

folly somebody destroyed some College property, but perhaps it has at last come that the *all* are responsible for the thoughtless and heedless actions of the *few*. As the notice will be seen to read, it still admits of meetings being held, but under certain specified conditions which conditions are almost, if not quite unnecessary, for few students will be found who, when a meeting is to be held, are willing to knock on the door of the Senate Chamber in quest of permission, or again who would care to remain until 5 o'clock in the evening. It is only to be hoped that the change is for the best, and the writer will be one of the first to rejoice if it is, but believing that it will not be, he asks that he be allowed, through the *JOURNAL* to raise his voice against such a radical change.

ACADEMIA.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

THE first meeting of the Association since the New Year, was held in Divinity Hall, on Saturday, 15th inst. The committee appointed to canvass the students for subscriptions to the Foreign Mission Fund of the Association, reported that they had succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who were most enthusiastic in promoting the scheme. On Dec. 4th, the Association after solemn deliberation, decided to support a Foreign Missionary, and appointed their President to represent them in "the high places of the field." This was an act of faith, for the subscription had not yet started, but now their faith has been vindicated. The students themselves have already contributed over six hundred dollars, and if the Alumni manifest anything like the same spirit there will not be the least difficulty in securing the full amount required.

The committee appointed to prepare an appeal to the Alumni, reported that they had met with Rev. Geo. McArthur, B.A., and Rev. James Somerville, B.A., former members of the Association, and with their assistance had prepared the following circular:

DEAR BROTHER,—You will, doubtless, remember receiving a circular from our Association about this time last year, asking what amount you would be willing to subscribe annually to this Association, for the support of a missionary in the Foreign Field, should one offer himself for this work. Comparatively few of those addressed responded, and a hearty liberal spirit was not manifested either by students or Alumni.

But the missionary spirit was steadily growing among the students, and when they returned to college last autumn, many felt that the time had come to give definite shape to the scheme.

Soon after Mr. J. F. Smith, the President, a Theological student, who is now taking his third year in Medicine with a special view to Foreign Missionary labor, offered himself to the Association for that work. The members of the Association at once heartily responded, and a resolution was passed accepting Mr. Smith as the Association's First Foreign Missionary. It was decided that in pre-

senting Mr. Smith to the F. M. Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we, as an Association, should pledge ourselves to be responsible for his support, and that we should ask the committee to send Mr. Smith, in company with Mr. Goforth, who is to represent the students and Alumni of Knox College, either to Corea, or the Province of Fuh-Kien, in China. To obtain the money necessary for this undertaking it was proposed to ascertain, first, the amount that could be raised among the students themselves, and then to make an appeal to all former members of the Association, and to other graduates and friends of the University, asking them what they would be willing to contribute annually for the support of Mr. Smith.

The reasons for undertaking work of this kind must be obvious to all. In answer to the prayers of his Church God has opened up doors of access, to almost every nation and tribe in the world. Heathen nations are rapidly coming in contact with our Western civilization, and are rapidly losing faith in their old systems and old religions. The question for the Church of Christ to solve at this moment is: Shall we by a strong united effort give these people at once the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or shall we leave them to receive merely the vices of civilization and that vulgar modern materialism which is death to everything lofty and noble in the soul of man. The crisis is at hand and we must meet it. These people must receive the Gospel at once, or their last state will be worse than the first. Many of the young men attending the Theological Halls of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, have risen to a true conception of present need and present opportunity, and are saying, "Here am I, send me." But there is no one in the whole extent of our church to say to them, "Go and we will support you with our money and our prayers." Some students of Queen's during the past year have made inquiry as to whether the F. M. Committee of our Church would be willing to send them to the Foreign Field, and the reply has been, "we cannot do so at present, as all our funds are required to provide for those already in the field." The question of Foreign Missions, therefore, in our day, and in our Church, resolves itself into a matter of dollars and cents. The one thing standing in the way of vast extension in this department of the Church's work, is the want of liberality on the part of Christians. Surely then the least that we can do as students and Alumni of Queen's, is to increase our own personal liberality to the extent of sending out one more missionary to the heathen, and thus take the initial step in what we already have reason to believe will be a great awakening in our Canadian Church. A special reason why we should engage in this work is, that it will form the best possible bond of union between students and Alumni, and in addition will bring students into direct contact with F. M. work as they already are with Home Mission work.

That the students are in earnest about this matter is evidenced by the fact that they have already contributed