

acter that will be a strength to the church life of the coming years. What our churches owe to McMaster for trained missionaries abroad, and for interested, active workers in the congregations at home we cannot measure. Let me tell you, from the students' viewpoint, about some of the influences at "Mac" that have led, and still are leading young men and women to think of service along these lines, perhaps in a way that they never did before.

First of all, it seems as if the Christian atmosphere of the college, in bringing the students into touch with religious things as a matter of course, makes the call of the mission fields and the pastorate and Christian service as natural as, say, the call to school-teaching. When we think in terms of Christianity the next step is service, and the next is missions.

Many of the students are sons or daughters of missionaries and have come from India, China, Bolivia or Cuba. Others are training for the foreign field in the regular theology and missionary courses. Contact and acquaintance with them brings the mission field so close that it presents itself as one of the callings to be considered.

Those who intend to be missionaries or are interested in missions find a place in the Student Volunteer Band. The pledge of its members is "It is my purpose, if God permit, to be a foreign missionary." But there is an associate membership for those interested and meetings are open to all. At many of these meetings last year there was an attendance of one hundred. When busy students come to a purely missionary meeting in such numbers it is a sign of real interest. Speakers like Rev. J. B. McLaurin, Rev. Percy Buck, Dr. Jonathan Goforth, bring the appeal of world missions before the students.

It was a great thing for the missionary spirit in McMaster that Rev. John McLaurin taught the classes in Bible last year. Besides the help of his teaching, in which he so often referred to India, the after-class discussions counted for much. Often informal contacts are the most effective, and many were the times that one, or a group followed him from the room to talk over some problem, or

to ask about the mission work. India will never seem remote to those who had the privilege of knowing Mr. McLaurin.

So far, I have been speaking of the appeal to be a missionary. But just as important as missionaries are those who man the churches at home to support and make possible foreign work. McMaster helps in preparation of men and women who go out with a strong Christian character, an interest in missions, and trained ability to serve their cause in the home field. The influences that go to bring all types of students into touch with a religious atmosphere and to build up in them such a Christian character are often indirectly exerted, though nevertheless real.

I think of the daily chapel service. Those fifteen minutes of prayer and song in the midst of the day's work are sure to have an appeal to a body of responsive young people. We will never forget the occasional talks of some of our professors, or the messages of such speakers as Dr. S. D. Gordon, Dr. Joshee and Paul Rader.

Then there are the meetings of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., held as a rule separately, but, occasionally, jointly. At one of the joint meetings last year Rev. John McLaurin spoke. Addresses at these meetings are inspirational, vocational and missionary. Under the "Y's" study groups and class prayer meetings are organized. The former are arranged in groups of eight or ten students who meet regularly for discussion and study of Bible portions or selected books. These informal discussions of religious questions are very stimulating. It is strengthening and clarifying to one's convictions to bring them into contact with those of others. A professor accompanies each group to help out of difficulties and to supply ballast for the discursive flights.

And then there is Fyfe Day. Twice a term lectures are cancelled and the students gather in the chapel for devotional services and inspirational and missionary addresses. Many are the missionary appeals given on Fyfe Day and many are the decisions made on those days. I know I speak for many when I say that we have come away stirred mightily with new purposes in our hearts.

These are only some of the things that