

# THE PRESBYTERIAN

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

We invite the attention of our readers and of our fellow-Christians generally to the fact that the first General Conference of this truly Evangelical organization, will be opened at Montreal, on Thursday, October 1st. This, we venture to think, will be among the largest and most popular of Christian gatherings that have ever assembled within the Dominion of Canada. Members of the different Evangelical Denominations will come together for the purpose of discussing Christian themes, such, especially, as bear upon the present condition of Christendom, as well as for mutual counsel, fellowship and prayer. The Conference will continue until Wednesday, October 7th, and will, it is thought, attract to Montreal from three to four thousand Christians, Canadian, American and British.

Though the *programme* of proceedings is not yet published, we are in a position to furnish to our readers the following particulars:—The opening meeting of the Conference will be held in the American Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, at half-past seven. At this meeting the Delegates from a distance will be formally welcomed to Montreal by the Committee of Arrangements. The head-quarters of the Conference will be the spacious and elegant rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, at the corner of Craig Street and Victoria Square. The Conference will ordinarily convene in the St. Andrew's Church. The evening meetings will, for the most part, be held in the Wesleyan Church, St.

James Street. On the Lord's Day, the pulpits of the various Protestant Churches will be occupied by clerical members of the Conference. In the afternoon of the Sabbath, children's meetings will be held; while at an hour not to interfere with these services, a General Communion service will be held in St. Paul's Church. The subjects discussed at this Conference will be such as relate to the present condition of the Church and the world under the several aspects of Protestantism and Sacerdotalism, of Christian faith and Christian unbelief, of Christianity in its relation to the facts of science, of the spheres and methods of Christian work, of the need and source of Religious Revival, of Christian missions as prosecuted amongst Pagans, Mahomedans and Jews, &c., &c. Each subject will be opened by some distinguished member of the Conference, (who will come prepared for this work,) and then discussed by the members generally.

The Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D., of London, Eng., formerly pastor of Cote Street Free Church, the Rev. President Porter of Yale College; the Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., the distinguished German and Biblical scholar; the Rev. President McCosh; the Rev. Wm. Adams, D.D., of New York; the Rev. George M. Grant, of Halifax; the Rev. J. M. Gibson, of Chicago; the Rev. John Potts, of Toronto; are a few only of the eminent men from a distance who are expected to take public part in the proceedings. Of clergymen and laymen in Montreal, we may mention, among others, the Very Rev. Dean of Montreal, Principals Dawson & McVicar, Professors Murray & Campbell, the