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## CHURCH UNION DRAWS NEARER

HARMONY EXISTS AMONG THREE DENOMINATIONS-HISTORIC REPORT PRESENTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

The following is the official report of | believe that our first parents, the assemblies of the three churches man can be saved but by His grace. concerned at their next meetings next summer. The substantial unity and believe that God, out of His great love three denominations is a marked fea- gotten Son to be the Saviour of sinture of the findings of the committee.

Presbyterians, Methodists and Congre- We believe also that God, from the begationalists are here formulated; the ginning, in His own good pleasure, possible lines for framing a policy for gave to His Son a people, an innumerthe united church, the arrangements able multitude, chosen in Christ unto of pastoral service without a time holiness, service and salvation. it, settlement and transfers of pasrelations of a minister to the doctrines matter of administration is left in the meeting of the general committee.

The delicate question of the relation United Church is decided: The candidate for ordination must believe himself a child of God, truly called to the ministry, must hold the Holy Scriptrines necessary to salvation, and be resolved to teach nothing not in conformity with them, and-this was the the doctrine of the United Church, as he understands it, to be agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, his own personal faith being in essential agreement with it, and his adherence being pledged to it. The official report follows:

The joint committee on church union. representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, met in the Metropolitan church, Toronto, on Wednesday, December 20th, and the following day.

Harmony and Good Feeling.

kingdom throughout the world.

In this statement it is not necessary of comfort. only the reports of the various sub-They will be sent forward to the goy- after, a new obedience to God. verning bodies or councils of the varibe deemed advisable.

unanimously adopted:

That this joint committee, having re- sonship. ceived the reports of the various sub-

On motion it was ordered that the able to the nature of man. embodying the reports of the sub-comtheir committees.

committee as expressed in the adopted preserving grace of God reports of the various sub-committees.

Article I .- Of God-We believe in the perfect in us. one only living and true God, who is a Spirit and the Father of our spirits; infinite, eternal and unchangeable in vealed in the Ten Commandments, and His being and perfections; the Lord Almighty, most just in all His ways, Christ, is forever established in truth most glorious in holiness, unsearch- and equity, so that no human work able in wisdom and plenteous in mercy, shall abide except it be built on this full of love and compassion, and abun- foundation. We believe that God re-We worship Him, Father Son and Holy Spirit, love mercy, and to walk humbly with three persons in one Godhead, one in his God; and that only through this substance and equal in power and harmony with the will of God shall be glory.

lieve that God is revealed in part in made manifest.

nature, in history and in the heart of Article XIV.—Of the Church—We man; that He has made gracious and acknowledge one holy catholic church, clearer revelations of Himself to men the innumerable company of saints of of God who spoke as they were moved every age and nation, who being unitby the Holy Spirit; and that Jesus ed by the Holy Spirit to Christ their Christ, the Word made flesh, is the head, are one body in Him, and have brightness of the Father's glory and communion with their Lord and with the express image of His person. We one another; further, we receive it as gratefully receive the Holy Scriptures the will of Christ that His Church on of the old Testament and New Testa- earth should exist as a visible and ment given by inspiration to be the sacred brotherhood, consisting of those faithful record of God's gracious revel- who profess faith in Jesus Christ and ations and the sure witness to Christ, obedience to Him with their children, as the Word of God, the only infallible and organized for the confession of His

We believe that the central, wise, holy for the upbuilding of the saints, and and loving purpose of God embraces for the universal propagation of the all events, so that while the freedom Gospel; and we acknowledge as a part of man is not taken away, nor is God more or less pure of this universal law relative to these matters can bethe author of sin, yet in His provi- brotherhood every particular church dence He makes all things work to- throughout the world which professes gether in the fulfillment of His sover- this faith in Jesus Christ and obedieign design and the manifestation of ence to Him as Divine Lord and councils.

