

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 watchword 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:

(4) The fact that some of our 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 year 1887, and that our subscriptions be paid to the Treasurer as soon as possible, and be placed by him in the Bank to the credit of this Association.

"That having ascertained the amount that can be

raised among the students, we do then appeal to all former members of this Association and to other graduates and friends of the University, asking them to state what they are willing to contribute annually for the support of Mr. Smith in China.

"That all subscribers be asked to remit their subscriptions to the Treasurer of this Association, on or before the first day of April in each year, beginning with the year 1887.

"That we as members of Queen's University Missionary Association will not fail to present the claims of the Association in both its Home and Foreign Work to congregations and mission stations, and in this way do all in our power to increase the revenue of the Association."

Accordingly a committee canvassed the students, and over \$600 was promised. Then the Association appointed a committee of six, three alumni and three students, to frame by-laws and issue a new circular to the alumni. On Jan. 15 the following by-laws were presented and approved by the Association:

(1) That all alumni who subscribe annually toward the support of the Association's Foreign Missionary are thereby constituted members of this Association.

(2) That a committee, consisting of six representatives from the alumni and six from the students, be appointed to take charge of the Association's Foreign Mission Work—this committee to meet at the call of the President—and that four members of this committee, two from the Alumni and two from the students, retire annually.

(3) That this Association hold an Annual Foreign Missionary Meeting in connection with the closing exercises of the college, that the report of the committee for the past year be received at this meeting, and new members of committee for the ensuing year elected.

(4) That some graduate, connected with the college and residing permanently in Kingston, be appointed treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Fund of this Association.

Along with these by-laws a circular was sent to friends and Alumni of the college, appealing to them to give yearly subscriptions for the support of Mr. J. F. Smith as the Association's missionary in China. It was confidently expected that the students would give at least \$300 each succeeding year. Hence the circular urged the Alumni to aid by annual subscriptions to the amount of about \$1,000. It was also stated that about \$2,000 would be required the first year as outfit. Many letters of encouragement have since been received. Some assure us of their intention to co-operate in the good work; others promise definite yearly support to the Association. The sum of \$545 has been paid in by the students, and \$912.80 by friends and Alumni.

Growing out of this increased interest in Foreign Missions, which has been manifesting itself for some years back, came the proposal to hold an annual meeting or convention at the time of Convocation for the purpose of developing and practically applying the interest of alumni