

"Government by the Eldership." Have we as a denomination no banner? Yes; our banner is "Christ, and Him crucified." Let us see that we give Him His rightful place. Christians ought to agree in hearing and bearing the name of Jesus. "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." We ought to agree in the use of His law. His law enjoins liberty under His leadership. We are free, but let us not abuse our liberty. Let us call no man Master on earth, for "One is your Master, even Christ and all ye are brethren."

THE Rev. J. G. Sanderson, of Danville, was elected chairman for the coming year, and Montreal selected as the place of meeting.

THE college question was carefully considered. The changes made may be briefly indicated. At his own request Dr. H. Wilkes retires from the Principalship, and due acknowledgment was made of the long unwearying services our venerable father has rendered to the denomination. His services are still retained in some of the classes. Professor Fenwick remains at his post, which he has confessedly filled with marked ability. Dr. Cornish accepts a lectureship for which he is eminently fitted—New Testament Greek. This, of course, in addition to his duties at McGill University. Dr. J. F. Stevenson, of Emmanuel Church, has been elected Principal with class work attached. This is not, however, a severance from his pastorate, both which positions will be filled by him. We may just say a word regarding the new Principal. In literary culture, vigour of mind, breadth of sympathy and earnestness of Christian character, Dr. Stevenson has few equals and no superior in the Dominion; we speak advisedly and without fear of any invidious comparisons. The denomination can rejoice in a man at the head of their educational institution second to none among the principals of the land; let us remember this with becoming pride. The question, too, of Degrees in Divinity is under consideration. Our college is likely, therefore, to keep well in line with the acknowledged progress of the day.

ON the Saturday morning the newly elected Principal was solemnly set apart for his work. Rev. W. Hay, as an old student, presiding.

Dr. Jackson led in prayer, earnestly invoking heaven's blessing upon the then installed Principal. Dr. Stevenson briefly addressed the friends, feelingly alluding to the expressed confidence of his brethren, the services and character of Dr. Wilkes, and declaring his full intention under Divine blessing to work with his colleagues in fullest sympathy for the cause of sacred learning and the preparation of the students for their high and noble calling. Prof. Fenwick closed with prayer for the students and churches, bringing a very touching service fittingly to an end.

TUESDAY, June 19th, 1883, will stand a marked day in our College history, for on the afternoon thereof the corner-stone of the new building, in course of construction on McTavish street, Montreal, was laid with appropriate religious ceremonies. Mr. Henry Lyman presided, and among those present were the Rev. Drs. Wilks and Stevenson, and Dr. Potts of the Methodist Church, Prof. Fenwick, and Principal Dawson of McGill College, Prof. Cornish, Bishop Ussher, the Rev. J. S. Black, Mr. J. R. Dougall, Mr. George Hague. The proceedings were opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Professor Fenwick, after which Dr. Cornish, Secretary of the college, gave a sketch of the history of the college, a copy of which was deposited in the stone, and which we intend to give our readers next month, as at this time it seems desirable to place the same on permanent record. The sketch recorded that the stone had been laid by Mr. George Hague, President of the Board of Directors, Messrs. Hutchinson and Steele being the architects of the building. Mr. Hague was presented with a silver trowel bearing the following inscription: "Presented to George Hague, Esq., on the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Congregational College of British North America: June 19th, 1883." Having declared the stone to be well and truly laid, he said that the present site had been chosen because of its propinquity to the noble university with which the College was affiliated. He referred to the history of the Congregational Church in the old country, and spoke of the comparatively recent throwing open of the great English universities to dissenters. In conclusion he said that, as the representative of the lay element, he trusted that the building