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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our friends of the Lord's Day Alliance ask the co-operation of the people on a wider basis than hitherto. The Association or Alliance represents a force of considerable magnitude in Canadian life, and it is but right and proper that those who sympathize with the objects and work of the Alliance should speak out, and identify themselves with the good cause. A practical way of helping on the work is by becoming members of a branch of the Alliance. The small annual fee of 50 cents need keep no one back, and as members are required in order that public opinion may be authoritatively represented and voiced, there ought to be a large accession to the ranks in response to the appeal. The Toronto branch has its headquarters at Room 77 Confederation Life Building, and names sent there to Mr. A. E. O'Meara will be gladly received.

The Established and Free Churches of Scotland follow a practice in the selection of Moderator for their General Assemblies different from that prevailing in Canada which is more democratic. In the "Auld Kirk" the ex-Moderators meet in the Fall of the year and nominate a brother for the position; while in the Free Church the Standing Committee or Commission of Assembly, does the same thing. The nominations are invariably ratified by the General Assemblies, and the Moderator-elect comes prepared with his address, usually a deliverance of great importance. This year the choice is likely to fall on the Rev. Dr. Leishman of Linton, for the Established, and on Rev. Dr. Alexander Whyte, Edinburgh, for the Free

Church. Two "fathers" whose fitness all will readily recognize.

An appeal has been issued on behalf of the churches destroyed by fire at Windsor, N.S., by Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the Evangelists. It is endorsed by Revs. Henry Dickie, Fred. H. Wright and A. A. Shaw, pastor of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches respectively, to whom contributions are requested to be sent. The case is one of real need and urgency. The circumstances of the loss are fresh in the memory of all, and need not be repeated, but are such as ought to awaken the deepest sympathy with those who have been left homeless and churchless. Help will be well bestowed and gratefully received.

Very interesting is the news that a General Assembly has been constituted for the Presbyterian Church in South Africa. Hitherto a Federal Council has represented the Presbyterian Churches there, now, a union has been consummated and a General Assembly established. After the resolution of union had been carried Rev. John Smith was elected Moderator of the new Assembly and business was proceeded with. This step is regarded as fraught with promise for the future of Presbyterianism in South Africa. The Church will be known as the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

In his admirable discourse to the Toronto St. Andrew's Society, Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., stated some home truths which are apt to be forgotten in this busy age. The characteristics which he described have a place, more or less, in every nation and in the making of Canada they count for much. Speaking to Scotchmen his words are not only true but apposite indeed: "In order that we may have part in the coming of that day when Canada shall stand strong and pure in its national life. I believe we must be true to the conditions of our Scottish parentage. We must be men of faith, we must believe that God reigns. The fire that was brought across the seas by our fathers must burn steadily here; the altar of God's worship in home and church we must maintain, as those who want to live soberly, righteously, godly. We must let the reigning King take our hand and lead us; we must have a vision of God and His Son Jesus Christ. Thus true to the spirit of the heroes of fame who wrought such great things for Scotland in olden times, we shall contribute largely to the life and welfare of our beloved Canada."

The Sabbath School Lesson for the six years from and including 1900 have been mapped out by the International Committee. Rev. Dr. Potts, the Chairman has made the following Press statement:—"The association represents about two-thirds of the Sunday school world, i.e., our committee prepares lessons for nearly twenty millions of Sunday school teachers and scholars. There are corresponding members in Europe, but the responsibility is with this