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A western editor has an nounced that he will edit his paper for one week as the devil would edit it. Whether the readers will notice any change in the spirit and methods of the management, is the question.

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receiving some consideration by the several denominations in Ontario. The movement was begun by the Anglican body. but does not find much approval in other denominations.

Rome falsifies history and does any other mean and false thing, to accomplish its purpose. Roman Catholic influence in the cities of the United States controls the public chools, and says what books shall be used, and seriously interfers with the efficiency of the schools. Recently in should be either changed or cast out Chicago the Roman influence compelled the removal from the course of studies certain histories of England which referred to England as the that the public schools should have histories which shall show what they call "the rapacity and tyranny of Engand in their true light." They would have, the Standard says, all Americans shut their eyes to the fact that in the principles of civil and religious liberty, in the history of the world's ruling race, in literature, in law, in social Being as the statement would make principles and customs, Great Britain Him. It is difficult to see how one is truly the mother country for the could think with respect, not to say best elements in the life of the United | reverence, of an omnipotent being who States. The fact that Rome is not satisfied with any history of England, or, in fact, of any history, that is not edited from Rome, is a proof, not only of its bitter feeling towards England, but that its own course has been such that it is unwilling it should be plainly calls them to accept it.

The papers are telling of a church debt nearly all paid with the money which its lady members would of the revision of the Confession; and have spent for new Spring bonnets. The church is a Presbyterian one, in Cleveland, Ohio. The debt was about \$2,000. The women were anxious for its removal. Some one of them made some form. Several Presbyteries the suggestion about self-denial in the matter of Easter bonnets, so dear to ing a change, and have appealed to the the average woman-and, in another sense, to her husband, too, sometimes. Many leading ministers, including They agreed to do without bonnets. thoughthey carefully kept their scheme servative, have declared in favour of a from becoming known. They got as new statement of belief. There is no much money as usual for bonnet-buy- doubt whatever that a majority of the ing, but instead of handing it over to ministers and members of the Presbythe milliners they put it into the treas- | terian Church feel the need of a chang ury to cancel the church debt. Their and it is quite likely to come soon. husbands and a lot of other people were astonished to see so many women wearing their old bonnets Easter Sunday. The explanation of it all was in the pastor's announcement that the self-denial of the good women had netted \$1,600. The men were so pleased with what the women had done that they immediately added enough to remove the whole deot.

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can Bible Society notes over seventy given of their life that their sisters Bible Societies which have been might enter into life, will be there. engaged in the work of publishing and and the American Bible Society, organized in 1816, has issued about then foreign missionary ground have is not less than 280,000,000 copies, in addition to what has been done by reach a total of at least one-half billion copies. The two largest Societies have always been in very close and friendly

Of the tendency on the part of churches to defer to the world, bis hop Foster of the Methodist Episcopal Church says these clear, strong words: The Church of God to-day is courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The ball, the theater, nude and lewd art, social luxuries, with their loose moralities, are making inroads into the sacred inclosure of the church, and as a satisfaction for al this worldliness, Christians are making a great deal of Lent and Easter and Good Friday and church ornamentations. It is the old trick of Satan The Jewish Church struck on that rock, the Romish Church was wrecked on the same, and the Protestant Church 1s fast reaching the same doom..... Worldly socials festivals, concerts, Dr. Pearson, of Chicago, who and such like have taken the place of had already given to religious and religious gatherings, revival meetings, benevolent objects \$2,000,000, cele- class and prayer meetings of earlier brated his eightieth birthday, last days..... The church goes into shows week, by giving away another half and frolics and festivals and fairs which destroy the spiritual life of the young as well as the old. The extent The question of religious to which this is now carried on is teaching in the public schools has been appalling. The spiritual death it carries in its train will only be known when the millions it has swept into hell stand before the judgment.

REVISION OF CREED.

The recent utterances of Dr. Hillis and his withdrawal from the Presby terian ministry, have reawakened the agitation for the revision of the Confession of Faith. And surely it is time the part of the Confession which has again and again caused so much feeling This is it: "By the decree of God some men and angels are foreordained to everlasting death. And these are particularly and unchangeably designed mother country. They demanded and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either in creased or diminished."

Does anybody believe it? Perhaps some do, but they must be few, very few. To the great majority of chris. tians the statement is abhorrent. They turn away from it with shuddering, and thank God that He is not such a would use His power so arbitrarily and cruelly-damning unnumbered souls, or even one soul, just because He could do so. Such a doctrine dis-I honours the gracious God who has provided salvation for all men, and

The General Assembly of the Pres byterian Church in the United States, which convenes next month, will, doubt less, have to deal with the question just now it looks as though the feeling in favour of a more correct statement of the belief of the body than that quoted above will be given effect in have already passed resolutions favor-Assembly to deal with the matter number who are usually classed con-

A GREAT MEETING.

