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MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.

The College Board and several Committees will meet as follows :

College Board on Wednesday 3rd Oct. 1 30 o'clock p.m.

Home Mission Committee. Tuesday 2nd Oct. at 4 o'clock p.m.

Foreign Mission. On Wednesday 3rd Oct. at 4½ o'clock p.m.

Committee on Sabbath Schools. On Wednesday 3rd Oct. at 10 o'clock a.m.

Committee on Increase of Ministers' Stipends. On Wednesday Oct. 3rd at 11 a.m.

The meetings will be held in Knox College.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We beg to remind Ministers and Congregations that a collection in aid of the French Canadian Missionary Society is recommended to be taken up in all congregations not visited by the Agent of the Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of September, or on some other convenient day.

HOLDING FAST OUR PROFESSION.

A Sermon, preached at the ordination of Rev. H. McQuarrie, in Willis' Church, *Blenheim*; on the 22nd May, 1866, by the Rev. John James, Dumfries Street, Church, *Paris*;—and published by request.

Hebrews 10. 23.: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith, without murmuring."

Life should have motive;—life should have law;—life should have aim;—life should have an end to be attained.

Even in the ordinary affairs of life, if there be no prevailing motive to impel; no law to regulate; no aim to give steadiness or purpose; no specified end to be gained;—a man must be very unstable, and almost always unsuccessful in all his undertakings. If he ever gain or accomplish anything great, it will be more by what is termed chance or good fortune than by his own well directed efforts. He has no credit in the matter.

How much more is this the case in relation to the christian life. There is in the world, and in our own natures much to oppose it, and it needs powerful motives; there is much to seduce and lead astray from the right path, and it needs high and holy laws to regulate it; there is much to divert our attention, and engage our interests, and there is need of decided and well directed aim or purpose; there are important and eternal consequences attendant upon the issues of life, and there is need to keep the end constantly in view.