

DR. TAYLOR'S ADDRESS.

THE address on the student volunteer movement and its relation to China, delivered by Rev. W. E. Taylor, Ph. D., in Convocation Hall, on Sunday, Oct. 7th, was a revelation to many of those who heard it. Dr. Taylor has spent some time among the 30,000 students at the University of Hankow in Central China, and speaks from first hand knowledge. His appeal was not for money, not for mission workers, but for men of courage and ability to live among the students of China, and to bring them within the pale of western civilization. The student centres, he declared, are the strategic points in the country, and through them only can China be won. For generations the educated classes of China have filled every government office. The only road to power is to take the civil service examinations, at the county, provincial or national centres. To pass the examination is to be certain of an appointment, with wealth, leisure and influence. At present there are about 960,000 students in China. In ten years the successful ones of these will be the rulers of the country, and the 425,000,000 of people will obey them and worship their opinions. Theirs will be all the power wielded in the west by such agencies as the press, the pulpit and the universities. The opportunity is unparalleled. It needs but to win the great student body for Christianity and civilization, and China herself is won.

Already the educated Chinese are awakening and looking toward the west. They have seen what modern methods have done for Japan, and they are anxious for similar improvements for China. Already the old ex-

aminations in Chinese history and the Confucian classics have been abandoned and the studies are coming to be based on western science and culture. There is a wild rush on the part of the student leaders to know more of the west. In all the great universities the doors have been opened to men of the volunteer movement, though they are still closed to the missionaries. The great need is for men who can go into China, can show what the west is doing, and so open the door for the church. But the need is for men of the greatest ability, men who are capable of becoming leaders of leaders.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

THE first regular meeting of the Alma Mater Society for the present session was held on the evening of September 30th, Vice-President W. Beggs presiding.

A letter was received from J. G. Herald replying to a letter of condolence from the society on the death of the late Dr. Herald.

The resignation of Harold Clarke as captain of the second Rugby football team was received.

The secretary on behalf of the committee appointed to have the revised constitutions of the A.M.S. and its dependent organizations printed reported that the work had been done at a cost of \$12.50 for 400 constitutions.

The second meeting of the society was held on the evening of Oct. 7th, the President in the chair. The report of the committee, which had seen to the printing of the society's constitutions, was adopted.

Three new officers were elected to positions on the JOURNAL staff to take