The Foreign Mission Conference now in session in New York is a great meeting in several respects. Missionaries and representatives of the mission | sheets will be liable to punishment. boards of all christian bodies are met together to compare notes of work done, to arouse greater interest in missions, to provide improved methods, At the Ecumenical Confer- and to stir christians generally to ence on Foreign Missions now in ses- mere complete consecration to, and the exercise of their office as preachers. dred and fifty-six, went to Massachusion in New York, the work of the better support of, the work. The great Bible Societies of the world will scope of the Conference is indicated intolerable. Every Finnish pastor be fully set forth and advocated. The by its title-it embraces the whole suspected of patriotism is carefully three largest Societies, the British and world. Every country will be repre- watched and his sermons taken down Foreign, the American, and the Scott- sented. Its personnel, too, will be by a police-agent in plain clothes ish, will all be represented by distin- world-embracing. Men who have Many godly Finnish ministers, unable guished speakers. The history of these laboured for the church in widely to bear the strain, are making arrangeand kindred societies is one of the different fields, and have assisted in ments either to follow their expatri- rum licenses by a majority of 33, marvels of the nineteenth century. lifting races out of degredation into ated fellow-countrymen to America or and the township favoured licenses by The last Annual Report of the Americaivilization, and women who have to emigrate to Sweden.

There will, of course, be a review of circulating the Word of God on the the past of missionary work and earth, but the three above named are achievements-such a review, probably by far the largest. The British and as never has been. From the wonder-Foreign Bible Society, organized in ful story of a century of missions great | making more arrests for drunkenness been able to secure a reciprocal trade | ship right. 1804, has circulated 160,000,000 copies encouragement will be drawn. The than some people like, and have again arrangement with Trinidad. A reciof the Bible, or some portion thereof, little company of a hundred years ago been told by the Police Magistrate procity proposal made by the United 67,000,000 copies. The total issues of become in their turn missionaries to all Bible Societies during the century other lands then scarcely thought of, license system. It does not matter until, to-day, scarcely a branch of the how much drunkenness occurs, if only great church of Christ, but that feels the official records do not show it other agencies, which would doubtless the burden upon it, and the privilege The policy of the license party and of accorded to it, of sharing in the work. the rum men is to make it appear that

There will be, also, a survey of the present, setting forth the as yet unoccupied fields, very few inaccessible, many only just entered upon. The to say that it does. Hence the fregreat central plateaus of Asia, the jungles of Central Africa, are all within reach, but the heralds of the Cross are far from each other and the vacant spaces need to be filled.

There will be an outlook over th future. What of the century to come Shall it show an advance greater even than that already attained? Here inevitably comes up the question of the methods through which this advance may be secured, the greatest results achieved with the means available. The discussion will cover topics of mighty import and great interest.

Many problems will come up: the relation of the Christian Church to the non-Christian religions, with their strange mingling of the false and the true, questions of Bible translation and the preparation of christian literature, and many others. Glancing over the list of questions to be considered the vast scope of the meeting is seen and thinking of those who are participating in the work-men and women with the wisdom of many years in the CUBA. very heart of the work, one gets the impression strongly that this is an Cuban leader, replying to an address opportunity such as the Church has

nations to Christ.

THE FATE OF FINLAND.

The Russification of Finland goes on apace with a ruthless energy charac- as soon as it was done Mr. Kruger teristic of Russia in dealing with those intended to make a little trip to races within her borders which aspire Europe, to arrange with his friends to the possession of free institutions. Another blow, and a serious one, has been levelled at the Finns by the removal of General Procope from his post as assistant to the Secretary of State for Finland. Procope is a born Finn, a Lutheran, and a man of fine culture, loving his people passionately. His place is to be supplied with a Russian. The campaign against the Finnish press continues. A few weeks ago two leading journals were suspended. News now comes that other representative newspapers have met with a similar fate. The Censor's department announces that no Finnish tell what great things they will do. newspaper will be permitted to report the proceedings of the Diet or of the basket. provincial assemblies without having first submitted the reports to the local Russian authorities: When the Censor first began to strike out articles displeasing to the Russian Government, Finnish editors published their papers policy of retaining the islands, has with a blank space instead of the con- returned either with a changed view demned article. Their readers understood what was meant. It now appears. however, that the Russian police forbid the publication of Finnish newspapers with blank spaces. These spaces must be filled in, and filled in newspaper will suspect nothing. No Finnish editor is now permitted to might have done a year or more back, report the confiscation of any publica- there is but one thing for us to do now to refer to police regulations which he and assume the responsibility for their his paper. Arrangements are now that is that the Filipinos are in no being made to supply every Finnish condition for self-government. If province with a Government organ in civil government were imposed, it people to know. Any Finnish editor and are not raising any objection." publishing news at variance with the announcements in the Government

In other notes on the Finnish quesrestrictions placed on native pastors in The pre ent state of affairs is growing

CURRENT EVENTS. NOTES ON

OO MANY ARRESTS.

