

selves successively to all the various classes of persons among whom the Sabbath is more or less revered, and to engage them to form among themselves special Committees to examine the abuses and investigate the special remedies to be employed in each business. The watchmakers and jewellers, the most important trades in Geneva, were, first addressed, the masters were each personally visited, and at a general meeting called by the special Committee a series of resolutions was passed by which those present pledged themselves to respect the Sabbath themselves, have it respected by their workmen, and that they should continue to study all means of promoting the work.

The other tradesmen were visited in a similar manner, and although some opposition, promoted, it is said, by the government, was manifested, yet, in the end, a series of resolutions analagous to those passed by the watchmakers and jewellers was adopted with alacrity. The correspondent of *Christian Work* from which we have condensed the above, adds "Let us obtain, in anyway soever, a day of rest, and we shall have laid a foundation for the religious influence of this day. Perhaps there may have been many failures in works of this kind consequent on the attempt to perform a purely religious work."

Here, notwithstanding the unceasing efforts made by Christians of every denomination, a lamentable desecration of the Sabbath still exists. Might we not take a hint from our Swiss brethren, extend our basis, and at the same time, concentrate the efforts now weakened because divided.

IF misrepresentations have been made, by either friend or opponent, of the position of our Church in the Eastern Townships, we would simply counsel our Sherbrooke correspondent to let facts speak. We do not think it would tend to good to insert his letter. He must remember that there are

foolish men connected with every church whose zeal without knowledge only hurts the cause they advocate. The writer in the organ of the other Presbyterian body, signing himself J. McK., appears to be one of these. His apparent satisfaction at the "dying out," as he terms it, of one of our charges in that district of the Province (which is untrue), says little for his possession of the spirit which ought to actuate Christian men. It is another instance of the breaking out of the unrenewed nature which led the yet untaught disciple to say "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him, *because he followeth not with us.*" We trust the adherents of our church everywhere will shew a different disposition.

LAST month we called attention to a proposal for endowing a Memorial Professorship in Queen's University to the merits of its late Principal. We direct attention to a letter from Professor Murray, which will be found in the present number. We trust it will be seriously considered and acted upon.

WE are glad to see by an acknowledgment from the librarian of Queen's College, that so large an addition has been made to the library by gifts from friends throughout the Province and elsewhere. Every adherent of our Church must feel gratified at every addition to the means of improvement placed within reach of the students in that institution. Might we venture to throw out a hint to any who may be anxious to see the University Library placed on a proper footing and who would desire to assist. A large number of rare and valuable works can, at present, owing to the depreciation of American currency, be had for a mere trifle, which at other times could be bought only at a great expense. Were those who are desirous to benefit the library to place in the hands of the Trustees even a small sum for this purpose, much good would be the result.

## News of our Church.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.—We beg to remind the members that the Commission of Synod will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on Thursday, the 3rd November, at noon.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.—A meeting of the Trustees of Queen's University was held ac-

ording to adjournment, in the Senate Chamber of Queen's College, on the 31st of August last. Letters were read from the Rev. William Snodgrass, and the Rev. John H. Mackerras, accepting their appointments to the offices of Principal and Interim Professor of Classical Literature respectively. Mr. Snodgrass being