

Brunswick and Prince Edward are held during the midsummer recess, of which due notice will be given. The convention of the Protestant teachers of Quebec will take place during the latter part of October, and it is said that the executive are already busy preparing the programme, with the object in view of making it a representative gathering. The annual meeting of the Dominion Association of Teachers is to be held in 1898, with the meeting place of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dr. Mackay, Superintendent of Schools of that province, is the president.

The news from the universities and colleges includes an announcement that Bishop's College, of Lennoxville, intends to seek affiliation with Oxford and Cambridge, though it is said that they are unwilling to have a common matriculation with the other colleges of the Province of Quebec. The three colleges in the Province of Quebec that take the matriculation papers prepared by the McGill authorities are Morin College, Quebec; St. Francis' College, Richmond, and The Wesleyan College, Stanstead. McGill University is thus the strongest of the educational institutions of the province, though the university of Bishop's College is perhaps the most ambitious. The latter institution has had a very successful year if one is to judge from the numbers in attendance.

The withdrawal of the Rev. Dr. Barbour from the principalship of the Montreal Congregational College is a serious loss to that institution, and is thus spoken of by a student at the late convocation:

"But here let me reverently pause. Why should I speak further? Is it not true that this year the valedictory is not to be spoken by the student, but by the master? Yes, the real

farewell this night must come from the lips of him who for the last ten years has been at once the head and heart of this college. In his presence I would feign be humbly silent. But should I not speak, my fellow-graduates would cry out and demand that somebody should try to express, even though feebly, those sentiments which we all so deeply feel. Throughout our Canadian churches this night, among all those who are interested in the college, there is a feeling of sincere regret. But no one can grieve as we grieve, for no one has lived so near to him. It is for us that he has lived and learned and labored. To-night we cannot express our feelings. We stand near him even as little children gathering around the bedside of a beloved mother soon to leave them. They do not know what a loss they are about to suffer. They cannot understand now, but in the days of sorrow and loneliness that are to come they will feel a great emptiness in their lives and an aching void in their bereft hearts. And yet must we be hopeful. We would not hinder his rest. Long and faithfully has he toiled for the benefit of others. If we were to say to him—'No, you must not leave us, we cannot spare you, you must toil on for us, there is no rest'—if, addressing him thus, we endeavored to rob him of his rest, verily, I believe there would come a mighty voice of protest from Yale and Andover and Oberlin—'Hold! Hold! Enough! Enough! Let that veteran lay aside his armor; let that venerable student put down his pen; let that honored servant of God enter into his rest.'"

At the late convocation of the Presbyterian College of Montreal, the Rev. Dr. McVicar, as a last word of advice to the graduating class of that institution, made use of the following language, which would almost be