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## THE PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

Before these lines are read the Council which represents the Presbyterianism of the world will have met in Toronto. The programme covers meetings extending from Sept. 21st to 30th, and furnishes for discussion a wide range of subjects, such as:—the Protestant Reformation—its spiritual character and its fruits in the individual life; and, its influence in communities and nations, on their moral and religious condition, their intellectual state and progress, and their civil and political institutions:—

*Our Reformed and Presbyterian Churches*, in their characteristics and mission, in their unsolved problems and unemployed resources:—  
Conference on Foreign Missions—The cultivation of the missionary spirit at home, home raining of missionaries, (men and women) for the foreign field, native agents and their training, native churches and self-support, and the relation of native churches to the home churches:—

Our churches and their work among the Aborigine, the African, and the Immigrant peoples of the United States and Canada; Negroes, Indians, Europeans, and Asiatics:—

The position and difficulties of the churches in the European Continent, and methods of assisting them:—

Conference on Spiritual life; the work of the Holy Spirit, personal and family religion, revival:—

The relations and duty of the Church to outside agencies doing christian work; young men and young women's Christian Associations, Christian Endeavor Societies, Kings Daughters, Guilds, &c &c, and the lessons to be learned from such societies:—

The Biblical idea of the ministry; the minister as a teacher, and as an organizer and administrator.

The training of the ministry; in view of the results of theological thought in apologetics and

Biblical criticism, the social, mental and philanthropic activity of to-day, the tendencies of modern educational systems, and the demand for an increased number of ministers and short courses of study.

Sabbath schools, the home or inner work of the church, the aggressive movements of our churches.

Christianity in relation to social problems; the wage question, the land question, the drink question, the church going question among various classes, the recreation question.

Aspects of Romanism; on the Continent of Europe, in Great Britain and her colonies, in North and South America, in the Foreign Mission Field.

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**Cholera's Lessons.**

To use the threatened invasion of Cholera as an argument for Foreign Missions may seem at first sight far fetched, but a knowledge of facts might lead even those who care not for the heathen, or for Christ's command to preach to them the gospel, to see, that in self-defence, it would pay richly to evangelize the world. The following from the *Indian Standard* speaks its own lesson:

"The Mela at Hurdwar lasted long enough to generate cholera in its most virulent form. When the Government interfered and broke it up the pilgrims took the disease with them to all parts of the country. How long will Government permit these melas to become hotbeds of disease? How long must the many be made to suffer for the mistimed enthusiasm of the few? The disappointed priests, the hope of whose gains ended with the appearance of the prohibitory edict, are bringing an action of damages against the Government for 1½ lakhs of rupees. It is interesting to hear from themselves as to the profits they hoped to make. But how would they look if a counter-action for damages for loss of life were brought against them for every case of cholera that could be traced to Hurdwar?"