

as mere fine ladies of society, too nice to work, which (neuter gender) we hope none of our girls may ever become, by being required in different bands to wash the dishes, and do the ironing for the whole school every week. In the case of some students this kind of work is taken in partial payment for their tuition and board here.

The total annual expense of Feller Institute is about \$7,000, of which over \$4,000 is covered by the receipts from the students. Our endowment fund furnishes \$1,000, and about \$800 is provided in the shape of scholarships. This leaves about \$1,200 to be taken from the general funds of the mission.

To the successful work of our mission schools there are many hindrances. One is the natural carelessness and indifference of the parents, many of whom do not know the value of even a common-school education. They have managed to get a scanty living without an education, and they think their children can do the same. Consequently, they will keep their children at home in the spring and fall on the least excuse, while they will not think of sending them to school if there is any work for them to do on the farm. Many parents also fear that their children will be estranged from the life of the farm by sending them away from home to school. This fear is not altogether groundless, for students, after spending a few years here, are often not content to settle down to the monotonous and unprogressive life of farming, as it is carried on in this province. Many of our young men, therefore, have had to fight their own way, sometimes against their parents' will, to earn a little money in advance every summer in order that they might get a little education during the winter. There are others who would gladly do the same, but they are kept at home doing chores all winter, without pay and without schooling, until they are twenty-one years old, victims very often to the selfishness rather than to the poverty of unenlightened parents. These we are glad to have come to us, for they make our best students, and there are many bright examples among them, that have done honor to our school, and to French Protestantism. French Catholics also, besides fearing for their religion, are afraid that their children will lose their national character and become Anglicized. This fear, however, we overcome by giving them a