

"We do not want a South Africa west of Lake Superior," is a favorite expression of Rev. Dr. Robertson, when pleading for help to carry on Home Mission work and thus aid in assimilating the alien masses that are pouring by tens of thousands into our fertile Northwest. The phrase has much of meaning. The United States has a gigantic problem in the foreign multitudes thronging thitherward. But ours is a more difficult one, for many of these foreign peoples come from lands where the sentiment is distinctly anti-British, and while many of them do not bring much else they bring this sentiment. If left to themselves they will be centres of disaffection. There is no way of welding them so quickly and thoroughly and sympathetically into our national life as by winning them to an intelligent religious life; and no agent so valuable to the Empire as the missionary and minister.

Of two things our Dominion Government should have a care: First, not to admit too large a proportion of foreigners as immigrants; second, not to settle them in large blocks of thousands, where they will remain undigested, unassimilated, a foreign, unsympathetic, unhealthy element in our body politics. Last year some 50,000 immigrants found in our wide land a home. This year a larger number is coming. The larger proportion of these are from Central and Northern Europe. Most of them are ignorant. Many have little religion worth the name. Every effort should be made to encourage immigration from Britain and the older provinces, and to discourage too large an inflow of alien population, alien in race, in language, in loyalty to our Empire.

From April 21 to May 1 will be held in New York City the World's Second Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, representing the Protestant Missionary Societies and Missions of the World. The first was held in London in 1888. Preparations have been making for it for four years. Closing up as it does the end of the first century of Christian missions, planning and praying for far greater advance with the beginning of another century, great things are hoped from it. The conference is undenominational. All churches are asked to assist in bearing the expense. Any church sending \$5 will receive a Report of the Conference in two handsome volumes, valued at \$2.50. Make orders payable to George Foster Peabody, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

The Century Fund is making good progress. More than half the amount aimed at has been subscribed. About 800 of our ministers, or about two-thirds of the whole number, have subscribed nearly \$80,000. The canvass is being diligently pushed. Some congregations have completed the work. Others have it in progress. It meets with almost universal good will and support. It too is a "Patriotic Fund" in the truest sense. Its aim is to make Canada a better country. It will put all the schemes of our church in a position that they will do more and better work as they enter upon another century.

"The Western Presbyterian" states that with all that is done in the West there are 24,000 boys and girls under 14 years of age in the Province of Manitoba alone not within reach of Sabbath schools.

The Synod of Hamilton and London will meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Monday, April 30, at 7.30 p. m. Clerks of Presbyteries are requested to send all necessary documents to the Clerk of Synod, J. H. Ratcliffe, St. Catharines, at least eight days before date of meeting.

One of the most valuable funds of our Church is the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Northwest. With a capital of only \$55,000 it has been instrumental in erecting some 400 churches and manses. In some cases small sums were granted as free gifts. In others as loans without interest. In yet others, at a low rate of interest.

The French Protestant Churches of Montreal have been holding a series of revival services. They have been assisted by Rev. S. Delagneau of Boston. Much interest has been manifested. The French Protestants have been brought together, made to feel their unity and to realize their numbers; all of which has given them much encouragement.

The Manitoba Indians have been doing well. At Lizard Point they are entering with heart and hand upon the work of building a church. The chief gave twenty logs. The Indians have already placed sixty logs on the ground, and thirty days work have been promised towards its erection. The sum of \$61 in cash has been subscribed, of which \$25 came from the reserves.