pproval of the Imperial t. Introducing the bill in of Commons, Mr. Chamber- d charge of it, explained 74, which makes the urt of the Australian Com- the final court of appeal onstitutional cases, doing appeal to the highest Im- ority—the judicial commit- Privy Council, meant "the of the Imperial veto and rejudicial to the unity of the The government asked to so amend that clause wer of the court of appeal retained.

ame time Mr. Chamberlain important announcement overnment intended at once ce a scheme providing for n of colonial representatives h from Canada, Australia, South Africa—to the Imper- of Appeal. Each will be for a term of seven years. be made life peers and e seats in the House of n after they had ceased to be f the court of appeal. The eems a very good one, and bably receive very general

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UNITED STATES.

er delegates are in the United They searched Europe for found none. In the United ey find sympathy in great ut how much practical help t remains to be seen. New d the fool as was expected of lega ion went down the har- meet the delegates and bid come. Later, in a more for- the Mayor and other civic told the Boer representatives they were to see them, gave e freedom of the city, and m understand that their suc- inst the hated British would York great joy. Boston and ies have intimated their desire me the Boer men, and promise warm greeting. These several ions will, of course, for the of their guests, curse the —perhaps in polite phrases, but artily. At Washington, too, re warmly greeted by a large eeting, in which senators and ntatives figured prominently. hat the United States Govern- ill do is the thing of chief im- e. The delegates bear a mes- from their government to the ent, and they hope to secure his ention in some form. They are to be disappointed Though Presidential election at hand, es of the Fenians and other ympathizers are considered so nt that we need not be sur- at anything that is done.

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TALK.

London Express of Monday had following:

We have the best reason for stat- t, in the last 24 hours, a tele- has been received at the foreign addressed personally to the minister from President Kruger oing terms of peace.

The exact terms of the message be stated, but we believe it ched in an exceedingly humble

"It is inconceivable of course that Salisbury can have sent any re- except the one that stands ready lip of every Briton: "Uncon- al surrender."

WAR NOTES

Everything has gone well the last k. The news of the relief of king, which occurred on Wednes- st, was received on Friday with greatest satisfaction throughout Empire. In London the scenes ch marked the relief of Ladysmith re repeated. In Canada and else- there were demonstrations of For many days prior to the relief interest was centered chiefly in king, because it was known that heroic garrison must be reduced to t the last extremity of need. But beseiged never lost heart. Every sage that came from them breathed finest spirit, and gave the impres- of invincible courage. And up to very last they planned and fought the true heroes they are. Just the siege was raised they cap- a lot of Boers, one of the officers a grandson of Kruger. The n telegraphed her congratulations l. Baden-Powell and his gallant and sent messages of sympathy and inquiries about the women and ren.

No particulars of the relief have to hand at this writing. A Cape- despatch of the 20th says that relief column as it approached king from the south was attacked strong force of Boers who were ulsed. The column then pushed and the Boers retreated hurriedly. The rear guard continued in action for some time. The British casualties were slight.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez, of the same date, says, "On Thursday the entire Boer force around Mafeking, including the guns, was captured by the British." This is not official.

Lord Roberts is still at Kroonstadt, resting his men, and making ready for another forward movement His forces have not been idle, though getting in shape for another advance.

Thursday Hutton's mounted infantry surprised and captured about thirty miles northwest of Kroonstadt Commandant Botha Field Cornet Gassen, five Johannesberg policemen and seventeen Boers. The Botha captured is not the Commander-in chief.

It is believed that Lord Roberts will be moving early this week, and may be at the Vaal before many days.

General Buller has had a successful week in Natal. He has driven the enemy before him, occupying in succession Dundee, Glencoe, Dannhauser and Newcastle Bullers latest despatch from Newcastle (Saturday) says:

"General Clery moved to Ingogo today and General Dundonald to Laing's Nek. We almost caught up with the tail of the enemy's column and have captured a few prisoners and wagons. The men have marched very well indeed. I left Ladysmith May 10 and, by the road used, am now one hundred and thirty miles from there."

