closed, at the end of March, when on the last day of January while several members of the Board and the architect from this city were present, the old Mission House was entirely destroyed by fire, in the middle of the day. The work of destruction was hastened by a very strong wind, and it was with the greatest difficulty, arduous and heroic struggle that the new Wing of the Institute was saved. Fortunately no lives were lost, and nobody was hurt; we are deeply thankful for this, and still more that it did not happen in the night.

He must be devoid of all ordinary sentiment, and of religious interest, the man who would not feel a pang in his soul at the sight of the burned and blackened walls of a house which contained rooms where sacred relics and memories were enshrined. Madame Feller's room can no longer be visited, Mr. Roussy's study, books and manuscripts are no more, and we shall only be able to visit the place where those precious rooms were.

But there is something that does not burn, that fire does not destroy, though, that it may purify it, and it is for that our dear old missionaries labored, suffered and prayed; it is for that we shall continue to work, to pray, and perhaps sometimes to suffer, in the new, more spacious and more commodious rooms in which some of us for a longer or shorter time, shall be allowed to labor. May it also be said of us that we have left there unsullied and sacred memories.

It was with great uneasiness and sorrow that we felt compelled to disband our large school so abruptly, especially as the session promised a successful result intellectually and spiritually. But we