

God opens to them a way, they will go forth as missionaries to Pagan lands, can not a sufficient number of young men from our christian homes be found willing to go as missionaries to our own citizens? Would they not be willing to educate themselves that they might go? And would that not be a more rational way of solving what is for the West a real difficulty, rather than by compelling a man to go without ever asking him whether he desires to do so or not. We have great respect for Dr. Robertson and a deep interest in his work, but we submit that, in our humble estimation, he adopted the wrong method of solving the difficulty, when he proposed to compel students to spend the first year of their ministry in the Mission field. For, if it be made compulsory on entering the work of the ministry, which is not even now a sinecure, that the young minister shall spend his first year in a distant mission field in the North-West, he may well be pardoned if he stops to think twice before he determines to be a minister.

In the third place, Dr. Robertson and his supporters say that students in the third year now spend half the time of their last session in candidating. We know not the condition of our fellows in the West, but this statement is not true in regard to us. True, some of our Presbyteries are saying that we students are beginning to crowd out regular probationers, but we are bold enough to deny the charge. And, even if it were true, we think that the probationer, who could be "crowded out" by a student, (and we know of one who complained that he was asked to step out in favor of a second year man) ought to be transported to the North-West or somewhere else, for certainly we have no use for such men among us. Would it not be as reasonable to ask a minister with a roving commission which leads him nowhere to take charge of a Mission field, as to ask the man who has just graduated to do so? We may be mistaken, but in our opinion it would be as reasonable.

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Scene—Missionary meeting at —, N. S., under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. (Southern student on the platform.)

Young lady (to fair companion)—"Just look at him. Do you see his eyes? I shouldn't like to have met him when in the savage state."