

and strength; and we trust that our labours have not been ineffectual, but that what has been sown in weakness may be raised in power—that the fruit of our labours, whether as missionaries, or as teachers of the young, may be seen many days hence. Some of our members who were wont to meet with us on former occasions similar to this, have gone forth to the field of active labour, but we have received more than a compensation for them in numbers by a large addition of new students.

In looking back upon the labours of last session, and the months of separation, there is much for which we have good reason to be thankful to the Giver of all good—the Disposer of all events. And the harmony and good feeling which prevailed amongst the members of the society, in their meetings and in their communications with one another, are not unworthy of notice; and especially is it matter of gratitude that we have not the painful duty of recording the removal, by death, of any of its members. All have returned to their respective places, and we are anticipating a large addition to the membership of the society from the number of new faces we see mingling with us from day to day.

It now devolves upon your committee, according to the rules of the society, and for the benefit of its members, to submit a report of the proceedings of the society during the last year; and we trust that it will not be less interesting than on former occasions. To some interested in the society it may seem strange that this should be called the first annual report of the students' missionary society of Knox college, who know that such a society has been in existence for no less than 17 years. However, a very few words will suffice to explain this. At the beginning of last session, there were in the college students belonging to separate missionary societies, on account of the union of the churches which had been consummated the previous summer in Montreal, the students of each divinity-hall having had a separate society. But it was thought necessary for the purpose of more easily arriving at the objects contemplated by the societies, and for the promotion of harmony amongst the members, that there should be a union of the societies. Consequently, a meeting of the students was called for this purpose, and after due consideration, and advice from competent parties, it was resolved that the best mode of procedure would be to form a new society and transfer to it the books and property of the two societies formerly existing. This was accordingly done in due form, so that there now exists one strong and harmonious society consisting of the students of Knox college in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church.

In submitting the report of the proceedings of the society during the past year, it is not the privilege of your committee to record so many regular monthly meetings as usual, but the reason of this is to be found in the time which was occupied in the formation of the new society. But as soon as this was accomplished, the business and work of the society were immediately proceeded with. The regular monthly meetings which were held after the society was duly organized were well attended, and great interest was manifested in the progress and prosperity of the society. Besides the transaction of ordinary business, essays treating of missionary subjects were read, and missionary intelligence from different parts of the world was communicated by parties appointed for that purpose, in order to stimulate members to greater efforts, so that the ends contemplated by the society might be arrived at. The following are the titles of the essays which were read at the meetings. "The Duty of spreading the Gospel," by Mr. Cameron; "The Spirit of Missionary Enterprise," by Mr. Murdoch.

Many of the members of the society were employed in tract distribution throughout various parts of the city, and the gaol and soldiers' barracks were regularly visited, and suitable tracts distributed in these respective places. It is gratifying to be able to say, that the tracts were generally very kindly received, and in very few instances were they refused, and in many cases there