Creator, upholder and governor of all Supper, the two sacraments instituted things; that He is above all His works by Christ, to be of perpetual obligaman in His own image, meet for felant ratified in His precious blood, and on matters under its immediate adminresolved out of the said Scriptures to butter?" Dairyman—"Gertainly, madam. tion, and the minister accepted Flamtrate no more newspapers, save for choose between good and evil, and for- ance of which His church is to confess and fact be submitted to a judicial charge, and to teach nothing which is Fair Customer—"If the last I got of you

the proceedings of the joint commit- tempted, chose evil, and so fell away and of the Holy Ghost is the tee on church union, prepared and from God and came under the power published under authority by the sec- of sin, the penalty of which is eternal retaries. The reports of the various death; and we confess that, by reason sub-committees as adopted by the joint of this disobedience, we and all men and typifies our union to Christ committee supply the tentative basis are born with a sinful nature, that we and regeneration of the Spirit of union which is to be submitted to have broken God's law, and that no and the washing away of our sins. The

Article VI .-- Of the Grace of God-We ners, and in the Gospel freely offers

Article VII.-Of the Lord Jesus Lord Jesus Christ, the only Mediator of the church, are set forth, and the between God and man, who, being the Eternal Son of God, for us men and hands of a sub-committee to prepare a for our salvation became truly man, detailed report for the next annual being conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, without sin; unto us He has revealed the Father. of a minister to the doctrines of the by His Word and Spirit making known the perfect will of God: for us He fulfilled all righteousness and satisfied eternal justice, offering Himself a perfect sacrifice upon the cross to take tures as containing sufficiently all doc- away the sin of the world; for us He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, where He ever intercedes for us: in our hearts joined to Him by nice point to determine—must believe faith, He abides forever as the indwelling Christ; above us and over us all for us. He rules: wherefore, unto Him we render love, obedience and adoration as our Prophet, Priest and King forever.

Article VIII .- Of the Holy Spirit-We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who moves everywhere upon the hearts of men, to restrain them from evil and to incite them unto good, and whom the Father stinued in session during that and is ever willing to give unto all who ask Him. We believe that He has spoken by holy men of God in making known His truth to men for their salvation; Throughout the whole session the ut- that, through our exalted Saviour, He most harmony and brotherly feeling was sent forth in power to convict the prevailed, all the members apparently world of sin, to enlighten men's minds being animated by one purpose, name- in the knowledge of Christ, and to perly, to reach conclusions that would be suade and enable them to obey the call for the glory of their common Lord, of the Gospel; and that He abides with and the more rapid extension of His the church, dwelling in every believer as the spirit of truth, of holiness, and

to give details of the proceedings, but | Article IX.-Of Faith and Repentance -We believe that faith in Christ is a committees as adopted by the joint saving grace whereby we receive Him, committee. It is to be understood that | trust in Him, and rest upon Him alone these reports are not final. They only for salvation, as He is offered to us in indicate the lines along which the com- the Gospel, and that this saving faith mittee has been proceeding to ascertain is always accompanied by repentance. if a basis of union can be reached that wherein we confess and forsake our will be satisfactory to all the churches, sins with full purpose of, and endeavor

Article X .- Of Justification and Sonous churches for such action as may ship-We believe that God pardons our sins and accepts us as righteous solely The judgment of the joint committee on the ground of the perfect obedience respecting these reports is summed up and sacrific of Christ, received by in the following resolution, which was faith alone, and that believers are tity of the family, to uphold the just moved by Rev. Principal Scrimger and adopted as sons of God, with a right seconded by Rev. Principal Shaw, and to all the privileges therein implied, in in all honesty, purity and charity that

Article XI.-Of Regeneration-We becommittees on doctrine, polity, the lieve in the necessity of regeneration. ministry, administration and law, and whereby we are made new creatures tions, and declare unto them that God of the chief officer of the highest court also the reports of the various denom- in Christ Jesus by the Spirit of God, was in Christ reconciling the world inational committees, rejoices to find who imparts spiritual life by a secret unto Himself, that He will have all the substantial unity existing among and wonderful operation of His pow- men to be saved and to come to the together with the chairmen of the sevthe negotiating churches and feels en- er, using as the ordinary means the knowledge of the truth. We confidentcouraged in continuing further nego- truths of His word and the ordinances ly believe that by His power and grace

lieve that those who are regenerated our God and of His Christ. mittees, and that the same be trans-mitted to the Supreme courts or high-acter, through fellowship with Christ, est bedies of the churches through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that, a holy life It was further ordered that the sec- is the fruit and evidence of saving retaries give the widest publicity faith; and that the believer's hope of through the press to the findings of this continuance in such a life is in the

And we believe that in this growth In compliance with these instructions in grace Christians may attain to a full the reports as adopted are here ap- assurance of faith, and to that maturity of faith working by love which the Report of Sub-Committee on Doctrine. Scriptures call the love of God made

Article XIII.-Of the Law of God-We believe that the law of God, remore clearly disclosed in the words of quires of every man to do justly, to fulfilled that brotherhood of man Article II.-Of Revelation-We be- wherein the kingdom of God is to be

name, for the public worship of God, Article III.—Of the Divine Purpose— for the administration of sacraments,

