

So far as we have received expressions of opinion we have reason to believe that we have the sympathy of the church. Some, however, have expressed doubts as to the wisdom of appointing a third missionary to Korea at present on the strength of the support offered by the students. As their difficulties may be felt by others it may be well to refer to them.

Coming to the notice of the church so suddenly some have felt that our action was hasty, and that the students of the College might not always be willing to endorse the step we have taken. It may seem so to an outsider, yet those living in the College know well that it is not a matter of mere impulse. It is the result of careful and systematic study of the foreign field, and of God's will regarding missions. We believe that the interest in missions has been steadily growing for years. We are regarding it more and more our chief mission as a College to preach the Gospel to all people. The present grand opportunity has but given expression to a desire increasingly felt for some time.

It also appeared to some as showing an unreasonable enthusiasm over Korea. It may be that we have a deeper interest in Korea than in any other field. If this be a fault, it is one we share in common with a large proportion of our church. The cry of a heathen people to a Christian nation for the bread of life never moved the hearts of the people more than the cry from Korea to our church. Let it not be thought that we, for a moment, forget the other fields. They have probably received more thought and study than Korea. And we do not mean our contributions to Korea merely to take the place of our contributions to the other work in which the church is engaged.

It was also feared that the movement might be due to personal enthusiasm for Mr. McRae, and could not be expected to receive the same support from our successors. It is true we cannot deny personal enthusiasm for Mr. McRae; nor can we deny that we have been inspired by his heroic example. It would be difficult to refrain from assisting a man with such a strong desire to give the Gospel to the heathen regardless, as Mr. McRae is, of any amount of personal sacrifice. But it would be faithless to suppose that our students will ever be deaf to the same call; nor need we anticipate a decrease of personal interest in the one who now goes out from us. There are