

THEOLOGICAL AND MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held on November 15th, the Rev. Provost Body, the President of the Society, in the chair. There was a large attendance, including several of the city clergy. The President gave a short address dealing with the objects of the society and the means adopted to carry them out, and of the necessity for an Association such as this. He strongly deprecated the cry which is so often raised against the stress laid on Theological studies, pointing out that these studies are concerned with the great fundamental truths which underlie all religion, and that whatsoever enables us to grasp more firmly these essentials, must tend to deepen our spiritual life. He urged on all the necessity of stronger efforts to carry out the objects of the society, and said that the Church wanted not only earnest clergymen, but also earnest and zealous laymen.

The following were then elected officers for 1886-87:

President.—Rev. Provost Body. *Vice-Presidents*.—Rev. Prof. Jones, and Rev. Jno. Langtry. *Secy-Treasurer*.—H. O. Tiernayne. *Executive Committee*.—Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. W. H. Clarke, Rev. Prof. Roper, Messrs. E. C. Cayley, G. S. Anderson, M. A. Mackenzie, J. S. Broughall, H. J. Leake, W. J. Creighton, H. H. Johnston, G. Warren, and H. A. Bowden.

The Rev. R. H. Starr, read a paper on "Some Phases of Church Work in England," dealing with the wonderful work which the Church at home is accomplishing, of which we, accustomed to the apathy which characterizes the Church in Canada, can have no conception. At the close of his paper Mr. Starr was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. After the meeting the Association was most hospitably entertained by the Provost and Mrs. Body.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Friday, Nov. 19th, to arrange for meetings for the year. It was decided to hold a Devotional Meeting on November 29th, and a regular meeting on Monday, December 6th, at which Mr. E. C. Cayley, B. A., will read a paper on "Emerson and his relation to Christianity." Both these meetings will be held at 8 p.m. Papers were also arranged for the next term, and Rev. Mr. Langtry promised one on "Christian Unity," and the Provost one on "Some Features of History of Canadian Church." The Society has now over forty members, and there is every reason to hope that an era of more extended usefulness lies open before it.

Perhaps it might not here be amiss to give a slight sketch of the Association and its objects, as we are afraid that many who would be glad to become members and avail themselves of its help, do not know of its existence. The Association was formed at a meeting held in January, 1884, and its purpose as set forth by the Constitution is—

"On the broad basis of common membership in the Church:

(a) To be a centre for Theological and Missionary work in the College.

(b) To form a permanent bond of union between the students, graduates, and other friends of the College.

(c) To supply to members information as to the needs and methods of Missionary work.

(d) To be a centre from which Missionary and other work undertaken by the members of the Association might be directed and developed."

The means adopted to accomplish these objects are papers dealing with some subject relating to Theology or to Mission work, which are read at each meeting; each member of the society is to devote some portion of his time to practical Church work, and all members are to supply such information as they may think useful in furthering the objects of the Association. The meetings are held every three weeks during term, and a devotional meeting once each term.

All graduates and undergraduates of the University, all clergymen of the Church, and such laymen, members of the Church, as may express a desire to join, are eligible for election to membership. During the two years it has been in active operation much Church work has been accomplished through its means, of which unfortunately no record has been kept. At the meetings, the following, among other papers, have been read: "Missionary Work in the North-West,"—Prof. Schneider; "Prisons,"—Mr. J. Hague; "Country Missions in Canada,"—Rev. Mr. Whitcomb; "New Discovery of Bryennius in its relation to the Christian Ministry,"—Rev. Provost Body; "Rev. F. W. Maurice,"—Rev. H. Symonds; "Chief Sources of Ministerial Power,"—Rev. J. G. Lewis. "Advent (1885) Mission in New York,"—Rev. A. J. Broughall.

It is to be hoped that all Graduates and Clergymen will see their way to becoming members, and will furnish any information they may think useful to further the aims of the Association. Any information regarding the Association will be gladly furnished by the members of the Council.

PERSONALS.

The following graduates of Trinity College have been appointed members of the board of study: Rev. H. H. Symonds, '84, *Litterae Humaniores*. Mr. S. Davidson, '84, Mathematics and Physical Science. Rev. W. E. Cooper, '87, Divinity.

Rev. H. D. Cooper, late of Lloydtown, has been appointed to Batteau.

C. R. Gunne, '78, is writing a series of interesting letters from California to the *Markham Sun*.

Rev. C. H. Shortt, '79, has been appointed incumbent of the Woodbridge mission, *viz* Rev. O. P. Ford. The work of this mission has been most successful, which proves beyond doubt the efficiency of the system of clergy-houses in unsettled districts of the country.