

in the Foreign Mission work of the Association. This Convention is now, we believe, a settled thing, and Queen's University is now interested in Foreign Mission work in a closer, more living way than ever before. She becomes the centre of a new life, which in a few years, it may be, will go throughout all the world. On Monday evening, April 25th, a large gathering met in Convocation Hall. Short addresses were given by Revs. McArthur, Hay and Scott. Rev. R. Parsons, of Toronto, gave an address, which was very much appreciated, and in which the call to Foreign Missionary work was very clearly given.

On Tuesday the Convention met to give practical direction to the interest which had been aroused. Great earnestness was shown, and all the plans proposed were considered in a spirit of prayerful cautiousness. It was kept clearly in view that any work done by the Association was not to be in the way of interference with, or of trenching upon the work the Church already has on hand. Everything done was to be clear gain to the Church. This was emphasized by the presence and words of several ministers present—by Revds. Dr. Grant, Dr. Wardrobe, Prof. Ross, Laidlaw, McGillivray, Gaudier, Scott, McArthur, Cumberland, Hay, Campbell and McAulay. What was really done will best be gathered from the following motion of Rev. Mr. Scott:—

Believing that God is opening a door to the Missionary Association of this University in the Foreign Field, and desirous of entering the way into which we are called, we do (1) ask Mr. Jas. F. Smith to be our first missionary to the Foreign Field. (2) Engage to become responsible for his support. (3) Instruct Mr. Smith to proceed, at his earliest convenience, to some good hospital for the advantages to be obtained therefrom. (4) Advise him to proceed thereafter upon a course of study leading to the degree of M. D. (5) Instruct Mr. Smith to visit such congregations in the Church as he may be able, with a view to enliven interest in the scheme, and (6) present our resolutions with the name of Mr. Smith to the Foreign Missionary Committee of the Church, with a view to his appointment and designation.

Dr. Grant, Revs. Scott and Givan were appointed a committee lay this matter before the proper church court. In accordance with the above resolutions Mr. Smith is now in New York, but in the course of a few weeks will return and visit such congregations as are willing to be interested in this work.

### THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

[We have published in another column valedictorian Dr. James' attack on this institution. In justice to the hospital we willingly transfer the following from the *Whig* to our columns so that our readers may, after considering both sides of the question, come to a right conclusion.—ED.]

The governors of the General Hospital have been invited

to read the College Valedictory delivered last week on behalf of the medicos by one of the students, and we trust they will also heed the lesson it conveys. It is apparent that the well-meant efforts to favour the Royal College have met with very meagre thanks, and that the time is ripe for seriously considering whether they ought not to be excluded from hospital practice. Apart from the devotion of the four visiting physicians, who must be chosen from the ranks of the Faculty, since it embraces the leading men of the profession here, the Royal College lends no aid and the student attendance is a positive detriment. The question has been repeatedly debated at the board, when the students have been unruly, stolen dead bodies, and otherwise misbehaved themselves, and the only reason why the counsel of the older heads, to cut off the students, has not been followed, has been the desire to help the Royal College. But if the College is to become the traducers of the board, its officers and the institution generally, there will be no longer room for this feeling.

It is very questionable whether it is proper, or even decent, for a retinue of students to attend the physicians to the bedsides of patients, including those in confinement. Hospital care is the highest order of benevolence, but it is weakened by the publicity and annoyance of student rounds and student practice. Would any professor or student of the Royal submit his sister to the indignities of an hospital ward during the session? Yet the board has tolerated the evil out of loyalty to a sister institution, and witness the reward on Tuesday last, for so far it has failed to discover any other. Certainly the exclusion of student visitors will make discipline more perfect, hospital control much easier, and patients more contented.

The house surgeon has been contributed by the College, but it is a prize eagerly sought and the compliment is therefore due to the hospital. Further, with Dr. Hooper as superintendent, filling the post of permanent house surgeon, the junior house surgeon from the College will not be indispensable. In the past this officer has not always been provident of medicines and other supplies we forbear to mention, besides at times encouraging the subversion of discipline because the steward did not suit the easy-going fancies of the students. These annoyances would be avoided by a total separation of College and Hospital.

Some of the complaints of the valedictorian are so false and groundless that his whole attack must be open to the charge of animus. That "the resident official complained of improper food" is untrue; some of the nurses, inspired by one who felt it prudent to retire complained, and an investigation showed as good a bill of fare as any well-to-citizen can afford; that it was a better diet than that of the Toronto General Hospital, a marvel of good management; and that the table supply costs more in Kingston Hospital than in any other in Canada. If it has a "poor supply of medicines," which is not true literally, the visiting physicians (four Royal College professors) are to