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ROMANISM IN CANADA AND FRENCH
EVANGELIZATION.

[NOTE.—The following article is not identical with the paper read by Rev. Dr. Laing before the council in September last. The beginning and concluding paragraphs are extracts from that paper; but the time limit, which was properly insisted on at the council, made condensation, of what to the people of Canada is specially interesting, a necessity. The middle part of what is here given is in full what had been originally prepared regarding the work done in the French-Canadian field.]

THAT the Reformed churches of the Presbyterian order hold and exhibit the doctrines and form of government which were taught by the apostles, and are set forth in the New Testament, will be maintained by every member of this council. The accretions of centuries which overlaid the pure doctrines of Christianity; the superstitions and corruption which were introduced from heathenism; the ignorance, rapacity, immorality, and arrogance of the hierarchical despotism under which God's church groaned, had in the sixteenth century made reformation a necessity. Thus the churches represented in this council which then separated from Rome, while Protestant, because they protested against the false doctrines, superstitions, practices, and unscriptural claims of the Church of Rome, are more—they are Christ's church reformed. They have rejected all that is not founded on the Word of God, and have restored the church to its primitive scriptural purity.

The positive aspect of our Reformed church we must unhesitatingly and fearlessly contend for against both the Romish claim