

the causes which render the west a field of vast difficulty. But on the other hand the Presbyterian Church has no more outstanding characteristic than that of self-reliance, of indomitable courage, of facing and overcoming difficulties, and never will it be said of the branch of that Church in Canada—our own beloved Church—that her legitimate and pressing duty to the west has been met in a half-hearted manner. Look at the men who direct the Church's effort there! Some of the names we have mentioned. They represent a body of men, in whose hands the honour and credit of the Church, and the great work committed to them, are, humanly speaking, safe. But we cannot forget what we owe to them. They are our representatives there. They belong to the Church and the Church must support them, and that eagerly and liberally. No higher duty has been entrusted to ministers of the Gospel, than has been entrusted to the western missionary. To lay the foundations of the Church in a new land, a land which, in generations to come, and that at no distant date either, may rear a religious thought which will overshadow and mould that of the older provinces, as it likely will in commerce and trade, is no light task, indeed it would be difficult to imagine one more important and solemn. The place which an institution such as Manitoba College occupies in such a field, it would be difficult to overrate, and its claims upon the liberality of the Church are in proportion to the work it is called upon to perform.

The attendance at the college has been larger this year in the the arts' classes than ever, as also the attendance last summer in theology. The summer session has caused an increase in the expenditure, while the contributions from congregations, especially in the eastern districts, have unfortunately been smaller than usual. There must be a reversal if the institution is to hold its own, and the duty of the Church, for these and other reasons, is clear and urgent.

**A Correction.**

In a recent issue a report was reproduced from a contemporary to the effect that Rev. A. F. Tully had resigned. Friends will be glad to learn on the authority of Mr. Tully himself that there was no foundation for the report.

**Dr. Shedd's Death.**

By the death of Rev. Dr. W. G. T. Shedd, of New York, theological science lost one of its brightest ornaments on this side the Atlantic. He was a most able and accomplished theologian. The *Century Cyclopædia of Names* says,—In 1863 he was appointed to the chair of Biblical Literature in Union Seminary. In 1874 he was transferred to the chair of Systematic Theology. He was pre-eminently a sound and conservative theologian. His works stand very high in the theological world. Though so long associated with Union Seminary he had no sympathy with the Briggs side of the recent controversy of which the Seminary has been the centre. Dr. Shedd was an old man, but retained his mental vigor to the last.

**S. S. Literature.** Rev. Convener Fotheringham writes: "Permit me to announce through your columns that any Sabbath schools ordering Home Study Leaflets, Quarterlies, or Teachers' Monthlies from me, and also wishing to obtain the Westminster Primary Leaflet, or Quarterly, may send their order for these to me also. The Presbyterian Board have courteously agreed to fill all such orders for us until we are able to get out our own primary helps. This will not interfere with their arrangements with their agents since they allow us no commission. The price

of the Westminster Primary, or as it is to be called, Junior Quarterly, is eight cents a year, and the Junior Leaflet, or Lesson, is five cents a year. The illustrated lesson card must be ordered from the regular agents. Our own Quarterly is now going through the press and we hope to have the Teachers' Monthly ready in two or three weeks. I do not think that any that wait for them will be disappointed."

**Point Aux Trembles Mission Schools.**

An interesting statement has just been issued by the friends of this excellent work in which reasons for combined and liberal support are set forth. This branch of the Church's mission ought to appeal feelingly to every member. The field is full of promise, if it be but well and constantly cultivated, and the people differing in race and language, are our fellow-citizens in this great Dominion. Let eyes turn kindly to the lowly habitant, whose history and life will long, perhaps ever, be interwoven with the life and history of Canada. As to the work of the school, let Principal Bourgoin speak: "We have already one hundred and sixty pupils with us, and if all those who have been admitted come, our number will soon reach one hundred and eighty. As last year, the proportion of Roman Catholics is very large, and surpasses the number of children coming from converted families. This large attendance is most encouraging and calls for our heartfelt gratitude to God. These young people have been brought to us by the goodness and power of God acting not only through our missionaries, but mainly through the efforts of our former pupils, who, in the cities, on the farms, in the back woods, on the waters and on the roadway, take every opportunity of speaking of their old school and inviting young people to come to us. The school, if not unique in this country, is one of a peculiar character. Not only a great difference of age exists between our pupils but also a striking inequality in their moral and intellectual development. While some of them come from Christian homes, where the Bible is read morning and evening and nothing spared for their education, others belong to Roman Catholic parents who have been far more careful about teaching them the ceremonies of their Church and its particular doctrines than about enlightening their moral perception. What a difference between those two classes! While the first are active, eager to learn, wide-awake, truthful; the latter are superstitious, timid, lacking about ambition, energy, and too frequently about truthfulness." Much might be said, but the cause carries its own commendation. Donations may be sent to Dr. R. H. Warden, Box 1839, Post office, Montreal.

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