

CURRENT EVENTS.

The professors of St. John's, Wesley and Manitoba Colleges have asked the University of Manitoba to place the study of Scripture on the curriculum.

Through the generosity of Sir Wm. C. Macdonald, and the energy of Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, centres for Manual Training opened in the various cities of British Columbia with the beginning of the century. Mr. Dunnell is in charge of the work for this province; under him serve trained assistants.

As significant signs of the times, two facts in connection with Victoria's recent municipal elections are noticed. The candidates for positions on the aldermanic and school trustee boards, who in their pre-election speeches advocated the building of a new High School were, to a man, elected. The would be trustee who evolved an elaborate plan for a sliding scale of fees for High School students' tuition was "snowed under."

The Government of Manitoba is to bring forward, during the approaching session, amendments making attendance at the Public Schools compulsory. This will be a move in the right direction, especially in towns and cities. In the country districts it will probably be a dead letter as a similar law is in Ontario. The main aim of the law is probably to secure the education of the very large number of foreigners now in the province.

Many of the graduates of the University of Toronto of '85 and '86 will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Harry McGeary, after a three days' attack of grippe, ending in

brain trouble and heart failure. At the time of his death, Mr. McGeary was mathematical master in St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. He was reputed to be one of the best mathematical masters in the province. Great sympathy is felt for his young widow and her three little ones, two—twin babies—being born just the day before the father's death.

It is B. C.'s growing time, for, simultaneously with the founding of the Manual Training classes, early in January the first Normal School in the Western Province opened its doors to 49 students. Vancouver City, through its energy and public-spiritedness, secured the school, which many thought should have gone to the capital. But Vancouver is wide awake and progressive; it made an offer to the Government of a free building and full equipment for the first session, which offer was accepted. Alex. Robinson, Esq., M.A., Superintendent of Education for B.C., formally opened the school, and, for the present, personally has supervision over it. Associated with Mr. Robinson on the staff are Inspector Burns, M.A., and Mr. Blair (late of New Zealand).

It is announced that Chicago University will soon offer a definite course in Sunday School work with a view to preparing teachers and leaders in this field. This is truly "meeting a long-felt want," and the institution deserves praise for the meeting of it.

It is estimated that about 16,000 farmers moved from the United States to Canada during the past year, most of them settling in the Northwest; and the outlook for a