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Observing the Day.

IT will be noticed with satisfaction that the observance of Thanksgiving Day is insisted upon at several of the American Colleges as it has not been heretofore. The usual foot-ball game, between Princeton and Yale, at Manhattan Field, in New York City, on Thanksgiving Day, has been abandoned this year. An effort was therefore made by the managers of the field to arrange a game between the Lafayette College and Brown University teams. The students at Lafayette were inclined to play such a game, and strong outside pressure was brought to bear on the Faculty to secure permission to do so. The Faculty, however, declined to grant such permission, and President Warfield, at a public meeting, explained the reason for this refusal on the following grounds:

1. Thanksgiving Day having been set apart by the civil authorities as a day for the public recognition of the goodness of God to our country, and having for many years been consecrated to this purpose, and as a family festival, it is highly improper that a college founded for the education of youth in the principles of good morals and good citizenship as well as sound learning and loyalty to the truth of God should do anything to lower the traditions or undermine the public regard for such a day.

2. The Thanksgiving Day foot-ball games of previous years in New York have been attended by such excesses on the part of college students, and have given occasion to such dissipation on the part of others, that for this college to have any part in keeping up the traditions of such games is to sanction these excesses, risk the reputation of its students and imperil its good name.

3. The president of the college has by public utterances and by articles in the *Forum*, the *New York Independent*, and elsewhere, while pointing out the great benefit arising from well-regulated athletic sports, put this college on record as disapproving of certain extreme tendencies of these sports among which the playing of such Thanksgiving Day games in large cities was particularly condemned. This settled policy

of the college based on mature deliberation there is no reason to abandon.

4. The college has looked for its support, both financial and academic, to the conservative Christian men and women of the land, and it believes that the views already set forth fully accord with the views of the great majority of its friends and benefactors, both in the Board of Trustees, Alumni, and elsewhere, and confidently appeals to the students, and to the parents of students now in college to cordially and loyally support this policy.

Evangelistic Work.

An Evangelistic Committee of the Presbytery of Guelph, consisting of Revs. Wm. Millican, Daniel Strachan, B. A., H. F. Thomas, and Messrs. Robert Cranston, Jas. E. Kerr, James Loggie and Rev. Dr. Jackson, Convener, has been earnestly considering the all important question of how the churches might increase their power in evangelistic work. Now a letter has been issued containing valuable suggestions and concluding with the following recommendations worthy of the highest consideration:—1. "That evangelistic work in some form should be conducted in all our Churches at reasonably frequent intervals. 2. That Presbytery recognize diversities of gifts in the Gospel Ministry; and while continuing to magnify the pastoral office and work as first in importance, seek also to enlist the co-operation of brethren who may be better qualified to reach the unsaved with the Gospel message. 3. That all arrangements as to plans, methods, agents, and times for the prosecution of such evangelistic work to be left with Sessions, requiring that they shall report at the March meeting of Presbytery what measures they may have had in operation, together with the results, so far as these may be reportable. 4. That the evangelistic committee shall be a medium to secure, as far as possible, evangelistic assistance for any Session requiring it. 5. That ordinarily no evangelistic agent shall be employed by any Session who is not under Presbyterian authority; but where it may appear advisable to employ any who may not be, or who may be employed in co-operation with other churches, explicit engagement shall be made that nothing shall be taught or done or countenanced to undermine the faith of our people or subvert the order and discipline of our Church."

Knox College Teaching Staff.

It is with profound sorrow we note that Professor Thompson's health is so far impaired that he will be unable to resume his duties in the College this session. Few men have been able so early in life to win the entire confidence of the Church as to ripe scholarship and reliable judgment in dealing with problems that are at once difficult and delicate. His department, including as it does Biblical Theology, and Old Testament Introduction, is the theological campus of to-day, and the Church is exceedingly sensitive as to the manner in which her accredited teachers acquit themselves. There is danger in either of two directions. Some professors are, no doubt, bound hand and foot by traditionalism—they have all the windows shuttered—and are theological fossils. That is a position at once disloyal to truth and in the face of the genius of nature whether in the world of matter or mind. The whole trend of events