

We commend to the attention of our Baptist readers the following extract from the "Montreal (Baptist) Register," published under the auspices of the "Canada Baptist Union;" and edited, we presume, by the Rev. Dr. Camp, President of the Baptist College, Montreal. Although the Editor publishes the unscriptural order in which Baptist ordinations are performed, he does not appear to be disposed to defend them. Indeed, to us, he appears to give them up as indefensible. We are indebted to Mr. Buchanan for the copy of the *Register*, from which we make the extract.

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ORDINATION.

NIAGARA FALLS, Sept. 4, 1848.

Unscriptural terms and proceedings as to the appointing of preachers or elders, extracted from the *Register* of the 2d September, 1848.

Whitby, ordination of J. S. Crellin, 25th August.

A Moderator.

A Clerk.

1. A sermon from Phil. i 21.

The *candidate* gave his christian experience.

2 His call to the ministry. Quere, what was it, from whom, and how?

3. His views of Christian doctrine. Quere, what were they?

4. His views of the constitution of a Christian church. Quere. what were they?

All to the satisfaction of the *council*, unanimously. Quere, who were they, and by whom constituted a council?

Resolved.—"That brother Crellin be ordained to the work of the Christian ministry."

Hymn; reading the scriptures; prayer; ordination sermon; ordaining prayer; imposition of hands by the presbytery; right hand of fellowship; hymn and benediction.

To the Editor of the Montreal Register

Sir—As the denomination above referred to take the name of the Baptist church of Canada, and avow they are in all things governed "by the Bible, and nothing but the Bible," I respectfully call upon those who engaged in the above procedure, to favor me, through the *Register*, with the passages in the Scripture which they obeyed, and that *the call* to the ministry may be set forth as stated, such being satisfactory to the "*council*." Quere, what were the the gifts conferred by the laying on of hands? Were they spiritual gifts which the presbytery had the power of conferring? If so, the authority for the continuance of spiritual gifts resting within the power of any order of men in this day—we see I Cor. xiii. 13—while spiritual gifts were to pass away, "faith, hope, and love" were to continue. No man, or body of men, have power now to confer spiritual gifts on any, but such as are peculiar to the humblest believer in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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[Our correspondent is probably aware that many of the observances practised in certain parts of Canada have been imported from the United States. Our brethren in the States, singularly enough, who are Republicans in things civil, favour Aristocracy in things ecclesiastical. Hence their peculiar practices in regard to Ordination, Councils, licensing for