

by "students." One American paper is quoted as stating that the University students were dismissed half-an-hour earlier and charged to shew their loyalty. As though Toronto University was a school in the backwoods that could be "let out" to see every passing menagerie or calathumpian procession. Besides, that is not the sort of interruptions students are in the habit of making. They give every man a chance. Of course they may ask him questions, propound conundrums and make it generally interesting for him; but to keep up a continuous howl for two hours is—but it matters not now. All that needs to be said is that it is about time newspaper correspondents found some other explanation of a "row" than "students."

THE licensing of students is one of the important duties of a Presbytery. The examination of candidates on such an occasion is sometimes searching. That it should be more searching seemed to be the idea of a number of the members of Toronto Presbytery. Last week this Presbytery met. The attendance of members was very large. One of the items on the docket was the licensing of two recent graduates of Knox College. After considerable other business had been attended to, the Clerk, with due solemnity, announced this important item, and the students were invited forward. The effect was transporting. The Presbytery was greatly moved—three-fourths of those present were so overcome that they were compelled to leave the room. It was observed that those who had been sticklers for severe examinations were the first affected. On them the thing acted like a can of dynamite, or an O'Brien riot. After the sensation created by the Clerk's announcement had subsided the room was nearly empty, only the Moderator, Clerk, five members, two reporters and the candidates, out of the fifty present five minutes before, remaining. Evidently Toronto Presbytery thinks it impossible for Knox to send out unworthy, incompetent, unorthodox men.

As we go to press the Foreign Mission Committee closes its regular spring session, at which reports are prepared for the General Assembly, and estimates made for the current year. Anything like a report of the meeting has not yet appeared. Interesting accounts of work in Formosa and the New Hebrides were read. Thankfulness was expressed for the increased interest in foreign work among the churches at home. "The College Mission" was discussed and strongly approved. Several members testified to the excellent work done in Western Ontario by the "Missionary Band" from Knox College. A communication was received from St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, offering to undertake the support of a missionary in the Foreign Field. Upwards of \$1,500 a year has been offered by members of this congregation—which sum has been promised over and above what is now given to the schemes of the church. We understand that this has been done largely through the efforts of Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Rev. Mr. Macdonnell thankfully confessing that he had nothing whatever to do in the matter. Congregational interest in Missions is one of the hopeful signs. It is reported that Knox Church, Toronto, and St. Andrew's Church, London, each propose raising sufficient to support another missionary. In all these cases the sums offered are over and above present contributions. We regret the impossibility of giving any further report at present.