

for the labours of able ministers of the New Testament. The vacation missionary work of the students affords satisfaction to the Colonial Missionary Society.

The Missionary expenditure had been \$8,750—\$3,130 had been collected in this country; the rest was obtained from England. Narratives—five minutes in length—of the state of religion in their several churches, were then given by the Revs. Messrs. Clinie, Barker, Shauks, Denny, Duff, Parker, Powis, and R. Hay, some of whom managed to compress a considerable amount of information in the short allotted time, but others were evidently startled by the inexorable stroke of the bell, warning them to conclude. The meeting closed, after prayer by the Rev. T. Atkinson.

On Saturday morning, after the devotional service, and the despatch of several items of business, the Rev. T. Smith, delegate from the General Conference of Maine, addressed the Union in a pleasant and profitable speech; among other interesting facts mentioned by Mr. Smith, was that of the great and intimate connection the State of Maine had to the shipping of the United States, possessing as it did one third of the shipping of all the States, it necessarily was much interested in the spiritual condition of those who go down to the sea in ships, and do business in the great waters.

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#### UNIVERSITY QUESTION.

The Rev. F. H. Marling brought up the University question, in a lengthened, clear and able address on the points at issue, in this important and national question. He commenced from the beginning, showing the history of the endowment from the time of the grant of George III, referring to the struggle against the denominational management of the funds existing prior to the existence of the present liberal and unsectarian University. He proceeded to urge the necessity of resisting the breaking up of the endowment in any shape or form, or under any pretence, contending that the success of the present movement by the Wesleyan Methodists for the division of the surplus fund, would be the entrance of the thin end of the wedge, and adducing reasons why the Congregational body should declare itself in opposition to the division of any part of the endowment of the University of Toronto among denominational colleges.

Dr. Lillie then left the chair, and addressed the Union on the same subject; with much power the Dr. demonstrated that many of the charges made against the University and University College, could not be sustained. As a member of the Senate of the University, his observations were weighty and valuable, throwing much light on the question of the standard of education in the University of Toronto, embracing statements regarding the matriculation examination, the system of options, scholarships, &c.; further, he bore explicit testimony to the nature of the moral and religious oversight of students in University College.

So much interest was felt by the members of the Union in these telling addresses, that it was deemed advisable to hold a public meeting on the University question, which was held accordingly in Zion Church, on Tuesday evening. A report of that meeting we expect to see in the columns of our excellent contemporary the *Montreal Witness*.

We have much pleasure in recording the action of the Congregational Union on this question. It was resolved unanimously "That this Union, many of the members of which, with others likeminded, have earnestly con-