

answer was ordered to be sent expressing the sincere sympathy of the Association with him in his great affliction, and assuring him of their entire confidence in himself and the other members of the Honan Mission in their arrangement of the field and disposition of the workers. The following were nominated for election as representatives on the Senate:—J. A. Macdonald, S. H. Eastman, John Somerville, John Neil, J. R. S. Burnet, J. H. Ratcliffe, W. A. J. Martin, R. Leask, C. Fletcher, A. H. Kippan.

The closing meeting of the Association was around the groaning table at the Annual Supper. This was a pleasant affair, and never to be despised. The speeches were not above the level of the average post-prandial eloquence. And so another year of college work and opportunity has begun.

The professors and students have already got themselves adjusted, and the prospect is good for a session of successful work. The usual number of new students have presented themselves. There is always an interest awakened by the coming of a new class fresh from the dreamland of hopes and ambitions. They are often strangers in a strange land. They have had their dreams of college life, and visions, splendid in colouring and powerful in spiritual significance, have attended their way from home and school. There is something tragic in the fading of these visions into "the light of common day," and the saddest thing about it is that the graduate has lost the enthusiasm, the passion, the heroism with which the freshman looked out on a life of service of God and man. It should not be so. College life should not clip the wings, diminish the ardor, or chill the spiritual life of any student. That it ever does so should lie as a burden, not simply on the professors, but on the students, who have the moulding of the tone and temper of college life very largely in their own hands. A little thought and self-examination on this point would do good.

A word or two remains to be said about the MONTHLY. The report has been given wide newspaper circulation that the Editor has resigned, and the question is asked, What now? The report is only half true; the other half being that the tendered resignation was not accepted, and that by the action of both Associations controlling the magazine the present editor is continued in charge, and, whether he enters on pastoral work or not, will still be responsible for the editorial management of the MONTHLY. And subscriptions may be sent, as before, to the present publisher, D. T. McAinsh. So far as the public is concerned, present arrangements will not be disturbed. The pure minds of several hundred subscribers who