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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If the reports from Winnipeg are true, the Roman Catholic ministry of Manitoba, have decided to acquiesce in the Laurier School Settlement. The despatch, the confirmation of which will be awaited with interest, states that in a few days the Roman Catholic schools will be handed over to the trustees and come under the operation of the general law, a transaction which will place these schools among the public schools, and will allow of their earning the government grant.

No better appointment could have been made by the Home Mission Committee than that of Rev. C. W. Gordon, to visit the Old Land on behalf of the Missions of the Canadian Church, especially with respect to the new mining fields out west. Mr. Gordon is known in Great Britain, and his last visit was so successful as to astonish both the givers and the receivers. Should he find it convenient to accept the Committee's offer, the Church will be fortunate in his choice.

It seems to be the intention of the Church Union Committee in Scotland to have a draft report ready for presentation to the U. P. Synod, which meets in May. Consequently the negotiations are being pushed forward, and many of the more important points of difference have had long and frequent consideration. It is proposed that the right will be reserved to individual members to "assert and maintain whatever views of truth and duty they have hitherto been entitled to profess," and

that the question of Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister will be left an open one. Finances, Colleges, and other important questions have already been settled by the Joint Committee.

To the charitably disposed in Toronto, and they are many, and liberal, the appeal of the Working Boy's Home will not come in vain. The good it is accomplishing, among a needy class, is well known and we take it, that it only requires to be stated that funds are urgently required, to bring a prompt and generous response. Professor Geo. M. Wrong, is the Secretary, and friends may communicate with him at 469 Jarvis St., Toronto.

We again draw attention to the World's Week of Prayer which will be observed from April 3rd to the 10th. In the present crisis friends of the Sabbath cannot afford to neglect this means for the accomplishment of the object so near their hearts. For the past twenty years, the first week in April has been set apart in Great Britain for prayer for the proper observance of the Lord's Day, and has been the means of great help and encouragement.

It is probable that the brief speech of the Prince of Wales, recently delivered in the interest of peace will have a modifying effect on the situation. The Prince, who is a far-seeing man of affairs, who is quite aware of the weight his words will carry, hoped "that we should not need navies or armies much longer, but that we should have universal peace." Christendom will echo "Amen," for never was a time when rumours of war have had greater likelihood of fulfilment than the present, and the love of peace together with calm diplomacy were never more necessary to prevent European and American hostiles.

The Home Mission Committee had several important questions to deal with last week. In addition to the usual fields of labor, there is added this year, the Klondike, difficult of access, expensive in outfit, living and labor, and requiring men of no ordinary tact and knowledge of affairs. The need is great, and it is gratifying to the Church and the country to know that the Committee has risen to the occasion. Dr. Cochrane, the active and vigilant convener has served the Master and the Church most worthily and well, in the action he has taken, sanctioned by the Committee, to meet the requirements of the new field. The Church's missionaries have already accomplished much, and having been on the scene practically from the beginning, will keep pace with the growth of the camps if promptly backed up by the Church. Then the question of the nurses for the same region engaged the attention of the Committee through the deputation of ladies interested in that most praiseworthy object. We hope the Church realizes fully the noble work these devoted