

been urged against this course on the ground of expense, because of the difficulty of successfully pursuing a course of study during the hot months of summer, and also because the establishment of a summer session at Winnipeg would have a tendency to draw away students from the Eastern colleges, and thus weaken them. All these objections have been successfully answered, and the time is now drawing near when theological students will be called upon to respond to the need of the church, who looks to them to carry out the plan it has begun.

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Missionary Intelligence. The letters that have for many years been received regularly from our foreign missionaries, together with the various other means used to diffuse missionary intelligence among the masses, fill an important place in the Church's mission work. Too often the missionary has been regarded as an anomaly among Christian workers, separated from all intercourse with civilized races, whose character could be revered but not imitated or loved. Consequently there was no flow of sympathy between him and the majority of church members, and instead of a living interest in the work, there was little more than a vague idea that really something ought to be done. The condition of the heathen was rarely realized, and there was no clear conception of their claims

upon Christians, nor of the universal application of the Master's command :—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." The progress of science has virtually brought the heathen to our doors, and taught us their history and national characteristics, and we must acquire a thorough knowledge of their spiritual condition, and of those of their sorrows which the Gospel alone can ameliorate, before we can take an active interest in their evangelization.

As many of us expect soon to take our place among the leaders of the church's thought and action, the problem for us to solve is :—how can the claims of the heathen be kept before church workers in such a way as to stir up missionary zeal among them? The missionary principles enunciated in Scripture require to be emphasized more frequently, and applied to the condition of the church of to-day. The facts of foreign mission work also require special attention. The lives of missionaries, their joys and sorrows, triumphs and reverses, the darkness and misery of the lot of the heathen here, and the deeper gloom before, their incessant aspirations to a loftier estate, which "they cannot express, yet cannot all conceal," the noble types of character developed when the Spirit works His wonders in their hearts, and the glorious work that remains to be done, should be kept before the mind of every Christian. How can this be done?