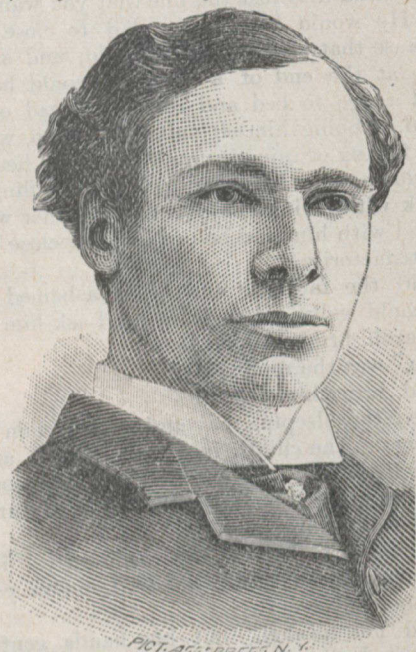


CURRENT EVENTS.

Professor J. G. Schurman, President of Cornell University has been named a member of the commission appointed by President McKinley to investigate the situation in the Philippines and to advise him as to the best policy to be adopted with regard to them.



Professor Schurman is a Prince Edward Islander, and gives his native province ample reason to be proud of one of her most distinguished sons.

The Peace treaty was ratified by the United States Senate on the 6th February, by one vote more than the two-thirds necessary to secure the concurrence of that body to a treaty document.

"Fighting Joe Martin" or the "Stormy Petrel" of Canadian politics as he has been called by one of his victims in the west, has succeeded, as Attorney General of British Columbia, in getting the legislature of that province to pass an alien law by which American miners are prohibited from the rich Atlin district, which is supposed to contain more gold than the Klondike. The Act may be disallowed, in consequence of the result that it may have at a critical moment on the labors of the joint high commission which is still sitting at Washington.

Aguinaldo, the leader of the insurgents in the Philippine Islands, has proclaimed a republic, and demands recognition on the part of the United States and Spain. He has many Spanish prisoners in his hands and threatens to use them against the United States. Hostilities were begun on the night of the 4th inst. by an attack on Manila, which was defended by Gen.

Otis and the fleet under Admiral Dewey. The attack was a fierce one. The fighting continued during the next day, with the repulse of the insurgents. The battle was renewed on the 7th with great loss to the Philippine insurgents and their complete dispersion. It is said they were supplied with arms by German agents. Agoncillo, the emissary of the Philippian insurgents in New York, fled to Montreal on the first news of the fight.

There arrived in St. John in January over 2,000 Doukhobors, emigrants from the Caucasus regions in Russia. These were transported over the Canadian Pacific Railway to their future homes in the Northwest, in the territory of Assiniboia and the upper waters of the Saskatchewan. A second company of Doukhobors, consisting of about 2,000, arrived at Halifax two weeks later, and, as there was a case of smallpox on board, the emigrants are detained there in quarantine before being sent to the Northwest. Another company is expected in April. These are an industrious agricultural people, simple in their way of living. They are peaceable, and do not believe in fighting. They have evaded the conscription laws in Russia, and thus involved themselves in a conflict with the authorities, which has ended in their emigration to this country with the consent of the Russian government.

'ROUND TABLE TALKS.

J. D.—Would you kindly, through the columns of the REVIEW, give some advice on the parsing of the verbs in the following sentences :

"Your deeds *would make* the statues of your ancestors blush."

"He *is learning* to read."

"The man *did not return*."

Should the words *would* and *make* be parsed separately, or as one verb.

"Your deeds *would make*," etc. *Would* here is not a principal verb followed by the infinitive "to make." It does not express determination. *Would make* is perhaps best regarded as the subjunctive mood, in a tense that is called—not very fitly—"future indefinite." See Meiklejohn's *English Language*, pp. 38, 39, par. 15 ; p. 54 ; p. 53 (*d*), new edition, par. 40, (vi) (*a*) (*b*).

"*Is learning*" = verb, reg. weak, trans., active, indic., present imperf., sing., third,—agreeing with its subj. "He."

"The man *did not return*." Here "did" is an auxiliary of negation. See above text, new edition, p. 53 (*a*). Compare West's Grammar, p. 137. "*Did return*" = verb, reg. weak, intrans., (act.), indic., past indef., negative form, etc. H. C. C.

M. P.—Will you kindly through the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW give me addresses of firms publishing works on Primary work.

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