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Amerent Topics.

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Kop and the retreat of the British forces could of the Tugola. has been marked by a period of at least apparent inaction. The news from the seat of war has been acanty and unsatisfactory. Various rumers, some of them wild and wholly improbable have been circulating, as for instance, General Buller's alleged statement that he would be at Ladysmith 1 a wock. The lacest despatches say that the war office has not up to this data hear informed that he has asset say that the war office has not up to this date been informed that he has even recrossed the Tugola. In fact, in spite of the columns of despatches published daily, there is little but conjecture and uncertainty. It is probable that Roberts and Kitchener have by this time been able to size up the situation and it is positively assected by those who pretend to one farther than the average observer that there are already and it is positively assorted by those who pretond to see farther than the average observer that there are already signs of a now general plan of campaign mapped out and inaugurated by General Kitchener. Certainly this already famous British General has a splendid opportunity of showing what he can do, of bringing order out of confusion. bxity of purpose out of the result of random or not-too-well-directed effort, and victory out of defeat. It is probably due to Kitchener and Roberts having taken over the conduct of the campaign that there is a built in the storm. And it is possible that when next heard from there will be lively news and plenty of it.

Hon. Dr. Borden is Canadian credited with the state-outingents. ment that the Domin-

ion Government does not intend to pay the cost of the maintenance of the Canadian troops during the war. The Government intends to the war. The Government intends to adhere to its original intention of furnishing and delivering at its own expense the two contingents ready for action. On the other hand the Opposition will advocate the full payment of the troops during their period of service. As far as we can judge there is no call the Canadian Government to go further in the matter than the Britis further in the matter than the British Government expects, and the country has done well enough in equipping and despatching the two very creditable representative bodies of Canadian soldiers. If the military policy and programme which some papers are advocating for Canada is to be carried out, the Government will have need of all its superfluous cash for home ex-penditure. In the meantime the Canspenditure. In the meantime the Canadians—as well as the Australians—are being given an important share in the operations which Roberts and Ritchener are inaugurating for the invasion of the Crange Free State. They are said to be engaged in clearing the northern part t Cape Colony of the rebels who are mpeding the progress of the British proops, and recently they had another much with the enemy at Badenhurst in which they were auccessful, though some of their number were wounded.

some of their number were wounded.
The fear of searlet fever, which has broken out at Halifax, is said to have deterred the Militia Department from ordering the Mounted Rifies to leave Toronto and O. B. Battery to leave Kingston. It is likely, however, that both will start for Halifax in a few days. Another member of the first continuous Another member of the first comingent is dead, namely, Private J. E. Farley, cf St. Thomas. He belonged to B. Company of the Royal Canadian Regi-ment. He died in the hospital at Orange

These can be but one canada and opinion concerning the the Empire, attitude of Canada towards the British Empire, of which she forms a prominent portion. Liberal and Conservative papers [alike give forth the same dominant note ! -Inperialism-loyalty and assistance to the Motherland. and assistance to the Motherland. This sentiment which has been growing throughout the country since the Queen's Jubice has been intensified by the atroggle going on in South Africa. If it is the duty of a government to

If it is the duty of a government to hearry out the will of the people, then the duty of the present government at Ottawa is plain and simple. No doubt, during the Session opened on Thursday the let inst. there will be much dis-cussion over the war in South Africa, and ever the relations of Canada with the Empire. The expediency of equipping and sending the Canadian Contingents without first summoning

Parliament may be criticised, but it will not affect the general scatiment of the people. Politicians may grow warm in the atmosphere of the Commons, but there can be no successful attempt made to thwart the evident and expressed will of the great bulk of the Canadian people. of the great, bulk of the Canadian people. Whether this development of Imperialism, introducing at it has done the spirit of militarism, is best for Cauada romains to be seen. At the present crisis, it is useless, probably detrimental to the best interest of Cauada, to question the wisdom of entering so closley, so actively and so enthusiastically into caparals and wars in which is the causerials and wars in which is the control of the caparals and wars in which is the caparal wars i so closloy, so actively and so ontuisias-tically into quarrols and wars in which Great Britain may be involved. But when the war is over and the reckeoing day comes, the country will doubtless settle down caimly to weigh the losses and gains on the edge of Imperialism. At any rate the effort to make party capital or to gain any equally unworthy and by softing one section of the Cam-adian people against another is calcul-ated to do more harm than a decade of peace can obliterate.

