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Editorial Jottings.

YE are not your own, ye are bought with a price, and what a price? The precious blood of Christ! Are you rendering service? or are you serving yourself? Not your own! then what you call your own belongs to heaven's great Lord, and you are simply trustees. Is the trust being faithfully fulfilled, or are you guilty, at heaven's bar, of embezzlement? It is required of a steward that he be faithful. Are you taking means not your own, and misusing the same? How can you expect the verdict, "Well done"? Are you not earning the rather the dread "Depart, ye cursed"?

WE commend to our readers a careful perusal of our brother, Hon. B. Musgrave's article on "Congregational Church Principles." It is professedly a critique on Dr. Dale's manual, already noticed in our columns. In reality it is an original and thoughtful scriptural presentation of the principles for which, if we are worth anything, we shall loyally contend. To enable our readers to compare, we append Dr. Dale's principles to the article. We confess that, of the two, we prefer Mr Musgrave's. His principles not only strike at the root of the matter; they have the merit of being readily memorized. They may, in short, be presented as watchwords. Christ only, loyalty, unity, vitality, locality, responsibility, liberty, catholicity; none of these from human will or form, but from Him, by and in Him, who is the head over *all* things to His Church.

AMONG some earnest friends of the cause there has remained and strengthened a conviction that the present location of our college is most unfortunate, and the present time seemed fitting to discuss the question of removal. A few met in Toronto. The first question was—as anything like secrecy

was deprecated—to whom shall invitations be sent to join in the first conference thereon? Meantime a suggestion appeared in the Brantford *Congregationalist*, already noticed in these columns, for a general conference of the pastors of Ontario on denominational interests and work. Ontario was named for convenience' sake, as a limit must be placed somewhere. Without doubt, any brother from Vancouver to the Atlantic would be heartily welcomed. As the Toronto friends discard all sectional feeling, they at once felt that Mr. Fuller's suggestion was the better one, dropped the college question in its exclusive aspect, and fell in with the more general character of a possible conference of brethren. Circulars were accordingly issued to all the pastors of Ontario in charge, asking how far such a conference would carry the general sympathy. There are about thirty-nine names on the Ontario roll. Answers have been received from about twenty-six. Of these, three are evidently hostile, one dubious, and one fears the union may be injured by a previous meeting; the remainder are willing, some anxious, some enthusiastically so. An analysis of the answers received shows that our missionary pastors, and those who are at the outposts, are all anxious for earnest conference with brethren whom they desire more frequently to see face to face. The opposition seems to arise from a suspicion that some special, but veiled, object is aimed at. The committee, on whose behalf the circulars were issued, represents *all* the Congregational churches in Toronto. Since the answers have been received, storms, engagements, etc., have hindered the meeting of the committee in force, and the matter remains for a little in abeyance. Under any circumstances the Dominion elections must pass ere the conference can be held. Thus the matter stands at this writing. We venture a few comments.