

## AMMISSIONARY COLLEGE.

The students in Arts and Theology in Manitoba College are all now back at work again. They are a goodly band of some twenty-five in Theology, and approaching a hundred in Arts. Upwards of fifty of them were in the mission field this season, and they have done splendid work. The Red River Valley is becoming, under God's blessing, a Presbyterian paradise through this valuable student labor. The new member of the staff, Professor Baird, took as the subject of his inaugural address "Christian Missions, an evidence of Christianity." All the professors take active part in missionary work, and we hear of one of them that has preached every sabbath, but two, in the last five months.

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Last week our Synod spoke out with decision on the School question. It declared its opinion that the Manitoba School case should be appealed to the Privy Council; that the Territories should be allowed to choose their own educational system; and that "no system of public school education can be permanent, or satisfactory to the people of Western Canada, which confers on any one Church rights superior to those enjoyed by any other Church."

## PERSONAL.

The Rev. Joseph White, formerly of Ottawa, has arrived in Manitoba, and we heartily welcome him to the prairies. He has been placed in charge of Melita, a rising railway town in the south-west of the province. We trust, like St. Paul, he will receive "no little kindness" from the Melitans.

Rev. Archibald Matheson and Mr. Richmond, at the Synod meeting, spoke with true native eloquence as home missionaries. These brethren have never been at college, but we wish two-thirds of the college bred men could speak with the same power.

Rev. R. Frew, a graduate of Montreal College, has arrived to be ordained by the Minnedosa Presbytery and be placed in charge of Birtle congregation. We wish him God speed.

## OUR TEARS :

There seems little doubt now that our faithful Home Missionary of Schrieber, the Rev. W. Neilly, has been drowned in the cold waters of Lake Superior. We were startled at the Synod by the telegram announcing this. Our brother had left a companion, and started in a canoe to go around a point in a storm. He seems to have gone down. Our devoted brother was one of the largest-hearted and most devoted missionaries in our service. Schrieber, Nipigon, and five or six other places on the railway will sorely mourn his loss. But our loss is his gain !