

should in all fairness have exempted this College, when we fail to find the slightest evidence that the missionary spirit is evaporating. A large proportion of the classes which have graduated here during the past few years have devoted themselves to mission work among the French, in the North-West, and in foreign lands. The fact that graduates as a rule go to the large and influential charges in preference to weak mission fields and supplemented congregations is not necessarily a sign that the missionary spirit is dead. We should in justice give the graduate credit for being prompted by as high a motive as is the editor of a religious paper who does not vacate his easy chair in order to "rough it" in mission work. In the majority of cases it is not unlikely that the one as well as the other chooses that position in life which he thinks will afford him the greatest sphere of usefulness. So far as the students are concerned, it was very unlikely that many of them would take advantage of the plan of the General Assembly, which nearly all the members look upon as merely a temporary provision, and many as a piece of mistaken legislation. We firmly believe that if the Church will only devise some satisfactory remedy for the existing evils, and if the claims of the West are brought before the students in a straightforward and trustworthy manner the men of this as well as of our sister colleges will not fail as a rule to do what they think to be their duty.

OUR FRENCH MISSION.

WE are glad to record the success of our Missionary Society in its relation to the French district of St. Jean Baptiste. At our special meeting on the 30th inst., Professor Scrimger reported that a building, with favorable location, has lately been purchased which will soon be comfortably fitted for the work of day school and Sabbath services. This, with the due recognition of the Presbytery, will establish our Mission on a satisfactory basis. We take this opportunity of thanking the contributors of the Lower Provinces who so generously responded to our appeal of last summer. A full report of the sums collected from the various districts will appear in the January number of the *Record*. With such able and zealous workers as are devoting themselves to this cause, and with the lively interest manifested in so many outside quarters, we are led to predict great things for the St. Jean Baptiste Mission.