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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The announcement has been made that a Toronto firm has secured the printing of the church publications—the *Record* and Sabbath school literature. Rev. Mr. Scott will take up his residence in Toronto and will continue his editorial work with the Queen City as headquarters. He will be heartily welcomed to Toronto where it is hoped the facilities to be at his disposal will be ample for every requirement of his department.

It is pleasing to note the good-will shown to the Duke and Duchess of York by the Irish people. It suggests important possibilities were political and royal courtesy extended oftener to Ireland than they have been in the past. This royal visit also shows what an important part the crown may play in bringing about and maintaining a “union of hearts” between the various peoples constituting the British Empire. National sentiment lies at the root of national enterprise and prosperity, and if given free play the best results may be looked for. Good feeling and good dealing go together and a friendly and just attitude towards Ireland will disclose the warmth and generosity of the Irish heart.

The capture of the Khyber Pass by the Afridis emphasizes the gravity of the Indian rising. There is every indication that the religious cry raised by the Mullahs has excited the tribes and revolt may spread over a wide area. Suspicion has been cast on the Ameer's good faith, notwithstanding his denials to the contrary and

the uncertainty adds to the gravity of the situation, which with the defiant utterances of Kruger in South Africa disturbs the British horizon. The silver lining in India is the plentiful rains that have fallen bringing with them the promise of an abundant harvest, and the loyalty of the native troops who with few if any defections are coming back from furlough and rejoining their colors. Some publicists discern the Sultan's hand in the rebellion.

After considerable delay Sir, Donald A. Smith's new title, on being elevated to the peerage is now announced to be Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal—a euphonious and appropriate combination, uniting old and new world associations. The new peer is a nobleman of whom Canada is proud and one who has proved his interest in her welfare by gifts of princely munificence, among which we gratefully remember many to the Presbyterian Church. In the congratulations to Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal we cordially join and wish him long life and happiness to wear the title.

The voice of persecuted Armenia is heard again. A circular has been received by the ambassadors of the powers appealing for the pity of the nations of Europe who are asked not to allow the Armenian nation to be annihilated. The appeal emanates from a national committee who say the promised Turkish reforms are a dead letter. In their extremity the Armenians say they may be compelled to resort to the dynamite campaign planned in 1896. They declare they will not cease to act until their demands, sanctified by the blood of martyrs' are satisfied. But Europe is impotent and the Turk will have his way. At least 'twas always so.

There are not wanting instances of noblemen and noblewomen renouncing the coronet for the cross, and the latest example furnishes but another link in a long chain. The choice announced by Prince Max, of Saxony, however, has been productive of much comment, on account of the humble character of the work he intends to devote himself to within the Church of Rome. For several years he has labored in Whitechapel as a missionary, and now at the end of his term of service he awaits the decision of his Bishop as to whether he shall be allowed to continue that service or ordered to occupy a court position in deference to the wishes of his relatives. Whitechapel slumming would be his own decided choice.

What promises to be an unusually interesting series of evangelistic meetings was begun at Cooke's Church on Sabbath last by Rev. John Robertson, Glasgow, whose fame as an evangelist is worldwide. His meetings are large and enthusiasm is not lacking. For two weeks Mr. Robertson will conduct services in Toronto and will probably after that time hold meetings in London, Ont. This is how a contemporary so well describes Rev. John Robertson in