

Mr. Craig, our successful missionary at Akidu, India, gave an earnest address on the work out there. He described his own early Christian college experiences and his call to India. He showed that it was not a hard duty, but a glorious privilege to carry the gospel to these dark lands. He told of how God had honored the work of many of the native helpers. He mentioned several instances of the call of natives to the work and their success as preachers. He said that our expenditure on ourselves was out of all proportion to that upon the Lord's work. He urged us to be more zealous for God's honor in spreading his glorious gospel.

AN audience that filled the seating capacity of the Chapel to overflowing assembled on Friday evening, March 19th, to enjoy the last open meeting for the year of the Literary and Scientific Society. The programme presented a decided change from the time-honored custom of making a debate the chief matter of interest. An oratorical contest took its place, and judging from the expressions of approval heard on all sides, the innovation was a decided success. The remembrance of the different speeches, fresh in the mind as they are, tends to produce an editorial eloquence in description that is difficult to restrain. Of the five orations delivered not one fell below the mark of a very considerable degree of excellence, giving evidence at once of good talent and careful preparation.

The first oration was made by Mr. C. H. Schutt, B.A., who represented Theology. He chose for his subject "Henry Ward Beecher." His short account of the most marked features in the life and character of the great preacher showed a deep sympathy and appreciation, and his description of Mr. Beecher's vigorous denunciations of slavery and his thrilling appeals in behalf of the slaves was one of great vividness.

Mr. E. A. Brownlee, '00, followed with an oration on "The British Flag." The Freshman class have every reason to feel proud of the way in which they were represented, for a more loyal and patriotic speech, we venture to say, has never been heard within the walls of McMaster.

Class '99 was ably represented by Mr. F. J. Scott, who spoke on "Liberty." Mr. Scott had already made a reputation for ability in public speaking and his oration on this occasion fully maintained it. He closed with an apostrophe to Liberty, which in less skillful hands would in all probability have served to lessen, rather than heighten, the good effect already produced upon the audience.

Mr. A. W. Vining was the next speaker. He prefaced his oration by expressing the pleasure it gave him to "draw the sword and fling away the scabbard for '98." And the sword received at his hands a vigorous and dexterous wielding. His subject was "William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham"; certainly a subject full of inspiration for every liberty-loving Englishman, and the speaker did not fail to do it ample justice.

The closing oration was delivered by Mr. J. F. Vichert, '97, on "Wilfrid Laurier," in which the Premier's merits were extolled with a grace and eloquence worthy of the Premier himself.