The St. John police have been has become a mighty army. Lands that they must not do it. It would States was regarded by Trinidad as not do to have the records of arrests more advantageous, and was accepted. for drunkenness show against the what they call "regulation" lessens do so, but they want the police records quent warnings not to arrest men for drunkenness.

THE CZAR.

It is quite a new thing for a Czar of Russia to move about without being surrounded by soldiers to protect him from the always dreaded attempts upon his life. The present Czar seems determined to inaugurate new ways in many things- His latest was to go through Moscow, as he did one day last week, unattended by a bodyguard. He drove through the streets in an open carriage, and the police were not allowed to interfere with the people getting as near as they chose to their monarch and expressing their enthusiasm as noisily as they wished The Czar shows much good sense. If he had an absolutely freehand in the conduct of affairs he would, doubtless, make great changes. His sensible wife, - a granddaughter of Queen Victoria-is, evidently a great help to

General Gomez, the well-known presented to him last week at Neuvitas, said "Cuba fought against the For this meeting much prayer has dominion of Spain, only to find herbeen made; for it all the Church of self under the heel of the United Christ should continue to pray, that States." He thinks, however, that through it a great impetus may be the American people will eventually given to the work of winning the carry out their promises, in the establishment of Cuba's freedom.

A DELAYED TRIP.

The capture of Ladysmith was in the plan of the Boer leaders, and they had no doubt about succeeding. And there about the disposition of things in South Africa. His trip has been postponed indefinitely.

THEIR MODEST REQUESTS. To satisfy those who apply to her for money, Miss Helen Gould, of New York, would require to dispense about \$3,000,000 a week. Some of the applicants merely write,- "Please send me \$50,000," without saying anything about the uses to which they desire to devote the money. Others write pages of reasons why they should been trusted with a few thousands, and Miss Gould has to have a large waste-

THE PHILIPPINES. About every public man who has gone from the United States to the Philippines with doubts about the or disposed to be silent as to opposition | ready. to the government's policy. Bishop Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, having just returned from a visit made in the interest of missions in the Philippines, and who prior to in such a way that the readers of the going was opposed to retaining the islands, now says, - "Whatever we tion, nor is he permitted in any way and that is to hold on to the islands may have received for the guidance of future. One thing is evident, and Russian, which shall deal exclusively would need a large military force to with Finnish questions from the point maintain it. The better class of of view of the Government, and report | Filipinos are satisfied that American all that is necessary for the Finnish occupation means increased prosperity.

NEW ENGLAND.

Besides the thousands of French Canadians who have made their home in the factory towns of New England, many other foreigners are finding tion allusion has been made to the their way there. Only a few days ago a ship load of Portuguese-five hunsetts. A few go into the country districts, but most of them stay in the

RUM LICENSES.

The village of Sutton, Brome Co., P. Q., has just voted in favour of 114 majority.

The Canadian government has not

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, has enjoyed her visit to Ireland very much. She drives out frequently, and whereever she goes is greeted by enthusiastic expressions of loyalty. She has redrunkenness. They know it does not mained longer than at first intended. She will return to England about Friday of this week.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

The proposal to have the Catholic schools in Winnipeg come under control of the Public School Board of that city has not yet been accepted. The matter is receiving consideration. The Catholic authorities evidently want their schools to be accepted just as they are now constituted, and continued with the same teachers and in the use of the same methods. The School Board will need to have a very clear and specific understanding, else they will find themselves with a lot of absolutely Roman Catholic schools on their hands, supported by the public

RUM MEN IN QUEBEC. Quebec Province has a large number

of parish municipalities under local prohibition. The benefits of the good degree of freedom from the liquor traffic thus secured are very great, and many attempts to remove the prohibition have been resisted successfully. The rum traffic men, however, have recently found a way of circumventing | alleging irregularities in the el the will of the people and establishing | The Court held that nothing had their deadly business amongst them. They have to have the assistance of the Provincial Government, which they find very willing to help them for a consideration. The plan is this Wherever a municipality refuses to grant a license all the applicant has to do is to go to Quebec with a request for a wholesale license, and the government grants it. The wholesale license does not on the face of it, permit the sale in such small quantities as the retail license, but the dealer seems to be able to do a paying business under it in the most quiet neighborhood, and, having once obtained it, he is pretty sure to get the retail license the next time he asks. In this way the rum traffic has been forced upon many peaceful communities which have enjoyed freedom from its curse for ten, twenty and thirty years. Many appeals, some of them most pathetic, have been made to the Premier of Quebec against the violation of the people's rights and wishes by granting such licenses. His answer is that he cannot help it under the law. If that is so, he could help it by the passage of a single clause in amendment of the law. The fact seems to be that the government is glad to be able in this way to serve the rum gang, and secure its support.

