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EDITORIAL.

'A Reservist Colony for the Transvaal.'

The "Spectator" gives a very readable article in a late issue, under the above caption. It throws out a suggestion which seems to have much in its favor. Though in all probability the Dutch in South Africa will be quite quiet as soon as the war is over, it will be an extremely convenient arrangement if we could have in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State a considerable body of men of British birth and sympathies, accustomed to the use of the rifle, and able to support the cause of self government within the Empire both by their votes and their guns. Now, some 30,000 of our soldiers, as soon as they get back to England, will be on the reserve, either as old reservists or as time-expired men. Why not induce these men instead of going home to remain in South Africa as colonists? To tempt such men it would be necessary to offer them some substantial advantage, e.g., a farm, and something in cash to

stock it with, and then instead of selling off the old mules and the broken down transport carts to some Jew or Indian speculator, give them to these military settlers. Again, it might be possible for the local government or governments to pay them a sum equal to the sum they would of course receive from the British Government.

In this way the land in South Africa would be settled up by a strong, active, intensely loyal body of men. Whether they would be a success or not is hardly a question to be disposed of in a few lines. It is conceivable that their loyalty might sometimes get the better of their discretion, and possibly their presence might be a perpetual source of irritation to the Dutch settler. We ourselves think with the "Spectator" that if such a scheme were well and carefully worked it would meet with a very large measure of success.

Does Your Parish Contribute?

In this, our first issue for the new year, we would wish to call the attention of the clergy and laity of the different parishes of the diocese to the importance of sending in contributions of news or other matter. Some parishes (two of them amongst the most important in the diocese) have never yet been represented in the pages of the MAGAZINE. It would be a great strengthening of the hands of the Editors if every parish and mission priest or curate would do his utmost to have his field represented each month,