

we unite various races in our classrooms—men speaking five or six different languages—and thus seek to bind together in Christian harmony the diverse elements of our youthful nation. It is well known that the population of the Dominion is heterogeneous; and no one will deny the right of all to hear in their "own tongues the wonderful works of God." To secure this, we have lectures in English, French and Gaelic. There are in Ontario alone, I am credibly informed, at least twenty congregations in which a knowledge of Gaelic is indispensable to the ministers, and it is unnecessary to say how extensive the demand is for French. In view of these facts we aim at being thoroughly practical, keeping in all respects abreast of the needs of our country and age, and fitting ourselves into our environment by preparing men to minister effectively to the people in the languages which are dear to their hearts.

But while this is the case, I do not wish to convey the impression that the college is in any sense provincial or local. The very opposite is the fact. Its Faculty, Senate and Board of Management breathe a healthy spirit of true catholicity. It is as broad as the Word of God in its views and aspirations. While beginning at home, and giving special attention to parts adjacent, it seeks to extend its Christian influence and usefulness to the ends of the earth, and thus to act upon the Saviour's declaration that "the field is the world." To us, Home and Foreign Missions are one—only two departments of the one great enterprise. We therefore rejoice in being faithfully represented by our alumni in England, the United States and all the provinces of the Dominion, as well as in foreign countries. Our students are drawn from this wide area, and our graduates are pastors in chief cities and towns, such as Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Pembroke, Perth, Peterboro, Brockville, Bowmanville, Toronto, Brampton, Hamilton, London, Chatham and Vic-

toria on the Pacific coast, as well as vigorous missionaries in some of the roughest and hardest fields in the Dominion east and west. A large number of our most energetic men are settled in the North-West, and no fewer than fourteen of our students were last week appointed to Manitoba and British Columbia, to act as missionaries during the summer, while two of our Professorial staff are to lecture in the Manitoba College at the same time, without drawing their salary from that institution. Thus it seems to me that we make a considerable contribution to the enlightenment and spiritual good of that great and growing country. And we must never forget those of our number who have borne the Gospel to foreign lands, to Asia, and India, and China. Their faith and self-sacrifice deserve commendation upon all occasions.

But while thus pre-eminently missionary in our activity, we have steadily raised the standard of theological learning by our Honor Courses and exacting examinations. To this fact many can bear witness. These examinations are in part conducted by distinguished gentlemen who are not members of the teaching staff. We have taken advantage of every modern improvement in Pedagogics or the science and art of teaching, and have not disregarded hints and suggestions coming from friend or foe, from the pulpit the pew or the press. I only qualify this statement by the remark that, while we teach very much that cannot be reported, and a great deal that was not taught in theological seminaries twenty or thirty years ago, it is obviously impossible to compass every field of theology, church law, practical godliness, pastoral oversight, training of the young, etc., in three brief sessions of six months each, but, in order to success, we count upon good men continuing to be hard students as long as they live. One other word in this connection. I respectfully remind you that it belongs to the teachers of