

voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God."

3. Christ's words are, "They shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory."

4. His Second Coming is as sure as His first coming. As the one was promised and in due time was fulfilled; so his second coming is promised, and shall be fulfilled.

5. We know not when the time is; but we are warned to be always ready.

6. The only way to be ready is to be doing the will of God, at all times.

7. The coming of Christ has been a sweet hope for Christ's people in all ages.

#### XVII. THE MILLENIUM.

1. The word "millenium" means "The Thousand Years."

2. It is promised in the Scriptures that Christ and His saints shall live and reign on earth a thousand years.

3. Some think it means a much longer time than a thousand of our years. We do not know. The main purpose of prophecy is not to make us wise before the time, but to strengthen our faith when we see the prophecies fulfilled.

4. There will be peace and love on earth. Religion shall extend everywhere. It will be the Sabbath of the earth.

5. Some think that when six thousand years from Adam are past, the seventh thousand will be the millenium: like six days of toil and then the Sabbath rest. God has not told us.

6. Some think that Christ will come in person, and be on earth during the thousand years. Others think He will not come in person till the day of judgment. Let there be no disputings.

7. There never has been such a movement on the earth as now. God's promises seem to be rapidly coming to pass.

#### "WHAT OF THE NIGHT?"

After reading the last INDEPENDENT, one thinks the above question appropriate. It appears to be "night" for Congregationalism in this Dominion. Nor can it yet be said very confidently, "The morning cometh." The darkness settling upon

our Home Missionary Society can be felt. Twenty-five per cent reduction of all grants! Society one hundred per cent in debt! In other words, a required outlay greater than the income by a sum equal to the whole amount contributed by the churches. What of this? By no means simply "night" that wholly lacks "signs of promise," "Night," nevertheless. The situation, however, is the result of forward movement. Unless we believe our cause deserves soon to be moribund, we cannot criticize the policy of occupying the great field in the North-West. But such occupation brings extra expense. If the blood in financial veins is not becoming stagnant among well-to-do Congregationalists in the Dominion, this depressed condition of things cannot long continue. Bright and shining laymen must let in the light of their counsels, and be willing to make such counsels effective by, if need be, self-sacrificing contributions. They will do so, who can doubt?

But the murkiest night envelops us by the condition of college affairs. Read again the editorial in the February "College Column," of the INDEPENDENT. Darknes in such a region is fundamental; and if continuing, irreversible evil for the denomination. No college—no Congregationalism worthy the name. Ask history if this be not true? Ask the record of Dr. Lillie's and Dr. Wilkes' life and work in an early day, when they toiled and travelled, and preached and prayed, and collected funds, when money was really "scarce." Not as now, only said to be "scarce." Run the eye over the names of the men who have been educated in the college: note the number of these now in the work in Canada, and ask, Where were Congregational churches many, some large and flourishing, but for the college? "Ministers from the States?" But very few can ever be spared from the States. Nor do men, educated there, often find Canadian fields to their desire, or are willing to occupy. Neither from New, nor Old England, can many be found, to do the work needed here.

Canadians for Canada! Young men growing up among the people, for the people's pastors. See Old Zion of Toronto, in her long struggle to get the right man from either New or Old England; from the British Isles or this Continent. Behold Emmanuel of Montreal writhing in the same kind