

TERMS AND NOTICES.

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A western editor has announced that he will edit his paper for one week as the devil would edit it.

Dr. Pearson, of Chicago, who had already given to religious and benevolent objects \$2,000,000, celebrated his eightieth birthday, last week, by giving away another half million.

The question of religious teaching in the public schools has been 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 schools, and says what books shall be used, and seriously interferes with the efficiency of the schools.

The papers are telling of a church debt nearly all paid with the money which its lady members would have spent for new Spring bonnets.

At the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions now in session in New York, the work of the great Bible Societies of the world will be fully set forth and advocated.

can Bible Society notes over seventy Bible Societies which have been engaged in the work of publishing and circulating the Word of God on the earth, but the three above named are by far the largest.

Of the tendency on the part of churches to defer to the world, bishop Foster of the Methodist Episcopal Church says these clear, strong words: The Church of God to-day is courting the world.

REVISION OF CREED.

The recent utterances of Dr. Hillis, and his withdrawal from the Presbyterian ministry, have reawakened the agitation for the revision of the Confession of Faith.

Does anybody believe it? Perhaps some do, but they must be few, very few. To the great majority of christians the statement is abhorrent.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which convenes next month, will, doubtless, have to deal with the question of the revision of the Confession; and 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 some form.

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 boards of all christian bodies are met together to compare notes of work done, to arouse greater interest in missions, to provide improved methods, and to stir christians generally to a more complete consecration to, and better support of, the work.

In other notes on the Finnish question allusion has been made to the restrictions placed on native pastors in the exercise of their office as preachers. The present state of affairs is growing intolerable.

given of their life that their sisters might enter into life, will be there.

There will, of course, be a review of the past of missionary work and achievements—such a review, probably as never has been. From the wonderful story of a century of missions great encouragement will be drawn.

There will be, also, a survey of the present, setting forth the as yet unoccupied fields, very few inaccessible, many only just entered upon.

There will be an outlook over the future. What of the century to come? Shall it show an advance greater even than that already attained?

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.

For this meeting much prayer has been made; for it all the Church of Christ should continue to pray, that through it a great impetus may be given to the work of winning the nations to Christ.

THE FATE OF FINLAND.

The Russification of Finland goes on apace with a ruthless energy characteristic of Russia in dealing with those races within her borders which aspire to the possession of free institutions.

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NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

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MR. TARTE IN PARIS.

Mr. Tarte has been having him interviewed in Paris. He told Paris journal that Canada did not have any troops against the Transvaal, the government simply authorized the enrollment of volunteers, and that till the British government had requested it. He said that probably per cent. of the French-Canadian disapprove of the war and that Canada should have nothing to do with it.

A WARM WELCOME.

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

THEY FAILED.

The attempt of the rum men to overthrow the Scott Act election in Westmoreland Co. has failed. The Westmoreland Co. has failed. The attempt to appeal to the Supreme Court alleging irregularities in the election, the Court held that nothing had been shown to invalidate the election, and dismissed the application.

WAR NOTES.

The chief interest in the report of the week centered in the publication of a criticism of General Buller and Warren and some other officers in the Spion Kop affair, by Lord Roberts. The report of Lord Roberts had been in the hands of the War Department for some weeks. Why it should have given publicity just now is a question which nobody seems equal to answering.

The report of Lord Roberts tracing Gen. Buller's report to explain the mystery of Spion Kop, Buller's plan to take and hold the hill was a good one. It was captured and held for a while when a subordinate officer, Thorneycroft, in the night took on his own responsibility the task of retreating. General Buller is criticised for not seeing that his orders were carried out. Had Spion Kop been held and used as a base of operations the siege of Ladysmith would have been raised several days earlier.

The Monday reports intimate that there was fighting Saturday and day, both north and south of Wepo. The despatch says: It is quite probable that by this time Gen. Buller would have fought a decisive battle with the Boers. He entrenched himself Saturday to await the arrival of Gen. Campbell with the 16th and 17th Divisions, and news may therefore be expected at any moment.

It is still impossible to ascertain the position of affairs at Bloemfontein to learn when the long expected advance northward will begin. The spates conflict regarding the preparations. For instance, Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that the Boers have been supplied with wintering and that the Modder river has fallen sufficiently to permit a crossing. The Standard's representative indicates, however, that the Boers are still further delay.

During the last few days there has been a renewal of Boer activity in parts of the theatre of war. The activity of the enemy around Collyer's proof that considerable force still there. Lord Roberts has retired from the presence of a Boer force. Frankfort looks like an intention to cut off Methuen, who has been heard of as retiring upon the Modder.

So far as can be judged by the delegates are not having great success in their visits and appeals to European governments. To say the war being fought to a finish only Boer hope. Kruger says he has no illusions concerning the outcome of a finish fight, and that the prolonging the struggle in the present intervention. But it is not within probability. The leaders are bound, if possible.

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