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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

THE Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec will meet before another issue of our magazine appears. As chairman for the present year, the editor will have opportunity in his address to present his views of the situation to his brethren; he, therefore, will not in these jottings anticipate. He may ask that all will come that can come, and that all who do come, come with one heart and purpose to consult for those things that make for righteousness and peace. Nor need they who will not be called upon to be present be uninterested, the rather would we say to all: "Brethren, pray for us, and may such a note of unanimity and of earnestness be struck that 'the world may know' that Christ hath sent us."

OUR English brethren have met with a severe loss in the death of their chairman, Rev. Dr. Thomas Rees, who was born December, 1815, at Llandeilo in Carmarthenshire, and whose death unexpectedly took place April 29th. Dr. Rees was chosen with virtual unanimity, not only for his own intrinsic worth, but as the representative of sturdy Welsh Independency. His address was finished and will be read, and at a special meeting of the committee of the Union, it was unanimously resolved to invite his friend and co-worker, Dr. John Thomas, of the Welsh Church, Liverpool, to accept the chair in succession to Dr. Rees. Dr. Thomas, by his sympathetic labours as historian of the denomination, and by his services in the establishment of English Congregational churches in North Wales, is so eminently qualified as Dr. Rees's successor that there can be no doubt as to entire approval of the choice of the committee. And thus the roll of the church militant is constantly having its erasures, while that of the church triumphant is being rendered complete.

WE draw special and earnest attention to the continued communications from British Columbia. If the facts therein stated do not speak, we have no words of our own with which to emphasize. Read, brethren, read!

THE war cloud still hovers over Britain and Russia. What the end may be, no mortal can divine; but we trust that the voice of humanity and right will prevail over the passions and prejudices of men. What are we doing in Afghanistan? High military authorities say Herat is not essential to the integrity of the Indian frontier, whose important passes in the north-west are already secure in Britain's hands. Certainly, *prestige* is a sorry thing for which to plunge nations into war, and of territory Britain has meanwhile enough.

AND our own North-West troubles continue, though the Half-breed rising is over; but the Indians are elements of anxiety still. Will it be possible in the midst of present political bitterness to calmly enquire into causes, and determine to do the right?

THE entire Revised Version is before us now. Apparently the Old Testament version has undergone less change in its rhythmic beauty than that of the New Testament. This, however, is due we believe to the difference of conditions. We have only one Hebrew text, that of the Massorah. But the present state of the Greek text of the New Testament required a revision before the version could be revised. Yet the changes in the Old Testament are in some cases radical; *e.g.*, "the desire of all nations" (Hag. ii. 7), which frequently is read as a Messianic prophecy, is now "the desirable things of all nations," *i.e.*, the silver and the gold, the wealth and desire. Whether this generation accepts the version or not we cannot say; but its completion marks an era in our Christian life, and, in-