

self, but, possibly, discovering much that may be of value to others. Again, there are many social and educational problems before this generation, and to the educated members of society they appeal for solution. Now we see no reason why the JOURNAL should not become a medium through which our thinking graduates could compare notes and give expression to suggestions which may have come to them in their reflections on these and other subjects. While leaving to the larger reviews the more elaborate treatment of the important questions before the world, there is yet a special function to be served in the discussion of minor questions and of special features and aspects of the larger ones. For many reasons the ordinary newspaper is not a suitable medium for such purposes, and in Canada we are almost without such intellectual media as in other countries afford means of development not only to readers, but, in a more eminent degree, to thinkers and writers. Beginning in a modest manner and advancing as success warrants, we believe that the JOURNAL, if placed on a suitable basis, could be made one such medium to the advantage of our graduates and doubtless many others. We should be pleased to entertain the opinions of the graduates on these suggestions.

THAT Christians are under law to their Master to preach the gospel to every creature is undeniable. That the conditions of modern life make it possible to carry out this command to an extent and with an ease not dreamed of before is plain. That the Churches cannot send a sufficient number of salaried missionaries to all the fields that are now open is evident. What, then, must be done? Christian chivalry will surely rise to the occasion. Young men and women will offer themselves for the work provided only they have a competent leader who will indicate the place that needs them, and

either go with them as Bishop Taylor has gone with numbers to Africa, or open the way and provide initial expenses, as Hudson Taylor has for the inland China mission. Dr. C. S. Ely, who did so much during the last year or two to interest the Methodist Church of Canada in their Japan mission, has a letter in the *Christian Guardian* of Feb. 16th, in which he points out that there is room and adequate maintenance for missionaries of this class in Tokyo. He calls for a supplementary force of self-supporting missionaries, healthy and apt to teach. A young man or woman, he says, can earn from \$600 up by teaching in schools and privately, and can live on that sum in connection with the mission. Perhaps some sons of Queen's may heed this call. There is room in Japan, and evidently a welcome for the right kind of men.

A CORRESPONDENT, in our esteemed contemporary the *News*, breathes out threatenings and cruelty against the JOURNAL because in a late editorial it offered a gross insult to the citizens of Kingston in general, and Mr. Metcalfe in particular, by saying, as it reads in the *Whig*, that that gentleman's return for this city was a mere accident. The *Whig* did put our words in that light, agreeing that the case came under the category of sad accidents; but this was written in such a playful spirit that, coming from the beaten party, we thought it quite cheery and refreshing, and we are almost prepared "to stake a house to a hen" that no one appreciated it more than Mr. Metcalfe himself. What we did say was that in considering the establishment of a school of Science here the Government would consider the fact of the representative being in opposition as a mere accident. We are sorry that any Queen's man should have couched a letter in such terms without being quite sure of his ground. If a man *will* wear very