Ninety-Sixth Grand

-The news from South Africa to-day

is entirely satisfactory to the British

public. The relief of Mafeking is not

yet announced, but it is extremely pro-

bable that this is already accomplish-

ed by Cot. Plumer's advance. Eady

Charles Bentick, at Cape Town, has

received a telegram from her husband

in Mafeking, dated March 12, saying

that he expected to join her shortly.

The actual relief movements have not

been publicly developed in detail, but

it seems that Lord Methuen only

started very recently, and is rather

engaged in dispersing the Boers of the

district, than aiming at actual relieft.

Col. Peakman has dispersed 500 Boers

at Fourteen Streams. Lord Roberts

probably ascertained from Mr. Frazer

the new mayor of Bloemfontein, be-

fore despatching General Pole-Carew southward, that in all likelihood the

railway was clear. The next move

will be to collect at Bloemfontein by

railway, sufficient stores for the im-mense army Lord Roberts will have

mense army Lord Roberts will have when the Orange River forces have joined him. This will probably occupy two or three occasions. Therefore the next important operations may be expected in Natal. The cavalry brigade which Lord Roberts has sent to Thaba Nchu, 35 miles east of Bloemfontein, is destined to cut off some 2,000 Boers, who are escaping from the southward. The Boers are reported to have de-

who are escaping from the southward. The Boers are reported to have destroyed the railway in the neighborhood of Kroonstadt. Lord Kitchener is still quietly organizing in the north-east of Cape Colony. Predictions and betting are beginning here that the war wild be ended by the middle of May. Despatches from Durban, Pietermaritzburg, and other

Durban, Pietermaritzburg, and other South African texts describe most

South African towas describe most enthusiastically celebrations on St. Patrick's Day. A London newspaper credits to Lord Roberts the suggestion to the Queen that the wearing of shamrocks be permitted.

BOERS SUBMITTING.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein, dated Friday, March 16, says:—"We are getting rifles sur-rendered faster than a factory could

rendered faster than a factory turn them out. It is quite certain that if a British official can reach the northern langers with Lord Roberts' proclamation the whole Boer population will declare for peace."

Bloemfontein, Saturday, March. -Gen: Fole-Carew's force has return-turnd from Springfontein, where a junction was effected with Gen. Gat-

acre. Gen. Pole-Carew also proceeded to Norval's pont, from which point he heliographed to Gen. Clements that

1,800 Free Staters had submitted at

A despatch to the Daily News from

Bloemfontein, dated Friday, March 16, says:— Events have occurred which induce me to predict that the war will role, last so loved as it taken to

will only last so long as it takes to march to Pretoria. The educated

Burghers Are Surrendering on all Sides

End of the War in Sight.

mediation

terior. According to this Mr. Davis said: When I left Pretoria the Boers

were becoming desirous of peace. President Kruger and Gen. Joubert

President Kruger and Gen. Joubert were the strongest opponents of the peace party, but they were becoming exceedingly unpopular. I do not believe the Boers will resist much longer." The correspondent says Mr. Davis declined to speak regarding his mission, but that the general belief in Naples is that, he is bearing peace terms and a request for American

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FROM LORD ROBERTS.

London, March 19.-The war office

has received the following despatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Suday, March

The Guards' -Brigade returned yes

terday from Norval's Pont. Several burghers have laid down their arms

The officer commanding at Belmont

The officer commanding at Belmont reports that some deserters have come in with a Maxim, a nine-pounder and another gun. Another nine-pounder has been brought into Colesberg.

The Cavalry Brigade has gone to Thaba Nichu in order to reassure the inhabitants of the district and to distribute copies of the proclamation to the Orange Free Staters. These proclamations are being eagerly sought after.

Lord Methuen reached Warrenton

on March 16. He was in time to pre-

vent the deviation bridge from being

ompletely destroyed and to secure the Pont on the Vaal.

The English mail was despatched from here by rail yesterday, and to-

morrow the regular army service with Cape Town will be reopened.

Marcking reports all was well on

As Well as Theology are the Mc.

Master College Boys.

An Interesting Interview With Chancellor Waliace - Something

About the Great Baptist

Educational Institution.

the relief of Ladysmith," said Chan-cellor Wallace to The Planet. "The

McMaster boys marched through the

city visiting the offices of the news-

papers and winding up their parade in

front of the parliament building where they called out the cabinet ministers and

had speeches from them which they punctuated with cheers. The force of

collegians was so strong that a citize

asked one of the theological class how the students of McMaster University

"Toronto was wildly enthusiastic at

Pole-Carew.

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will only last so long as it takes to march to Pretoria. The educated Boers, even the Transvaalers, are ready to accept the inevitable. I am told that a corps of 2,000 women has been formed at Pretoria. It is called the Amazon corps. All the members are uniformed in kilts and armed."

The Naples correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs an interview he has had with Webster Davis, United JOHN NORTHWAY & CO. JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

Edenburg.

FROM LADYSMITH

Buller's Troops are Anxious to Push on.

The Boers Admit a Loss of Nearly 5, 000 Men Prior to Their Late

London, Monday, March 19.-Gen Buller is reconnoitering east and west of Ladysmith, and is in touch with the enemy. According to Winston Churchill, there are 14,000 Boers, with 20 guns, in the Biggarsberg region. They will have to be caught sooner or later. The British troops are anxious to try, and the feeling is general that ere long they will be permitted to

do so. A despatch to the Times from Lady-A despatch to the Times from Lady-smith, dated Sunday, March 18g says: "Our advanced camp is on Sunday's river, two miles north of Elandshaagte. The Boers hold two positions on the Biggarsberg range, about ten miles north. The strongest is on the New-castle Road, where several guns have already been mounted, and where they are digging extensive trenches. The are digging extensive trenches. The second position, which is on the Dundee Road, is not so strong.

Pretoria, Friday, March 16.— The chief of the intelligence department, Molengraaf, announces that the federal losses, prior to the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmath, were:—Killed, berley and Ladysmath, were:—Killed, 677; wounded, 2,129; accidents, sickness and other disabling causes, he asserts, bring the total to 4,351.

Capt. Carl Reschmann, the United States army officer detailed to observe the conduct of the war from the Boer side, returned here this moraing from the Modder River. BOER LOSSES.

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managed to organize and turn out so quickly." was the apt reply of the embrgo preached, 'we simply dis-organized the classes.'

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These institutions are doing good work. By the way we have a Chatham boy with ue, Thos. Cornish. He is a clever young fellow and is doing well." Chancellor Wallace tells a good story

at the expense of Dr. Potts, of To-ronto. "Dr. Potts, as you know," said the Chancellor," is one of Toronto's ablest and most eloquent preachers and is probably one of the best known and best liked preachers in the site. is probably one of the hest known and is probably one of the hest known and best liked preachers in the city. Dri, Potte, too, is a great money raiser and he is all the time collecting. In fact he regards the collectious as most important. Everyone appreciates the doctor's ability in this respect. The other day the doctor was taking a ride on a crowded belt line car. The conductor was a genial, witty Irishman who knew the doctor well. The Methodist divine paid his fare and asked for a transfer but the conductor being husy neglected to give the slip to the doctor who became impatient and said, "My man, you haven't given me my dector who became impatient and said,
"My man, you haven't given me my
transfer yet?" "That's all right." re
plied the ready son of Erin, "but you
see I am busy with the collections and
you know well doctor that is the most
important part of the business." The
doctor appreciated the joke and goodnaturedly joined in the laugh that
followed the Irishman's clever saily.

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