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The meetings of '97 are increasing in interest, the last two having been highly successful.

At the meeting on March 1st an exciting debate occurred on the subject, "Resolved that the French Revolution was justifiable." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Hodgins and Longmore, and the negative by Messrs. Lavell and Mackinnon. The vote of the year decided in favor of the affirmative.

A motion expressing the year's sympathy with A. D. MacNeill, class poet, was then drawn up and the Secretary instructed to furnish a copy of the same to Mr. MacNeill.

A meeting held on the 8th Prof. Nicholson gave an interesting address on "The races of men." A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Professor for his kindness, after which came a good programme and prophecy by Mr. Lehigh, foretelling many things of interest to '97.

#### Q. U. M. A.

At the devotional meeting of the Missionary Association last Saturday, D. McG. Gandier gave a short talk on "The spiritual needs and claims of China," as presented by J. Hudson Taylor at the Detroit Student Volunteer Convention.

God loved all the world and could not rest satisfied in heaven without coming to our rescue. He is the same loving Father to-day, and is just as anxious that the life which Jesus imparts should be received by the Chinese as by us. His heart throbs for them with the same deep passionate love that was manifested to the people of Palestine to whom Jesus came. But the voice of Jesus is still now, and He wants our voices to declare to others what he has declared to us. In Northern and Western China there is not one missionary to every five hundred towns and villages, and throughout the empire only one physician to every two million five hundred thousand people. Think of what this means. Jesus identified himself with the sick and the prisoners. He is bound in the person of those whom he loves in China; He is sick and there are none to heal or care for Him. "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these ye do it unto me."

Throughout that country, but especially in the western borders, there are seventy tribes of aborigines all speaking different languages. Of these only three have been reduced to writing. Who will go and use his linguistic ability and education in giving these people the Word of God?

The language of China is not easily learnt, but it is not an insuperable difficulty. To acquire it requires perseverance and work, steady plodding and a free intercourse with the people themselves. But these are characteristics that are necessary to success at home as well as abroad. God does not want

servants who are unwilling to work. He wants men of skill, of perseverance, of industry.

Further a light that does not shine at home is no good in China. The student who does not find opportunities in College of imparting sympathy and love and help to his fellow-students need not think of going to help the Chinese. But if you are a *light*, remember the darkness over there is exceedingly dense and needs your brightness. Are you waiting for a call to go? If you asked some one to help you move a table and you did not tell him which end to take hold of, you would think him very stupid if when he saw two men at one end and none at the other, he stood waiting to be told where to go. The field is the world; God has asked us to help gather in the harvest. If he does not tell us we are specially needed in this part of the field, is it not plain that we should go where the need is greatest and the laborers few?

#### Y. M. C. A.

The regular meeting of March 2nd was led by H. E. Atwood, but as our reporter was absent, no account of the leader's address has been handed in.

Last week the fifteenth annual business meeting took the place of the usual devotional service. Opening exercises were conducted by J. A. Leitch, B.A., after which the President took the chair. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

In accordance with a notice given at the last annual meeting, John Miller moved that the clause of the Constitution allowing only active members "to vote and hold office," be altered so as to read "only active members shall have the right to hold office, but all members shall have the right to vote." After a lengthy discussion, the motion was carried.

The following resolution was then unanimously agreed to:—"That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered the friends who so willingly assisted at the Freshmen's Reception last fall, and especially to Prof. and Mrs. Fletcher, and through them to the authorities who gave financial aid toward supplying refreshments."

The next order of business was the reception of reports from retiring officers and committees. The Vice-President presented the report of the Executive Committee, making recommendations regarding some new Committees. The hearing of further reports was then postponed to an adjourned meeting, and the election of officers taken up. After prayer for guidance in the choice of men to direct the work during another year, the following men were appointed:—

President—J. H. Turnbull, '95.  
Vice-President—Harry Feir, '95.  
Rec.-Secretary—J. R. Conn, '95.  
Treasurer—W. H. Cram, '96.  
Cor.-Secretary—D. A. McKenzie, '96.  
Librarian—Leckie, '97.