

A LETTER TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

THE members of the Alumni Association of Knox College will read with special interest the following letter from their missionary in China, Rev. J. Goforth, which was written in time to reach Toronto to be read at the annual meeting of the Association, but which, owing to the irregular mail service in China, did not arrive until three days after the meeting closed. The Alumni and all friends of our missionary enterprises will rejoice at the progress made in that field and will join with us in assuring Mr. Goforth and his associates of our increasing interest in their work. The students and graduates of Knox College, in all parts of the country, unite with those present at the annual meeting last week in their expression of sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Goforth in the sore bereavement which so recently brought sorrow to their home, and blighted many a fond and worthy hope, and all join in asking for them the sustaining sympathy and comfort of the God of all consolations.

Mr. Goforth's letter, which is dated from Lin Ching and addressed to the members of the Alumni Association is as follows :

"We did not visit Honan last spring as I had hoped we should. Dr. McClure arrived at Pang Chuang early in April, but did not feel justified in making the proposed visit owing to his imperfect knowledge of the language. This delay will probably be an advantage rather than a hindrance to the work of founding the Mission. Now, with a better knowledge of both people and language, we will produce a more favorable impression.

"Dr. Smith is expected to arrive from Chefoo in September, then, as soon as possible, we will start on the tour into Honan. At the same time Mr. MacGillivray and Dr. McClure will probably tour in Chang-te-fu and surrounding country. Chang-te-fu is where they hope to establish their central station. Dr. Smith and I will likely spend a couple of weeks in each of the chief cities on the Wei river, and if there is time we will re-visit them.