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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

SHORTLY after receiving the present issue of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, the ministers and delegates of our churches will be setting their faces towards the Forest City. The present aspect of affairs in our rapidly developing country, the demands made upon us in common with other Christian churches to meet the pressing need of our time, the Macedonian cry from far off heathen lands, the new departure in our College and Home Mission, together with numerous other denominational interests, all of vital importance at the present moment, call for prompt and untiring attention. We will need to give to each, mature and prayerful deliberation. We require the ripe experience of age, the enthusiasm of youth, and the hearty co-operation of all. This is not the time to indulge in useless lamentations over past follies or neglected opportunities, or to allow ourselves to be swayed by sectional jealousies or personal preferences, but to be loyal to Christ and to our principles, true to our great trust and faithful to each other. We have no theological dogmas to propound or settle at our Union meeting: no places of power or emolument to contend for; no cherished scheme of personal aggrandizement to forward: but we have plans to propose for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord, for the conversion of sinners, for the edifying of the Church of Christ, for the fitting of his chosen instruments to accomplish the great work committed to his servants. We meet to fan the flame of holy zeal, and to stimulate the efforts of every toiler in the world's vast harvest field. This Conference of Congregational ministers and delegates will be far-reaching in its effects. It may either energize or paralyze the right arm of multitudes. It will send the thrill of a new life through the entire denomination in Canada, or produce slumber and death. One element of discord, one diseased imagination, one unhappy spirit,

given to recrimination and faultfinding, may mar the harmony, destroy peace, and impede progress in everything. We do not anticipate the presence of even one such Achan. But for the success of our meetings every member is responsible. Calmness in debate, mutual forbearance, cheerfulness, hopefulness, supreme consecration to Christ, a determination to make the most of our time and to do our best for our country in the exercise of a simple faith, and praying with all prayer and supplication, will make the forthcoming meetings in London memorable in the history of our denomination in Canada.

OUR COLLEGE.—One of the most important claims to be presented is the College. Whatever difference of opinion may exist regarding either the management or location of this institution, all agree that it is vital to our denomination, and nothing must be permitted that would cool our devotion or damp our ardour for it. We must give to it our warm sympathy, and cordial, hearty support.

With this number we give a view of the college building now erecting at Montreal, that our friends may come to the Union with quickened interest. The estimated cost is \$27,100, thus accounted for—ground, \$8,100; college, \$13,500; Principal's residence, \$5,500. The college building will be forty-five feet front, which, with the residence, thirty feet, will give a total of seventy-five feet frontage. The depth is sixty-five feet. We are given to understand from Montreal that no general appeal will be made for funds; but, if any friends of the college or denomination send gifts, they will be appreciated and acknowledged.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The missionary work in the Dominion is vast, and with the ever rising tide of immigration now rolling over our great North-West, the energies of all will be tasked to their utmost. A strong faith,