Article IV .- Of Creation and Provi- Article XV .- Of the Sacraments-We dence-We believe that God is the acknowledge baptism and the Lord's rule should be sent down.) lowship with Him, free and able to as means of grace through the observ- istration, and that such matters of law ever responsible to his Maker and her Lord and be visibly distinguished committee for its consideration and refrom the rest of the world.

being name of the Father and of the Sor sacrament which implies our relation to the covenant of grace and our consecration to the Christian life, ers, and infants, presented by their parents or guardians, in the Christian should promise to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of most solemn obligation to provide for their Christian instruction.

> wine are given and received in thankrifice on the cross, and which they who any church, charge, circuit or congre in faith receive the same do, after a gation. spiritual manner, partake of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to three negotiating denominations with their comfort, nourishment and growth in grace. All those may be admitted ances, Sunday schools and young peoto the Lord's Supper who make a cred- ple's societies be sanctioned Lord Jesus Christ and are living in all modifications be left to the general obedience to His law, and are free assembly of the United Church. from scandal, crime and open sin. Article XVI.-Of the ministry-We believe that Jesus Christ, as the Supreme Head of the church, has appointed a ministry of the word therein and calls men to this ministry; that the

(2) The Lord's Supper is the sacra-

church, under the guidance of the Spirit of Christ, recognizes and chooses those whom He calls, and who shall be thereupon officially set apart to the work of the ministry. Article XVII .- Of Church Order and

Fellowship-We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the sole head of the church, that its worship, teaching, discipline and government should be administered according to His will by officers chosen for their fitness and duly set apart to their office: and, although the visible church may contain unworthy members and is liable to err, yet believers ought not lightly to separate themselves from its communion, but are to live in fellowship with their brethren, which fellowship is to be extended as God gives opportunity to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Article XVIII .- Of the Resurrection the Last Judgment and the Future Life-We believe that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust, through the power of the Son of God, who shall come to judge the quick and the dead; that the finally impenitent shall suffer eternal death, and the righteous shall shide in blessedness for ever with God. Article XIX.-Of Christian | Service and the Final Triumph-We believe that it is our duty, as servants and vate worship of God, to hallow the Lord's Day, and to preserve the inviolability of marriage and the sancauthority of the state, and so to live cluding a conscious assurance of their our lives shall testify of Christ. We ments to secure necessary and desirjoyfully receive the word of Christ, able settlements. bidding His people go into all the world and make disciples of Divine appointment in ways agree- all His enemies and ours shall be finally overcome, and the kingdoms of this minutes of this meeting be printed, Article XII.—Sanctification—We be- world shall be made the kingdom of

N. BURWASH, Chairman. D. M. RAMSAY, T. B. HYDE, Secretaries.

Report of the sub-committee on Polity.-Your committee submit the following recommendations, which were passed unanimously, as indications of the lines along which they believe it possible to frame a polity for a church to be formed by the union of the three negotiating denominations:

(1) That the governing bodies of the church to be formed by union be four in number; that the names of the three highest be the general assembly, the annual conference and the district council.

(The Presbyterian committee expressed a desire that the names of the ternative courses, constituted as fol- line runs from Peshawar in a northwestthree governing bodies should be the general conference, the council, and matriculation: (1) three years at least of the Kabul river, facing the Fort the Presbytery.)

(2) That each of these governing podies be composed of an equal number of clergymen and laymen, to be chosen by the governing bodies next pelow, the ministerial members of each annual conference to be the ministers on the rolls of the district councils within its bounds.

(3) That the general assembly meet every second year; that its presiding sponding to a session, a quarterly officer be also the chief executive officer of the United Church: and that during his term of office he be relieved of his pastoral duties.

(4) That the general assembly have full power to legislate with respect to: (a) The number and boundaries of the annual conferences. (b) The qualifications of the minis-

(c) Matters of doctrine, discipline government and worship, subject to the condition that before any rule or come a permanent law it must receive the approval of a majority of either the annual conferences or district

(No recommendation was made as to which of these the proposed law or

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uestions of the administrative funcions of the general assembly should be dealt with by the committee on admin-

istration.) (6) That the annual conferences be ubordinate to the general assembly; that they meet annually; that they have power to determine the bounds of the district councils; that they hear and decide appeals subject to the priilege of appeal on questions of law to the general assembly.

(Your committee believe that the adninistrative functions of the conference and its relation to the ministry should be dealt with by other committees.)