Methuen entered Hoopstad Thursday unopposed. Generals Duprey and Daniels and forty men have surrendered. Broadwood occupied Lindley Thursday after slight opposition. Only two of the men were wounded. Steyn was not there and his government officials had left some days before.

General Rundle and General Brabant are taking possession of the wide regions around Ladybrand. They find the country plentifully supplied with cattle, horse feed and flour. General Rundle is feeding his men and animals largely off the country.

A special despatch from Kroonstad says that Commandant Dewet has sent word that he is prepared to surrender conditionally with his entire commando. He stipulated that his men should be allowed to return to their farms. Lord Roberts replied that the surrender must be unconditional.

General Hunter was the first to hoist the flag in the Transvaal. When he reached Wedgraal after twelve miles march from Fourteen Streams, with a strong force, up the course of the Vaal he found that the Boers were retreating on Christiana, which is situated on the river about 20 miles northeast of Fourteen streams and he accordingly determined to push on. Outside Christiana it was seen that the federals were on the run, and Hunter then resolved to make a state entry into the town and hoist the British flag. A detachment of fusiliers under Barton was selected for the duty and it was carried out amid great cheering. This is the first time since the outbreak of the war that a British force of any dimensions has invaded the Transvaal.

Gen. Brabant is reported to have captured 1,500 Boers at Clocolan.

The rapid march of Lord Roberts with his large army is exciting comment among the military experts of other nations. His strategy has this admirable feature—the enemy is driven back and there are but few lives lost.

A Dane who was captured by the South African Horse, says that there are five hundred Frenchmen with the Boers who are opposing General Buller, together with many Germans and other foreigners.

A Canadian battery of 15-pounders arrived at Beira, Portuguese East Africa, May 10. It is not stated which of the Canadian Batteries this is.

The Free Staters have had enough of war, and are surrendering on all sides. One of President Steyn's brothers, who is a prisoner of General Brabant, says that the Free Staters will accept annexation. Those who took up arms the second time, he explains, had to do so under threats of instant death if they refused. Five hundred rifles have been surrendered at Kroonstadt in excess of the number of Boers who have taken the oath of allegiance. Lord Roberts has directed the British commanders to receive all comers in a good spirit and to issue to them passes to go to their farms.

It is reported from Capetown that a proclamation annexing the Free State will be issued on the Queen's birthday.

Heilborn, not Lindley, is now the temporary Free State capital It is not safe to say where it is now. The cartoonist who pictured Steyn hauling his capital around on wheels, and making him sigh for a balloon so that he might get his capital out of the reach of the British, describes well the situation.

Enthusiastic and unanimous gatherings in South African cities call on the British Government to listen to no compromise with regard to the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Both must be brought under British sway and then all parties will get equal rights all the time. The Dutch in both Natal and Cape Colony naturally plead for easy terms and conciliation, the loyal British section insist on British supremacy.

President Steyn is reported as saying:

"Sooner than leave this country to fall into the hands of the British, I would destroy all our houses and leave it a desert." His obstinacy is more marked than his sense. The people of the Free State, whom he led into war with the British who had cared for and even petted them, and against whom they had no grievance whatever, are not likely to think him so wise as he thinks himself.

White flag treachery by the Boers continues. Lord Roberts intends making an example of the guilty ones in a recent case in which a British patrol was fired on from a house flying the white flag near Klipfontein.

The Boers destroyed the machinery about the Dundee coal mines except in one instant. All private property was looted.

The nights are cold now in South Africa, but the days are hot.

There has been a good deal of fever in the British camps.

Col. Baden Powel, the hero of, Mafeking, is the son of a minister.

Predictions about the speedy closing of the war are freely made. The less knowledge the "prophets" have the more confidently do they fix the date of the end. Lord Roberts being asked about it, after he had reached Kroonstad, replied: "I regret that I cannot give any reply to your question, as it is impossible at present to predict when the campaign may end.'