The Speech from the Throne. Congratulations on the continued prosperity of the country and the remarkable increve of trade and revenue. It states that, in view of the breaking out of hostilities between Great Britain and hostilities between Great Britain and the South African Republic, it was deemed expedient to anticipate the action of Parliament in the master of equipping and sending the Gausdian Contingents to the seat of war. Gratifying allusion; made to the action of Lord Statethern in cognificant and ministric. Contingents to the seas of war. Gratitying allusion's made to the action of Lord
Strathcone in organizing and maintaining at his own expense a third body of
Canadian troops. Mention is made of
her Majesty's appreciation of the loyalty
and patriotism displayed by the Canadian people. One of the leading measures of the Season will be a Bill providing for the cost of the Contingents.
The Speech also calls for the more careful inspection of certain exports as wall
as adequate provision for the antitary
protection and medical care of workingmen. It suggests the formation of
a Board of Conciliation to try and settle
the difficulties and conflicts that from
time to time ariso between workmen
and their employers. Immigration te
Manitoba and the Northwest Territories
has been larger than any previous year,
while special attention has been paid
to the repatriation of Oanddians. The
subject of a Railway Commission apsubject of a Railway Commission appears to be under the consideration of pears to be under the consideration of the Government, and Canada's Canal System, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic seaboard is said to be completed for vessels of fourteen feet draught.

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Measures will be introduced:—

To renew and amend the existing

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To regulate the rate of interest payable upon judgments received in the courts of law.

To provide for the taking of the next decennial coursus.

For the better arrangement of the electoral districts

To amend the oriminal code and the

laws relating to other important sub

It has been expected for some time that the fer fer United States Government would decide to grant the Filipines are considered with first volume of the report of the Philippine Commission, which recommends a government of the Philippine Commission, which recommends a government of the Philippine analogous to that of a Territory of the United States, with a government of the philippine analogous to that of a Territory of the United States, with a government of the philippine analogous to that of a Territory of the United States, with a governor appoint of the United States, with a governor with the United States of of towns in a territory, while the provinces are to he invested with substantial the functions of a county in a territory. The Filipines are to elect thair own officials with no help from American officials, except such as would be involved in controlling local government, at Manila. The suffrage to be restricted by educational or property qualifications, or both. The system would necessitate a small body of American officials of great ability and integrity, and patiences and seet in dealing with other races. It is probable that the produment of the finite form of government of this character would tend to win over the Filipines to the recognition of the United States as a sovereign power. The Commissioners claim that the Filipines are not ripe for cell government and as Chanda and the Australian colonies, easy under Great Britain's role. The Irish University Question.

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As the Forty-eighth Annual Revulen of Birmingham (Eog) Cathelies, the Misch Rev Dr. O'Dwyer. Bishop of Limerick, delivered a memorable and cloquent oration on the Irish University Question. The following letter or orget from Cardinal Yaughan was read at the Langueto on the occasion:

"I much regret my inability to sceep the invitation to attuod your annual rennin. I am in strong sympathy with the claim that will be urged by the Bishop of Limerisk—the elsim of the Cathelie University that shall be in handy the control of the Cathelie University that shall be in handy the country of the Cathelie Cathelie

London that there so good to voices will be leard.

