

be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost " (Rom. xv. 16).

No text could be more suitable for a memorial of Bishop French. "A minister" (λειτουργός) . . . "ministering" (ἱεουργοῦντα)—offering sacrifice as a priest. What was the sacrifice offered? Not "the Gospel of God," as at first sight we might read it, but the Gentile world (προσφορὰ τῶν ἐθνῶν). That is exactly what French desired to share in. St. Paul, in taking his share, describes himself as "making it my aim (*marg.* being ambitious, φιλοτιμούμενον) so to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation" (Rom. xv. 20); and this, partly in letter and altogether in spirit, was one characteristic feature of French's career. And the priestly character of missionary work, which St. Paul, in this one place, claims as attaching to his own, is precisely what French also gloried in.

Scarcely less suitable are the texts at his grave itself. "Even as the Son of Man":