

unanimously elected Mr. J. J. Wright. Mr. Wright is a graduate of high standing, and a very good debater, while his coolness, experience and tact eminently qualify him for the duties incumbent on the position. The first and second vice chairs will be filled by Thos. Scales, B.A., and J. M. McLean respectively. Both are good men, earnest workers and well deserving of the positions. Mr. J. W. Kidd, an old campaigner, will act as critic. Mr. W. Morden and Mr. Pool will do the corresponding, while Mr. Stanley Chown will take care of the cash. Messrs. Allen, Phelan and Sullivan will assist as a committee in oiling the machinery of the Society. May the omens be auspicious, and may the present committee be rich in intelligence, energy and determination, and open for the Society a new career of usefulness.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, December 4th, 1886, will always be looked upon by the present students of Queen's, as a red letter day in the history of Queen's University Missionary Association. The meeting held on the morning of that day was one of intense interest, and one whose influence will yet be felt throughout the Church of Christ in Canada.

During the past few years the work of the Association in the destitute parts of our own land has been greatly extended; and last winter it was suggested that in addition to Home Mission work the Association should undertake to send one of its number to represent the students and Alumni of Queen's, in the Foreign Field. Previous to this, comparatively little interest in Foreign Missions had existed among the student. The proposal seemed so radical and there appeared to be difficulties in the way, so many and so great, that the whole scheme was regarded by many as Utopian, in character. An appeal was made to students and former members of the Association, asking the amount they would be willing to contribute towards the support of such a missionary, should one offer himself; but the response was neither general nor liberal, showing that much greater interest must be awakened ere there could be the smallest chance of success. However, those interested in the scheme did not lose faith, but during the summer talked about it and worked for it. Individual students who had been appointed by their fellows, attended Mr. Moody's summer school for Bible study at Mount Hermon, and the meeting of the Interseminary Missionary Alliance, in Montreal, where they came in contact with men of burning missionary zeal. Thus, when the theological students returned to College this fall, many of them were fully alive to the claims and importance of Foreign Missions, and more determined than ever to carry into effect the proposal made last winter. Saturday, the 4th of December, was set apart as a day for the discussion of the Association's Foreign Mission scheme. Many looked forward to this day with eagerness and anxiety, feeling that

it would be a crisis in the history of the Association, when the sphere of its influence for all coming years would be largely determined.

At 10 o'clock in the morning a large number of the members assembled. After praise, and prayer for guidance, Mr. James F. Smith, the President, opened the discussion by a short address, in which he urged the claims of Christ and perishing humanity upon individual Christians, and then stated that for years he had earnestly desired to go out as a missionary to China, that he had counted well the cost, and now solemnly offered himself to this Association, should they see fit to accept him as their Foreign Missionary.

Gladly and heartily did the boys respond to the offer of their fellow-student. With subdued enthusiasm, and calm business-like manner, the proposal was discussed from every point of view. All agreed that the undertaking was a large one, laying heavy responsibility upon each member of the Association; but all felt, we dare not go back, there can be only one watchward for us now—*Forward!* He who has given that which is greater, will not withhold that which is less. That same God who has given us the man will also furnish us with the means for his support. "Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment?"

By the unanimous voice of the meeting the following resolution was adopted:—

"Recognizing, (1) The claim of Foreign Missions upon the Church of Christ, by reason of our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature:

(2) The greatness of the need at this present time—hundreds of millions of our fellow-beings without the smallest ray of Gospel light:

(3) The greatness of the opportunities at this present time for missionary enterprise—almost every heathen nation and tribe on the face of the earth open to the missionary:

(4) The fact that some of our own students are longing to serve Christ in the Foreign Field, but are prevented from doing so by lack of funds in the Foreign Mission Treasury of the Church:

"Resolved, that we as an Association undertake to send and support an additional missionary to the Foreign Field.

"That Mr. Jas. F. Smith, who has offered himself to the Lord and to this Association for work in the Foreign Field, be appointed the first Foreign Missionary of Queen's University Missionary Association. That in presenting Mr. Smith to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we as an Association do pledge ourselves to be responsible for his support, and do ask the committee to send Mr. Smith in company with Mr. Goforth from Knox College, to labor in China the field of their choice.

"That we ascertain at once, how much we as students of Queen's University, can give towards this object for the