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—Again I have allowed a considerable time to pass without writing to the INTELLIGENCER. Some have asked why I haven't written. The only reason I can give is that I have had nothing specially interesting to write, and, also, my fingers are getting stiff, so that it bothers me to hold my pen. But, to-day, I take up my pen to again send you a few lines. One thing I can say, the Lord has been very good to me the past winter. I never had any better health in my life than I have had the past year. I remember only two Sundays that I have not preached somewhere, sometimes twice, and two Sundays three times each, but I found that too much for me. Last Autumn, when I saw the disposition of brothers Fenwick and Daggett to supply the First District with labour I told them I would help them out what I could, so I spent a week or more up there; about Christmas I spent another week, and I supplied for brother Fenwick two or three times, once for brother Daggett and went another time, though owing to the severe storm we did not have meeting. I kept up a regular appointment at South Wakefield until brother Clark got his work along so he could take it up. Along in March I concluded I would go to Queensbury and Prince William and make a little visit among old friends. I went and had a fine visit, fine weather and fine roads, and the old friends were as glad to see me as I was to see them. Since then I have been at Hainesville (what we used to call Caverhill). There brother S. J. Perry has had a good revival, which has helped the people generally; every one I talked with said the people were very much helped. On my way back I had a meeting at Campbell Settlement in the morning, and at Southampton in the afternoon I spent last Sunday morning in Campbell Settlement. I expect to spend the four Sundays that now remain before the District meetings begin up in the First District.

J. NOBLE.

Woodstock, C. Co.
May 17th.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—The churches of the Fifth District will need to notice the change in the time of holding the annual meeting, as announced in another column.

THIRD TIER.—At Third Tier, C. Co., on the 13th inst., seven persons united with the church—two by baptism, one on experience, and four by letter. The two baptized were children of Rev. H. Hartt, who administered the ordinance. It was a beautiful baptism. It was touching to witness a father burying his children in Christian baptism.

Rev. M. Atkinson, (Baptist) and I exchange pulpits next Sabbath, 20th) inst.

J. J. BARNES.

MINISTER'S.—Rev. H. A. Bonnell writes that he is enjoying the work in his new field (the Narrows pastorate very much.

Rev. J. J. Barnes, we regret to hear is not in very good health, though he keeps about his work. The doctor tells him it would be better for him if he had less riding to do.

Rev. G. Swim is not going to Temperance Vale as was intended. He went to Nova Scotia last week, intending to spend a Sunday or two at Canning.

Rev. A. H. McLeod, who last week graduated from the Divinity School, has assumed the pastoral care of the Grand Manan churches, lived at and served the East Raymond, Me., church during his attendance at the Divinity School. A correspondent of the Morning Star, writing of his departure, says:

"He and his family, during his pastorate here, have endeared themselves to a large circle of friends. May God bless our brother in his new field of labor, and may the influence for good he has exerted during his pastorate of three and one-half years be long remembered."

THE PEOPLE'S AMEN.

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

In the first book of the Chronicles we are told that, when the ark of the Lord was brought back to Jerusalem, a grand thanksgiving service was appointed by King David. Asaph led the choir with his cymbals, and Benaiah conducted the band of trumpeters. When the jubilant psalm of praise had been rehearsed by the Levites and the choir, then all the people said Amen.

If my readers will turn to the fourth chapter of the book of Nehemiah, they will observe that the ruined walls of desolate Jerusalem were rapidly rebuilt after the captivity. Why? Simply because every man did his best. Each one brought his contribution of wood or stone to the right spot; the apothecaries helped the merchants, and the merchants helped the goldsmiths. "So built we the wall," says the sacred historian, 'for the people had a mind to work."

In these two passages from the good old Book lies the secret of spiritual success for every church; and no other success is worth striving for. The secret is that the people must worship, and the people must work. In fact, there can be no genuine worship in God's house if all the praying is restricted to the pulpit, and all the praising is restricted to choir and organist. The heart of the church must be thoroughly alive; its hands must be busy; its voices must unitedly say Amen! No revival blessings are likely to come this year where a pastor prays and preaches in one direction, and his people are preaching and practicing in an opposite direction.