Prejudice is slowly yielding to the presente of Justice. The Church of England, represented by the Archibaltop of Cauterbury and other prolates, acknowledge the legitimacy and force of the claim put forward by Irish Catholica. It is the less enlightenen section of English Protestants—some Dissenting bodies—who have yot to learn that it is wrong and tyranulosi to force upon the Irish propie the principles and prouding that gives the propies of the pulse of English that is not by relevent of this it is wrong and tyranulosi to force upon the Irish propie the principles and prouding that it is the point of the pulse of English that is the point of the index that is the point of the index that is the point of the propies of the p

rector. John Heary Nowman, everything they could desire (applance). By a coincidence not to be overlook of that ovening. Nowman at that time was a preast in the olive of Birmoulam. The work that Nowman at that time was a preast in the olive of Birmoulam. The work that Nowman did in Irclaud has not passed away. He laid the found atlone of their Universities, and though yn negual laws and that splicit in the laid the found at the second of the second of the county of the county in the laid the found at the laid the found at the laid the laid the found was tracted by the Catholic mirely extended that his country room would not forget. What They Owed to Newman, and that they would remomber that it was he who first gave them the tangible realization of their plans and demonstrated the rights of the Catholics in Ireland to have a University, by showing their power to maintain it (hear, hear, and applance). Amidst many, many discouragements Nowman began the work in the simple reliance of a Catholic, and the practical wisdom and asgacity of the head of the Church whose commissioner he was fifty years ago. In simple but profound language he said, "It is the decision of the flely See. St. Poter has spoken; it is he that has soplosed on us that which seems so unpromising;" and in that simple faith and loyalsy of a Catholic, Newman began to work fifty years ago, and in that same spirit shey were now, amidst great discouragement, still struggling to maintain the work, and the same motive that drew him

## A Methodist Bishop's View

This is an extract from a rocent sermon of a Methodiet Bishop:

"I have a great deal of respect for Roman Catholice and the Roman Catholic holice and the Roman Catholic holice are servinger as I grow older. I do not think that we can afford to criticise stronger as I grow older. I do not think that we can afford to criticise Catholice until we display at least equal soal in the service of the Master. Who are they who fill their churches to worship fod while before daylight? Who are they who fill their churches to worship fod while we are in our beds? Who throng our streets, prayer book in hand, with revent faces, aye, and with perhaps as received hearts as any of you here? They are sealous faithful Catholics who believe in the truth or their Church, and feel bats through it alone they can worship the God whom they fear and love.

ago bad but three churches in New York, and are now filling all our Protestast cities and towns. What right have we to compisal that this is so? Why should we abuse them because their clurches crown the noblest momenoe in the land? Let us possess curselves of these witness and qualifies which they have in a stronger degree than we, and those, added to what we alread possess, will put us to a position where we may claim the right to criticise their action.

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"Rose's bestification was at last pronounced by Clement IX. (1855 to 1867), and his successor, of the same name, the tenth Clement, placed this American riprin on the roll of saints nearly fifty years after her death. Even the intercession of Kinge Philip IV. and Charles II. of Spain was poweriese to hurry the process by a single month. The various commissions and authorities, by the way, examined altegether 185 witnesses to Rose's holy life and miraoles."

New Scets.

Of making books, said the wise man, there is no sud. The same is true of Protestant scets. In 1806 fifteen new scots were registered, sight in 1806, four 1897 fire in 1898 and five in 1899.
The names are curious.—Baptiri Brethran, "Church of God, "Rebew Congregationalist" "Brotharhood Church," and "Ambulance Guspel Mission." At the present moment the varieties of Protestantism amount in number to 310. If any argument could aufice to constant in ground principle of Protestantism private interpretation of Hoty Scriptre, this should amply suffice Here are 310 different and contradictory denominations, all holding their own roading of the Bible is the only tire one. The Bible is undoubledly God's Word but undoubtedly it does not teach three hundred and ten sets of toloritises. Such a babel of confusion can newer cease until the autheritative teaching of the Catholic Church is accepted in applacation of what the Bible really contains.

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Men and Women

A horrid man wrote a natty article reflecting upon woman's sense of honor, and a Woman's Club at its fortnightly meeting arraigned the unknown writer and gave him his quietne. The pen may be mightler than the word, but what is sharper than a woman's tonguo? And so this nojudicious acribbur got the sex down on us, and had not a word to say against us, nor a title of cridence to show in approx of the sperious cast upon the character of the sex. Fope very tray says:

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"And to be wroth with one we love Doth work like madness in the brain,

And a greater than Coloridge hath mid, "Trifice, light as air. Are to the jealous, confirmations strong As proofs of holy writ."