

ary work in Northern Africa by Mr. Porter, a paper on mission work in Southern Africa by Mr. White, and an address by Dr. Sawyer continuing the thought of the essays just delivered.

The missionary organization is not only a means of instruction, but tends to develop character. The student is apt to live a life too much isolated from the world at large. He frequently loses sight of the great wants of humanity, and often forgets that he is educating himself to be a power in elevating man to a higher plain of life. But when facts are held up before him as they really are, when scenes of multitudes dwelling in superstition and ignorance are clearly revealed to him, and he becomes sensible to the claims of these upon the educated, a true philanthropic spirit must inevitably be awakened in him. But especially is this true in the case of the ministerial student. On meditating upon millions of souls starving for the Bread of Life his heart must be fired with zeal to make known to them the Gospel of Peace. The missionary society is, therefore, a factor in cultivating and developing in the student a noble trait of character. We could present other and forcible arguments in favor of the claims of this organization on the support and interest of the student, but we will forbear.

In conclusion we may say that a change has been made in the order of the programme, and henceforth, instead of several different subjects being brought before the meeting as heretofore, the whole entertainment will bear upon some particular phase of missionary work. This subject will be known a month previous to the entertainment. Thus to all the members of the society is afforded an opportunity of reading in connection with the topic assigned, which is essential to prepare them for a hearty appreciation of the programme.

THE holidays have come again, the happiest season of the year. The winter vacation is essentially one of rest and fun. The summer vacation is longer but there is a sadness mingled with its joy. At the termination of each College year many leave the precincts of old Acadia, and are known among us no more as students. We miss their friendly faces, their genial smiles, their pleasant fellowship; we look ahead to the time when we too shall depart and come not hither again.

Christmas holidays bring no such mournful thoughts. All return after two or three weeks of unalloyed enjoyment. The many tender memories which surround that delightful word "home" invite us, and the months of absence make the friendship of that sacred place more fully appreciated. Another term ended, some dreaded text books mastered and laid aside, examinations over, all these things have prepared the student to enjoy more fully his deliverance. The first half of the College year has been passed pleasantly, and we think profitably, by all members of our Institutions. No disturbance of any kind has occurred to retard or interrupt our progress, and reports from the various departments show most favourably. Each student will return to his home with increased knowledge, benefitted in every way by the term's work, and with bright thoughts of happy days in Wolfville lingering in his mind and enticing him to return when the brief period of relaxation has ended. And now, fellow-students, we send with you our very best wishes. In the midst of your gaiety and enjoyment do not altogether forget those of us who are compelled to remain here. As you are drawn swiftly over the crisp, sparkling snow to the merry music of the sleigh-bells, as you skim steel-shod the frozen surface of the lake with a fair one by your side, at the social gatherings, the parties, the re-unions, in the keen air without, or by the cheerful fireside within, remember, oh remember, your less-fortunate