

The presence of Messrs. Cassidy, Goforth and Stevens, returned missionaries, representing Japan and China, added greatly to the interest of the convention, and their words of counsel frequently guided discussions over difficult places. Mr. Lyons, of the volunteer movement, gave stirring addresses, and Miss Smith, of the Women's Medical College, Toronto, who expects next summer to join her brother in the Telugu Mission, India, and Dr. Livingstone, of Albert College, under appointment to Africa, told of the work before them and of the needs of the different fields.

The consecration meeting of Sunday morning was described as "a real consecration meeting," and pleasant memories of the farewell gathering will long remain with our delegates.

#### POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The suggestion contained in JOURNAL No. 2, relative to the formation of discussion classes, has at length been acted upon. The students in the various Political Science classes met on Friday evening, Dec. 14th, and organized a discussion club with the following officers:

President—H. R. Grant.  
Secretary—J. R. Conn.  
Committee—J. C. Brown, J. D. Millar, C. E. Smith.

Professor Shortt very generously consented to attend the meetings and act as critic for the club. The first meeting was held on Dec. 18th, at 5 p.m., when the subject of discussion was "Electricity in its social and economic aspects." At the next meeting, which will take place on Jan. 13th, J. D. Millar will lead the discussion on the question of "Single Tax." Every student of Political Science, whether in the Junior, Senior or Honour class, is eligible for membership in the club, and should make it a point to be present at every meeting.

#### CHESS CLUB.

A meeting of all those interested in the game of chess was held on Dec. 14th, at which a Chess Club was formed, and officers for the year appointed as follows:

Hon. President—Prof. Watson.  
President—E. Ryerson.  
Secretary-Treasurer—C. R. McInnes.  
Committee—A. C. Spooner, Toshi Ikehara, — McKenty.

The first meeting was held at 9 A.M., Dec. 15th, in the Natural Science class-room, and the members had a very exciting time testing one another's skill in this most scientific of games. In future the Club will meet every Saturday at 9 A.M., the date of the next meeting being fixed for January 12th.

#### DONATIONS TO THE LABORATORY AND WORKSHOP OF THE FACULTY OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Donations continue to come in at a rate which promises a well equipped workshop and laboratory. We acknowledge with thanks:

(1.) A portable forge, of first-rate pattern, by the Buffalo Forge Co. What makes this gift noteworthy is that the Dean marked on the catalogue several patterns, any of which would suit, and that the company promptly sent the most valuable. This donation was recommended by Mr. George Sears, hardware merchant, Kingston, who himself presented an anvil.

(2.) At the request of the Rev. Dr. Milligan, Mr. A. B. Lee, of the firm of Rice, Lewis & Co., Toronto, presented \$25 worth of the best carpenter's and machinist's tools; and Mr. A. Jeffrey, of Toronto, sent a much larger assortment, filling out a list prepared by the Dean, which showed the present needs of the workshop.

(3.) Mr. A. T. Drummond, LL.B., Montreal, has been ready to obtain for us whatever was most required. At his request Mr. Fred Nicholl presented a 4-horse power motor from the Peterboro Electric Works. Mr. Alexander McPherson and Mr. Leslie, Montreal, sent a blacksmith's bench vise with parallel jaws and two small bench vises.

(4.) Mr. John M. Gill, Brockville, sent four and six-inch iron clamps and grindstone bearings, with word that if other things in his line were needed to let him know.

(5.) Mr. B. Folger, Kingston, has agreed to give all the electric power that is required for the ensuing year.

The old boiler has disappeared from the rear of the main building. The Dean has exchanged it for a Barnes lathe, a four-jawed chuck, a Cushman drill chuck and other articles not likely to be so much in the way as the boiler was. It was something to get that boiler removed gratis. To exchange it for what was urgently needed shows that the right man for Practical Science has been appointed Dean.

#### VALUABLE GIFT TO THE SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Messrs. Wm. Kennedy & Sons, of Owen Sound, have presented to Queen's one of their six-inches diameter "New American" turbines, the market value of which is \$150. The patent is a very valuable one. This is the turbine which is used on both the American and Canadian sides of Niagara Falls in utilizing a small percentage of the enormous water power which nature has so generously bestowed on this continent at that point. Students have thus the opportunity of studying the construc-