

would repeat its request to Presbyteries and Sessions to use any means which might seem to them fitted to produce increased interest and activity in the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2.) That Ministers be reminded of the importance of discriminatory preaching, not only that which distinguishes between truth and error, between the spirit of Christianity and the spirit of the world, but deals also with the prominent present necessities of the Church and of ordinary society. (3) That Presbyteries and Sessions be recommended to consider the propriety of occasionally holding continuous religious services as a means of arresting the attention of the careless and bringing those who are subjects of grace more deeply under the influence of the truth.

FRENCH EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Col. Haultain, agent for the French Canadian Missionary Society, addressed the Assembly. He first alluded to the fact that the existence of the Synod he represented was in a great measure originated by the policy which the Presbyterian Church had pursued in the past. The Synod desire that they should remain an independent ecclesiastical body, and he thought if they considered the circumstances in which they were placed they would readily understand why that independence should be desired. Their nationality and language rendered this desirable. He simply expressed the desire of those that thought the French Canadian Protestant Churches should be united in one body. He simply asked them to consider the interests of their Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen, not only in Lower Canada, but throughout the whole Dominion. The aspect of the Church of Rome in these days was very remarkable. They were evidently roused to energy and united effort which fifty years ago they saw nothing of. He pointed out that where Protestantism was in the ascendancy the people were beguiled by the advocacy of a religious freedom which the Church of Rome in all ages has condemned. Where, however, the Church of Rome was in the ascendancy there was an absence of this profession of religious liberty. He maintained that our people should be instructed in this particular. He delivered his message from the Synod of the French Protestant Church, asking that they would sympathize with and favor as in the past the French Canadian Missionary Society, which had done so much good in the past, and was so eminently well qualified to carry on the work.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, it was agreed that Thursday, the 16th of October next, should be set apart as a day of thanksgiving.

COMMISSION TO MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Messrs. Ure and Cochrane were appointed members of a Commission to visit Manitoba, there to decide upon the claims of Kildonan and Winnipeg respectively to be the seat of higher education. The Constitution of the Manitoba College was settled. The Board of Management consists of Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, chairman; Rev. John Black, Hon. W. Fraser, Hon. Donald Gunn, Hon. John Sutherland, Rev. Alex. Fraser, Duncan McArthur, Gilbert McMicken, John F. Bain, John Fraser, John Sutherland, M.P.P., Duncan Sinclair, Rev. S. Donaldson, Rev. John McNabb, and Rev. Prof. Bryce.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD.

Rev. D. H. Fletcher read the report on the Home and Foreign Record.