I do not for a moment underrate the prodigious responsibility of the pastor. He commonly shapes the course, and "sets the pace' for his congregation. If his idea is to make his church something very like to a social club, with little regard to its high spiritual mission, then it is more likely to be a winner of pew-rents than a winner of souls. His people will be ready to throng any sort of entertainment from an oyster supper or tableau party to a sacred concert or a bazaar. They will crowd a church sociable, and leave their prayer meeting to be an ice-house. To attract the "young people" by various devices will be regarded as of more consequence than to build up his hearers, old and young, in personal godliness, and to lead sinners to Christ Jesus. If the pastor strikes such a keynote, then it is not improbable that his people will say "Amen," especially if he be a stirring, sociable, and popular man. But if you look at the report of that church in the Minutes of the General Assembly, or in the year book of any other denomination, you will see a pitifully small list of additions on "confession of faith." The fact that the social is put so far above the spiritual in too many churches is one cause for the lamentable diminution of conversions.

But suppose that the pastor is what every ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ ought to be, a firm believer in the infallibility of the everlasting Word, a zealous lover of his Master, and an unselfish, untiring laborer for the salvation of souls. He aims not only to make good people better, but to reach the wandering and the impenitent; he preaches faithfully to the unconverted, and, like the great apostle, he "ceases not to warn night and day with tears." Is it positively certain that this faithful and conscientious minister will reap a good spiritual harvest? No! my good readers, no, he will not unless you and your fellow-members say "Amen" to his efforts. He can stand a small salary better than he can stand a small audience on a cold Sunday, or a small prayer meeting during the week. He delivers his gospel message faithfully and lovingly, but he is not one whit more responsible for results than you and the other members of his church are. It is your church as much as it is his: your vow to serve Jesus is as binding as his vow, the joy of winning souls is as open to you as to him. He is trying to draw souls to Jesus; I beg you, don't draw the other way! If one of your family or one of your Sabbath-school class comes home from the sanctuary thoughtful and tender, then strive to deepen that impression. If by the Holy Spirit's aid he has melted any hearts, then strike while the iron is hot! Suppose you take the opposite course. Then the downward pull of your trifling talk and your foolish criticisms, and your worldly home-life and your too inconsistent conduct, are an overmatch for the upward lift of his faithful preaching. Who doubts that if all our church-members preached Christ as faithfully by daily practice and by personal efforts for the conversion of souls as most evangelical ministers preach Him in the pulpit, the lamentable droughts would give place to revival showers and glorious harvests?

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DENOMINATIONAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

The annual session of the Fifth District will convene with the church at Upper Hampstead, Q Co., on the last Friday in June, at 10 o'clock a. m. The first meeting will be a social one.

DAVID PATTERSON,
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FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH DISTRICTS.

Forms for church and Sunday school reports, and for lists of contributions to the several denominational funds, have been sent to the Clerks of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts. Churches not promptly supplied with forms should write their District Clerk.

JOS. MCLEOD,
Cor. Sec. Gen. Conf.

FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS.

Forms for Church and Sunday-school reports, and for lists of contributions to the several denominational funds have been sent to the Clerks of the First and Second Districts for distribution to the churches in those Districts. Churches not promptly supplied with forms should write their District Clerk.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District Meeting, at Upper Kent, Carleton County, the fourth Friday in June. To attend, Rev. Wm. DeWare (who will preach annual sermon), Revs. J. B. Daggett, J. J. Barnes, and C. T. Phillips.

Second District, at Coldstream, Carleton County, the third Saturday in June. Annual sermon by Rev. Wm. DeWare.

Third District Meeting, at Stanley, York County, the third Friday in September, at 10 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. G. W. Foster.

Fourth District Meeting, at Fredericton Junction, Sunbury County, on the second Friday in September, 1900. To attend, Rev. J.N. Barnes.

Fifth District Meeting, at (place to be arranged by District Executive), the last Friday in June. To attend, Rev. John A. Robertson, A. D. Paul, C. T. Phillips.

Sixth District Meeting, at (place to be arranged by District Executive), the second Friday in July. Rev. F. G Francis to preach annual sermon.

Seventh District Meeting, at Beaver Harbor, Charlotte Co., the third Friday in August.

Rev. J. Noble and Rev. J. McLeod are appointed to attend all District Meetings, as far as practicable.

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