

At the meeting of January 8th the report of work done by Mr. M. J. McLeod was adopted. The meeting adjourned early to allow students to hear the essay read by Prof. Murray before the University Literary Society.

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MONDAY CONFERENCE.—On Dec. 7th there was a large attendance in anticipation of a discussion to be opened by two French students, on "The Relation of Religious Literature to Christian Work." Both gentlemen, needless to say, spoke in admirable English; and their eloquent sentences were frequently punctuated with applause.

Mr. S. RONDEAU, B.A., saw several ways in which literature might be helpful to Christian work. The Holy Spirit sometimes used it directly for the conversion of souls, just as He used the Bible or the preaching of the Gospel. And He sometimes used it indirectly as the means of imparting information to believers which would awaken their interest and stir them up to greater zeal, especially in the cause of the missions. A man's interest in any subject was generally proportionate to his knowledge of that subject, and the more people knew of missions the more they would support them. Since literature exerted considerable influence in every community it was the duty of ministers to support all movements for the diffusion of that which was good and sound. He feared that literature of the latter character did not occupy an exclusive

place on the shelves of Sabbath School Libraries. When a boy, he had read a good many of those nice little books in whose fanciful scenes precocious sisters never teased their brothers, but, with the confidence of a fully developed Christian experience, spent every hour of their lives in fitting morals to the most trivial occurrences. Such "literature" could only do harm,—it was too idealistic,—it was in many cases simply the product of an overheated imagination. He would prefer to see on the Library shelves the biographies of Christian heroes who had actually lived.

Mr. A. B. GROULX expressed a belief that Christian Literature had a grand mission to fulfil. It was, he thought, destined to walk boldly forth from the Church and eventually reach those vast outlying masses of humanity which would else remain forever beyond the influence of her voice. In preparing the way for the Book of books, and in following closely in its footsteps, Christian literature had a noble work to do. It had been the eloquence of a Paul and Silas that stirred up the Bereans to search the Scriptures; but often an insignificant tract read in a quiet moment in some out of the way corner, produced the same effect. When a man was once thoroughly awakened by the Word of God, he began to feel as he had never felt before the need of a thorough education; and after that, he might be found quenching his thirst for knowledge at the wells of Christian love. Many a lasting impres-