

The program of the evening was then proceeded with, Mr. H. Dunning favoring the society with Edgar Allan Poe's "Raven," which was received with much appreciation. The debate, "Resolved, that candidates for office in the Alma Mater society should not canvass," was then ably discussed. Eloquent and telling arguments were brought forward by Messrs. Dunning, Robertson and Irving in favor of abolishing the present system of canvassing in the Alma Mater elections, while Messrs. McFarlane and Phalen as strongly supported it, contending that the system was in no way injurious in its effects. After a very interesting debate, the chairman, Mr. J. Steele, gave his decision in favor of the abolition of the system. The meeting then adjourned.

DIVINITY HALL.

THE MINISTRY.—"There are two great dangers connected with the ministry in these days. One is that they shall be afraid of the condemnation of their hearers; and the other, quite as great an evil, that they shall be ambitious of their commendation. I don't know which is the greater."—*Dr. Pierson.*

Rev. Solomon Schindler, a Jewish rabbi, has preached a remarkable series of sermons in Boston on the Jewish people. He rejected the Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth and found a genuine Messiah in Bar Kochba. The Hebrew idea of a Messiah, in his opinion, was simply a leader who would lead the people out of subjection to freedom.

Mr. Studd, the English evangelist, who accompanied Messrs. Moody and Sankey in the old country, in the States and in Montreal, has gone to New York to meet with the students of Union and other seminaries. He returns next month to this country, when he expects to visit Kingston and to hold meetings with the boys of Queen's. Mr. Studd is specially interested in the spiritual welfare of students.

The third year men are hard at work. The "final ties" will soon be played off.

The Missionary Association will have hard work to make ends meet this year. The reports of Messrs. Whiteman and Dewar show them to be its creditors to over \$80 each. Mr. Dewar's field was no doubt a difficult one for one man to work; and money seemingly was not very plentiful among his parishioners. Some surprise was expressed, however, that the Mississippi fields, previously doing so well, had not subscribed more freely to Mr. Whiteman. But a church was built at one of the stations, and this may have taxed the purses of some in that neighborhood. It is the opinion of many, however, that the student's salary should receive first attention. The Association has nothing to do with building churches; and yet the

fact of having to pay Mr. Whiteman over \$80 just means that it (the Association) pays \$80 to the building fund of the church in the Mississippi field. Judging by the work done by the Association in the past, and especially by such as the above, would it not be well for the benefit of all concerned to adopt, when proposed, the motion given notice of by Mr. McLeod at last meeting, viz., "That this Association, as soon as one of its members can be found willing to go to the foreign field, drop home mission work entirely, and expend its funds in his support.

Judging by the noise heard in some of the class rooms before the second bell, one would suppose that if the Divinity students were not in the majority, they were at least all blessed with good lungs. The Divinities on the whole are a hearty lot of men. May they long continue so; for the work of the ministry requires able-bodied as well as intelligent, conscientious men. But if they are to be conscientious ministers, they must begin by being conscientious students. In the college they have every opportunity of improving themselves and helping others; and it is only when they are about to leave they seem to realize how many have been their neglected opportunities. They should remember that they are preparing for a life's work, that theirs is a noble calling, and that they are in duty bound to turn to advantage everything that will benefit them in this work. Therefore their aim should be not to put in so much time, but rather to make the best use possible of their time, realizing that faithfulness in this respect is as necessary as faithfulness in the ministry. Time appears to be so precious to some that they cannot spare an hour every two weeks to attend the Missionary society's meeting. This is a great mistake. Those students who have attended most regularly speak highly of the benefit they have received from these meetings. The society is doing a large amount of Home Mission work, and surely all church students should have this work at heart. But although there are over 60 church students, the meetings do not average more than 20. Divinities at least should show their earnestness and their interest in mission work by being present at the meetings, and by doing all in their power to further the work of the society.

A good story for which a Knoxite is responsible, is told of a Knox student, a Highlander, and an "unco wee" one at that. Going out one Sunday to preach for the first time, he had many questions to ask of the "tried men" who were only "too happy to answer." When he returned on Monday there was a peculiar expression upon his face, which told the students that something had happened. They consequently began to ply him with questions. Well, how did you get along Mac? "Oh, phary weel, phary weel. Well, now, something has happened. You might let us know. "Oh no, not much." There phas jeest a phellow teekling a girl down in a corner o' the kirk, so I stop, and I sez, "When that phellow in the corner stops teekling that girl I will go on." Did he stop Mac? "Well, yes,