

## CURRENT EVENTS.

Good rains in India have brought relief, and good crops are practically assured throughout the famine tracts.

A council of Filipinos in the province of La Laguna, representing the peaceful citizens of the province, as well as those under arms, has refused to accept the peace proposals of the United States authorities. The people demand unlimited self government and unqualified independence. In some parts of the islands, however, there is evidence of more or less willing submission to American rule.

Chicago has an ordinance to prevent needless noise within the limits of the city. It is expected that a rigid enforcement of this new law will make the great city well nigh as quiet as a village.

The Duke of Abruzzi (ah-broot-see), a nephew of the late King of Italy, has returned from his attempt to reach the North Pole. Though he did not succeed in this attempt, some members of his expedition reached a point some twenty-five miles farther north than that attained by Nansen in 1895, and were but a little more than 200 miles from the Pole when they were compelled to turn back.

There have been seven deaths from the bubonic plague in Glasgow. The disease, however, seems to be under control, and little alarm is felt because of its presence. A strict quarantine is placed upon all vessels coming from that port to Canada.

The highest point of land in the city of Galveston, Texas, was submerged during a violent storm on the 8th of September. A large part of the city was destroyed and about 5,000 people perished.

Our fellow subjects of the Fiji Islands are taking steps for confederation with New Zealand.

A way of telephoning without wires, and a way of greatly multiplying the power of the human voice so that it can be heard at a distance by the unaided ear, are announced as the latest additions to the wonderful inventions of the nineteenth century.

The most important event in reference to South Africa is the appointment of Field Marshall Lord Roberts as Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in place of Lord Wolseley. The appointment was made on the 68th birthday of Lord Roberts, and is a popular one throughout the British Empire. He has been a soldier for nearly half a century. His military record in India is told in his wonderfully interesting book "Forty-one years in India." In South Africa his deeds are well known.

President Kruger has left the Transvaal with the professed object of going to Europe to obtain intervention. He is at Lorenzo Marques, awaiting a passage to Europe and is subject to surveillance by the Portuguese authorities to prevent his carrying on political or military plans while in neutral territory.

The war is now practically over, but scattered guerilla bands of Boers are still giving trouble.

The Chinese question is still a threatening one. Stories are constantly arriving of the most revolting and inhuman massacres of native Christians, the sufferings of missionaries, the destruction of missions, and apparently no attempt is being made to stop these outrages; it is more and more evident that Chinese officials are inciting fresh outbreaks. The political situation is a little more reassuring, and there is a brighter outlook for cooperation between the powers.

The destruction of the city of Galveston, Texas, by storm and tidal wave, in September, was one of the most terrible disasters that has befallen any city on this continent. It is estimated that the loss of life is from five to six thousand out of a population of 40,000. Thousands of people who escaped were rendered homeless and penniless by the destruction of the city.

The elections in Great Britain are now going on, and the indications are that the Salisbury government will be sustained by a large majority. The Canadian novelist, Gilbert Parker, has been elected as a supporter of the government, and a son of that distinguished Canadian, the Hon. Geo. Brown, formerly editor of the *Toronto Globe*, has been elected to represent Edinburg.

The presidential election in the United States takes place early in November.

The general election for the Dominion of Canada will take place soon; probably in November.

The strike in the Anthracite coal mines in Pennsylvania, has become very formidable. Nearly 140,000 men are idle.

The September number of the *EDUCATIONAL REVIEW* for the Atlantic Provinces of Canada, is the first we have seen, and we like it. Published at St. John, the editor for New Brunswick is Mr. G. U. Hay, whose *Supplementary Readings in Canadian History* we have already mentioned more than once. The *REVIEW* might with profit be added to the library of either our Public School or Collegiate Institute—or both. The various provinces of our Dominion should be better acquainted, and the intellectual intercourse can be best fostered in the schools.—*Orillia (Ont.) Packet*.