

...who were shot dead. Two who escaped to the river, into a canoe and pushed away from the bank; but they were pursued by the white man's brave subordinates. When overtaken they were thrown into the water to become a prey to crocodiles. This massacre had been ordered because the canoes laden with rubber, which the trading company had sent to the village to supply had not arrived on the day set for the delivery of the commodity.

...tells, also, of the murder of a hundred and fifty men, women and children, the cutting off of several hands, and the burning of hundreds of huts, and he expressed his opinion that this devilry would have the effect to maintain the peace in Upper Congo, and to add large collections of rubber.

NOT WANTED.

Mr. Tarte and Father Lacombe are arranging to make a tour of Belgium centres with a view to get emigrants for Canada. Southern France and Galicia are also to be canvassed. Canada does not need the class of people hunted up in these countries; indeed, the more we have of them the more trouble we are sure to have. We want people who will learn to be in sympathy with Canadian institutions, and of Canadian spirit, and so become good British citizens, not those whose first and chief allegiance is to another authority one hostile to our country's best life and its true prosperity.

THEY PUNISHED HIM.

A soldier of "A" Battery of Canadian Artillery at Kingston Ont., was put under arrest because he would not serve or superintend serving grog to the soldiers on the Queen's birthday. He is a pledged abstainer, and his principles forbade him being a party to drinking by others. A good soldier he did not understand that soldierly duties included the dispensing strong drink, and he very properly declined to do it. A court of inquiry decided not to have a regular court-martial, and left the matter of punishment to the discretion of the officer in command.

WAR NOTES.

Apparently the Boer power is a thing of the past, and the backbone of their resistance is broken. In a few days there will be nothing left fighting, but bands of stragglers, who will continue a hopeless fight more for the hope of plunder than from any great desire to serve their country.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

No IV.

To write these letters in their logical order, this one should tell of the inspiring responses to the address of welcome made by General Harrison, but that will keep. I am moved tonight to write about the spiritual preparation for the Conference. In my second letter I gave you Dr. Pierson's address and prayer, made at the preparatory meeting held in New York on January eleventh.

WAR NOTES.

Sergeant McLeod, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, who went out with the second Canadian contingent, while out scouting, single-handed, captured two Boers and sixteen head of cattle. This achievement was brought to the notice of Lord Roberts, who personally complimented the sergeant.

WAR NOTES.

Pretoria is described as an attractive city of fifteen thousand persons, and is situated in the finest part of the country. It is a long distance from the sea ports, Cape Town being 1,040 miles away, Durban 511 miles and Delagoa Bay, in Portuguese territory, 349 miles. The streets are wide and regularly laid out, many of them having beautiful shade trees. The town has a good supply of pure water from natural springs three miles away. There are good electric lights and surface cars. More than \$500,000 has been expended on the streets and drainage. The principal buildings are of an imposing character. The House of Parliament is a handsome structure upon the erection and furnishing of which one million dollars was spent. The new market building cost over \$150,000. The principal religious denominations have churches that indicate that they are in a prosperous condition.

He had been the secretary of his church's Board of Missions, and they were in sore straits. (He did not give us the details.) They had prayed for help, but help had not come. Then the Spirit bade him call the Board together for a week of prayer. They went to those meetings as men go to their daily work, in the early morning, and they prayed until, like the wage earner, they were weary. And help came. And, said he, we were not surprised; God had done what He always will do when men are nearest. The power of prayer has often been discussed, and we think we have prayed; but how few of us have prayed like the Master, spending nights in prayer, and rising very early in the morning just to pray.

Our District Meetings will soon be in session, and I felt moved to write as I have, and urge the pastors and churches to prepare for them as they never have done before. Do not think that I mean to imply that pastors do not pray in the church and home for the annual meetings. We have all done that, brethren, but I had teaching and conviction on this point while attending the great Conference and I have obeyed the Spirit in writing this letter.

I believe, too, that greater blessings would come to the church and the homes where the meetings are held, than has come heretofore, if they would endeavour to prepare, not simply to entertain the people, but to enter with their guests into the true spirit of prayer and worship. God's people are very dear to Him, and He honours those who minister to them. May we feel that "We had rather be the least of them who are the Lord's alone, than wear a royal diadem, and sit upon a throne."

Next week I will go on with the Conference doings. While many will get the Ecumenical Conference book when published, a large number of the readers of INTELLIGENCER will probably not see it. I, therefore, urge the readers of INTELLIGENCER to read very carefully these letters, not what I write, but what tells you about the Conference which will be helpful to you in every way, as it has been helpful to me.

WAR NOTES.

General French the untiring cavalry leader is reported to be within eight miles of Pretoria, and even as this paper goes to its readers the Boer capital may be in British hands. It is not probable that any lengthened resistance will be made at Pretoria, for the Boers are said to be completely demoralized.

WAR NOTES.

A report was current on Thursday, and was generally accepted as correct, that Pretoria had been occupied by the British. But the report turned out to be slightly ahead of the fact.

WAR NOTES.

All work must be prepared for. Much loss has been the result of poor, careless preparation. If a man is to build a house he must first count the cost. If he would reap an abundant harvest he must plant, sow and cultivate carefully. There can be no doubt but that Mr. Moody's unparalleled success came from his careful preparation for the work. For weeks before he began his services pastors and churches were praying earnestly for the divine blessing upon the meetings to be held.

That we have had no greater success as a church—and I write of all the churches—is due, I am certain, to the fact that the preparation has been so poor. The door will open to persistent knocking, but it must be knocking—not tapping. If we ask we shall receive, but we must ask—not whisper. I was much impressed at one of the sessions, by the experience related by a Presbyterian delegate from London.

British Empire is 49,950 square miles larger than it was. The Orange State in the last census had a population of 77,717 whites and 129,787 natives. The public debt is small, having been contracted almost wholly since 1897 when the State railways were constructed. The population is chiefly engaged in pastoral work, although there are a few diamond and coal mines in the territory which have been partially developed.

Ivan Ferguson is in receipt of a letter from Lord Roberts acknowledging the services rendered by the Canadian troops in the war against the Boers. Soon after Roberts' arrival in South Africa young Ferguson, who is a Canadian by birth, wrote to the general volunteering his services. The following is the reply he received: "I am much obliged to you for your letter of March 3rd. I am sure you will read with great pride the account in the newspapers of the splendid service rendered by the Canadians during this campaign."

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