Fiel month # # JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

About every week-two or three times in some weeks, it is stated that Russia and Japan are on the verge of war. They may fight some time, but it is doubtful if either party is quite

A CHINESE EDICT. An edict has been issued to all viceroys and governors throughout China directing them to warn the people against acts of hostility towards native christians, and instructing the authorities to severely punish all infractions of this order.

THE PHILIPP INES.

General Wheeler, recently returned from the Philippines, says the back of the rebellion there is broken, though there will for some time be more or fallen sufficiently to permit can less guerrilla warfare. He thinks the Filipinos a people with great possibilities, and urges the establishment of civil government there at an early day. He would give the fullest measure of self-government commensurate with American control.

The industrial condition in many places is not at all satisfactory. Strikes n many United States cities are increasing rather than diminishing. The strikers number many thousands, and as they are mainly skilled labourers the daily loss in wages is very large, to say nothing of the interference with production in various industries.

DISFRANCHISEMENT.

An election bill now before Parliament, introduced by the Solicitor-General, proposes to disqualify and make incompetent to vote all officers leaders are bound, if pos sola

and men of the permanent force, and the officers and men of Mounted Police. The fact that Canadian citizens become for a soldiers does not seem a good re for taking away from them any cit

MR. TARTE IN PARIS.

Mr. Tarte has been having hi interviewed in Paris. He Paris journal that Canada did not any troops against the Transvaal, the government simply authorized enrollment of volunteers, and then till the British government had quested it. He said that probable per cent. of the French-Canad disapprove of the war and Canada should have nothing to do it. He explained that the French various reasons, economic and so had to be loyal; that being in a mi ity, they are under the necessita 'acting with policy and discretibut, he added, "the remembrane the mother land (France) still live Canada,' and he talked about tricolour as "that unique and relic which still binds our heart

A WARM WELCOME.

On his arrival in London last F the Prince of Wales was given as enthusiastic welcome. goes and comes so often that the rarely any special demonstration during his absence this time an atte had been made upon his life, and demonstration on his arrival home the peeple's way of expressing gladness at his escape from death.

THEY FAILED.

The attempt of the rum me overthrow the Scott Act election Westmoreland Co. has failed. made an appeal to the Supreme (shown to invalidate the election, dismissed the application.

WAR NOTES.

The chief interest in the port of the week centered in then cation of a criticism of General B and Warren and some other office the Spion Kop affair, by Lord Reb The report of Lord Roberts had in the hands of the War Depart for some weeks. Why it should given publicity just now is a which nobody seems equal of an ing. Presumably the War D ment knows what it is about, an good reason for the course however puzzling it may be public. Some exports angges Lord R beris comments on the Kop affair were suppressed enough to enable Buller to set h right by relieving Ladysmith, as there will be a second comments the final chapter of the camp which will be complimentary to Buller, enabling him to remain

The report of Lord Roberts bracing Gen. Buller's report to explains the mystery of Spion Buller's plan to take and hol hill was a good one. It was gal captured and held for a whole when a subordinate officer, The rneycroft) in the night time on his own responsibility the of retire! General Buller is of for not seeing that his order carried out. Had Spion Kop held and used as a base of operations the siege of Lady would have been raised several

The Monday reports intimate there was fighting Saturday an day, both north and south of We The despatch says: It is quite po that by this time Gen Sir. Rundle has fought a decisive with the Boers. He entrenche self Saturday to await the arr Gen. Campbell with the 16th by That commander arrived S evening, and news may therefor expected at any moment.

It is still impossible to ascert position of affairs at Bloemfond to learn when the long expects vance northward will begin. spatches conflict regarding the of the preparations. For install Bloemfontein correspondent Daily Chronicle says that the have been supplied with winter ing and that the Modder rise cross. The Standard's repre says almost the exact opposite. ent indications, however, poll still further delay.

During the last few days th been a renewal of Boer activity parts of the theatre of war. acity of the enemy around Col. proves that considerable for still there. Lord Roberts has Lord Methuen to retire from The presence of a Boer 10 Frankfort looks like an inten endeavor to cut off Metheun, be heard of as retiring upon

So far as can be judged by given to the public, the Bost delegates are not having great in their visits and appeals European governments. To the war being fought to a fight only Boer hope. Kruger and have no illusions concerning come of a finish fight, and prolonging the struggle in the some intervention. But inter is not within probability.

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