

so many divisions among the French Protestants, into denominations, in presence of the powerful and united Roman Catholic cohorts. But he also sees many fine opportunities for aggressive and effective work in the field of French Evangelization which call for renewed efforts. The French Canadian cannot receive too much attention from honest friends. The more light that is allowed to stream on their condition and on their thoughts and beliefs the sooner will the Churches waken to the harvest that lies ripe for the sickle, waiting only for laborers and well directed counsel.

The Summer Session.

The summer session has evidently taken root at Winnipeg. It has been found not only practicable, but to work well. The session just closed has been a most satisfactory one. The attendance was larger than that of last year and notwithstanding the unusual heat the work was well done, as Principal King said in his closing address, "it has been found possible even in such a summer to do good, honest work in connection with theological study. As to the permanence of the summer session, and its good effects Dr. King's words will be re-echoed throughout the country. He said that he would like to intimate once for all that, with all inconveniences—and they were not small to some, the summer session had come to stay for a good while. It had been more of a success than had been anticipated. The superintendent of missions, and all connected with missions, had been able to testify that it had been a great blessing in the interests of the great mission field. If any student in any part of the Dominion, or the continent, or on the Atlantic desired to attend, he might rely upon it that next April would find the summer session in operation and he thought a great many succeeding Aprils. Dr. King also acknowledged in warm terms the obligation of the Church to the gentlemen who so kindly assisted in the professional work. He referred to the interesting and important lectures of Rev. Mr. Macdonnell, of Toronto, on the work of the ministry, and expressed indebtedness to him and also to Principal Caven, Prof. McLaren and Prof. Thompson who was present. (Applause.) These gentlemen had laid the College, Prof. Baird, and himself (Principal King); also, through their preaching, the whole community of Winnipeg, under debt, and he wished to make public acknowledgment. It was an unremunerated service altogether, freely given and gratefully received.

Sabbath Desecra- The *Christian Leader* publishes the following paragraph: "The Duchess of Devonshire has had a dispute with the Eastbourne Golf Club over their objection to letting a party from her house play on Sunday. In the end the club offered her the ground (which belongs to the Duke), but refused to supply caddies. She then sent her friends for their game to a rival club." And yet the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are held in high esteem in the highest social and political circles in England. It is on the head of this house that millions of English-speaking people place their hopes for the integrity and unity of the British Empire. It would seem, indeed, that religion is a non-essential in present day politics. And the Church is subserviently silent! Silent? Well, no; not altogether. One voice, at least, is heard. It pre-

ceeds from Rev. H. W. Horwill and this is what he says: "The time has surely come for the leaders of the Churches to avow in plain English the plain truth that in the usual sense of the word there is no such sin as 'Sabbath breaking.'" And this was uttered by a popular preacher before the Bible Christian Conference. To such a pass has things come.

Economizing Time. "How to save time at Synod meetings" is a question to which Rev. Principal Dykes has been giving much attention. He has formulated his suggestions in definite form, and some of them might be well considered by other than the English Presbyterian Church. He would dispense with the opening sermon by the retiring Moderator, have the Communion at an earlier hour, and dispense with the missionary night, when the Synod meets in London owing to the Exeter hall meeting. In Canada the desire is to render the Synod more effective and useful as a court of the Church, and there has not been much to complain of in the matter of waste of time, yet a really effective body cannot afford to lose sight of the best uses to which its time can be devoted.

Monument to Rev. Dr. Fraser. The many friends of the late Dr. Donald Fraser in London and elsewhere, will be interested to learn that a handsome monument of grey granite is being erected over his grave in the old chapel-yard burying ground at Inverness. The monument, which is of neat Gothic design, has three compartments. The central compartment bears (underneath a plain Latin cross) the following inscription:—"In memory of Donald Fraser, A.M., D.D. Born at Inverness, 15th Jan. 1826. Minister of the Gospel, for seven years at Montreal, for eleven years at Inverness, and for twenty-two years in London. Died in London, 2th Feb. 1892." The compartment to the right preserves the memory of Dr. Fraser's two little daughters, Helen Millicent and Lillian Isabella, who died shortly before his translation to London in 1870; whilst that to the left is in honor of an elder brother, Colonel Alick John Fraser, C.B.

Congestion of Work. The Presbyterians of England are not satisfied with the way business is done at the annual meetings of their Synods. At a meeting of the various committees of the Church, held in London lately, Principal Dykes discoursed to the members for considerable time on the question, "How to get through with the work of the Synod?" We hardly understand the terms used, but Dr. Dykes is said to have complained "that the Standing Orders mortgaged the best time of the Synod." We gather from what is said that among the "Standing Orders" was one which related to the reception of the Deputies from other Presbyterian Churches. These come in large detachments, and the flow of oratory rolls far and wide. The point to be secured, Dr. Dykes intimates, is to get "sufficient time to consider well the schemes of the Church," in other words, to hear of its missionary work, and wisely to press it forward.

The really difficult question of whether there should be a Synodical Evangelist for the Maritime Provinces is agitating the Presbyteries down by the sea. The question is an important one and wider in its bearings than might at first sight be supposed. The decision of the Maritime brethren therefore will be interesting as the pros and cons are being carefully weighed.