(7) That the district councils be subordinate to the annual conferences; that they receive reports from and have oversight of individual churches or charges and mission stations.

(8) That the local affairs of the inproper subjects of baptism are believ- dividual church charge, circuit or con gregation be managed by local boards, sessions or committees, subject to the essential harmony existing among the for the world, has given His only be- faith. In the latter case the parents general legislation, principles and discipline of the United Church, and that such boards, sessions or committees be The common doctrines held by the His all-sufficient salvation to all men. the Lord, and the church is under the constituted and elected or appointed as at present, or elected at the option of such church, charge, circuit or congregation: and, further, that the formulament of communion with Christ and tion of a plan for the organization of with His people, in which bread and new charges be left to the general assembly of the United Church, which tors, training for the ministry, and the Christ-We believe in and confess the ful remembrance of Him and His sac- plan may at any time be adopted by

(9) That the present practices of the respect to membership, church ordinible profession of their faith in the these churches when united, and that Submitted by instruction of the com-

mittee JOHN J. MACLAREN, JAMES W. PEDLEY, WALTER C. MURRAY, Conveners. SAMUEL LYLE, Secretary.

Report of Sub-Committee on Ministry. Pastoral Office, Including Term of the union committee, the names of Service—Recognizing the desirability of preserving the essence of both the mittees, and the reports adopted. Meansettled pastorate and the itinerancy, this committee is of the opinion that a harmony of both principles is pos- of all concerned sible, and that the best features of both systems may be retained. We, therefore, recommend as follows: (1) Pastoral service shall be without

a time-limit. (2) Ministers on their own applica ion, and a pastoral charge, through its governing body, in writing, may, at the end of any one year, seek a change of pastoral relation by application to he settlement committee.

(3) Any charge may extend an invitation to any properly qualified minister or ministers, but the right of appointment shall rest with the settlemen committee.

(4) There shall be settlement comtions of the church annually, whose | -has, it is understood, been transferred, duty it shall be to consider all applications from ministers or charges for war. The projected railway, there is reasettlements within the section over son to believe, says Reuter, will follow which they have jurisdiction.

friends of Christ, to do good unto all ancy occurring at any time, to make men, to maintain the public and pri- an appointment to such a vacancy for frontier, but in order to avoid misconthe current year, after consultation ception, as the railway will approach with the congregation. (6) The settlement committee shall also have authority to initiate corres- Highness the nature of the scheme. pondence with ministers and charges.

with a view of completing arrange-

(7) There shall be also a committee on transfers, which may be composed most difficult part of the route between vener and chairman of the committee, eral sectional committees. This committee shall have authority to transfer ministers and probationers from one section to another in harmony with

the plan outlined in sections 4, 5, 6. (8) It shall be the policy of the church that every congregation shall have, as far as possible, a pastorate without interruption ,and that every effective minister shall have a charge. (9) It is suggested that members of the settlement committees shall be appointed by official bodies corresponding to the existing synods, conferences, or

(10) The minister in charge shall be the presiding officer of the governing body of each congregation within his pastoral charge. Training For the Ministry.

On this subject the committee recommends as follows: "That the attainment of a B. A. degree is desirable beis unattainable, that there be two al-

college. Further, that no candidate be received for the ministry unless he has been first recommended by a body correboard or a local church

The Relations of a Minister to the Doctrines of the Church.—The commit-(1) That the duty of inquiry into the personal character, doctrinal beliefs Mail. and general fitness of candidates for

trict council. (2) Further, that candidates for ordination shall be asked the following questions:

of the Christian ministry, and that They asked their mother about her. your motives are zeal for the glory of desire for the salvation of men? (b) Are you persuaded that the Holy (5) That the general assembly be the Scriptures contain sufficiently all doc-Supreme Court of Appeal for questions trines required for eternal salvation in and in them all; and that He made tion as signs and seals of the convenion of law, and also for questions of fact our Lord Jesus Christ? And are you instruct the people committed to your My reputation rests upon my butter."

not agreeable thereto? Article V.—Of the Sin of Man—We (1) Baptism with water into the (Your committee thought that the doctrine of the United Church, as Chicago Daily News.

you understand it, to be agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and is your own personal faith in essential agreement therewith; and as a minister in this church do you pledge adherence thereto?

