

cisms be read in connection with what he criticises, then their transparent absurdity will readily be seen.

F. H. L. also stated near the beginning of his letter, "that a fool can pull down in one hour what it will take a wise man a hundred years to build up."

Is not this exactly the part that F. H. L. has played? Has he advanced or attempted to advance a single argument in favor of prizes? All he has done is to criticise the arguments advanced against them. As I read his letter I was reminded of the old man who was nominated for elder in a certain church. He was regarded as hardly the proper person for such a position, and on being interrogated as to the elder's duties and what *he* could do, he replied, "oh, I can object." Now F. H. L. has done this, but he has failed to advance an argument in favor of prizes, or to say *why* his sympathies are in favor of them. He must have reasons for preferring to see them continued. But it is only fair to himself and to those who hold opposite views, that he should express them, or else cease to criticise. Anything else is unfair to myself, and those believing as I do, that the present system of prizes is evil and only evil, without a redeeming feature.

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### THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The members of the Missionary Society intend holding a public missionary meeting on Friday, Feb. 4th, at 8 o'clock in the evening, in the David Morrice Hall, for the purpose of laying before the Christian people of Montreal the object and extent of the work done by this Society. It is the desire of the Society to meet with a great many of its friends at the open meeting, so that by contact with them, both may be stimulated to more earnest effort in the future.

The Society depends for its existence on the liber<sup>al</sup> giving of its many friends in all the fields to which men are sent by it to labor during the summer months, but more especially on the donations of the several city churches. Look at the work that is being done by some of our Sister Colleges, for instance Queen's, which is situated in a city, small when compared with our Island City. The students of Queen's are sending out a Foreign Missionary at an annual expense of \$2,000, which is raised in Kingston and vicinity. The Knox students, who are able to send fifteen or sixteen students to the work every summer, find no difficulty in raising \$1,000 through a single appeal. Ought not these facts to bestir in us a righteous emulation to exert every energy that a great work may be done in this city?