W. PATRICK. Chairman. J. S. ROSS,

Secretary, Report of the Sub-Committee on Adninistration.—Your committee beg to report that, with the exception of the a Republican in theory, is a notable union conference last year, no meeting of this committee has been held until this afternoon, when an informal dis- successful opponents of Sonnino, then cussion took place of the methods of the supporter of Pelloux and his coeradministration that obtain in the three negotiating churches. After a somewhat minute consideration of the principles upon which the various churches manage their missionary, educational, benevolent, publishing and other agencies, it was decided to report to the general committee that while obstacles to the organic union of these three churches may have to be faced in conconverted the obnoxious bills into law. nection with the questions of administration, this sub-committee believes by deeds and words proclaimed the nethey are not likely to prove more diffi- cessity for the intervention of the cult than many that were successfully dealt with in former union movements, hated man in Italy; all his real serand can all be removed if approached in a spirit of mutual concession and viled. Real services they were, for with a due regard to existing interests. When he undertook, between the years Dr. E. D. McLaren, Dr. Chown and of 1892-96, to reorganize the finances of W. Pedley have been appointed to prepare for presentation to the general bankruptcy-the government discredmmittee at its next annual meeting detailed report of the various agencles of the negotiating churches, and parently no resource. Setting his of the methods followed in their adnistration, and authority is hereby requested to forward their report (after it has been adopted by your committee) to the denominational committees on church union, to be transmitted by them to their supreme courts. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the sub-committee on administration. J. SOMERVILLE. Chairman, E. D. McLAREN, Secretary. In a short time a pamphlet will be prepared and printed, as was done a

ear ago, embodying the minutes of those composing the various sub-com-

while what is printed above is commended to the prayerful consideration Signed on behalf of the joint union committee.

A SUTHERLAND. E. D. McLAREN, T. B. HYDE, Secretaries. Toronto, December 23, 1905.

THE DEFENCE OF INDIA.

An important decision has been taken towards the Afghan frontier for the purposes of which the staff of the Quetta-Nushki railway-the line ninety miles nittee appointed for the various sec- long which was opened a few weeks ago or is about to be transferred, to Peshathe course of the Kapul river. There is (5) The settlement committee shall no question, as has been stated, of obte empowered, in the event of a vactual taining the Ameer's permission, for the line will not go beyond the administrative the border very closely, the government of India will doubtless explain to His

A Valuable Alternative Route. The Kabul river line will prove a valuable alternative route to the Khyber, and, although short, will overcome the Peshawar and Kabul. Another length depends on the route finally adoptof the country the extension from Peshathe frontier or in an eventual extension

Within British Limits Only.

In present circumstances, however, there can be no question of any railway towards Kabul going into Afghan territory, any more than there can be in the case of the present railway towards Kan-General MacDonald for the Kabul river lows, both starting from university erly direction to a point on the right bank in arts, followed by three years in the- Michni, and then follows the stream, ology; (2) two years under the super- within British limits only, towards Dakvision of a body corresponding to a ka, the line terminating at Samfai, a district meeting or Presbytery, with point on the Durand boundary on the appropriate studies, and four years of Kabul river. Following the winding of a mixed arts and theological course in the stream, this line would be about sixty miles in length.

"WHY DON'T YOU SELL FATHER?"

drinking again!" "'But, mother,' cried the kids, 'Jinny

was a fair sample, your reputation cer-(c) Do you believe the statement of tainly rests on a strong foundation." day." Silence was maintained while added to the ten already voted for the

## THE ITALIAN MINISTRY

Sources from Which the Prime Minister Has Drawn His Support,

The advent of Sydney Sonnino as the result-year 188, nays 221; a clear premier and minister of the interior, in majority of 33 votes against the govcompany with Ettore Sacchi, acknowledged leader of the Radical party, and Pantano, a fervent Mazzinian, and still event. Eight years ago. Sacchi and Pantano were the most formidable and cionary measures growing out of the disorders that occurred in all the great of the various non-Conservative parcentres from Milan to Bari, Coercive laws were introduced in parliament, and then the obstructionists, none more determined than Sacchi and Pantano, commenced operations and rendered all discussion impossible. On this, Pel-Again, Sonnino stood by Pelloux, and crown. He was at that time the bestvices to the country forgotten or rethe country, Italy was on the verge of ited by the bank scandals, commercial and industrial depression, offering apshoulders to the wheel, he succeeded in lifting the state coach out of the rut; by economy to the bone and merciless taxation, he restored equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, and gained a signal victory. The country, as a whole, breathed freely; honor was saved; foreign nations applauded. But the taxpayers, bleeding at every pore hated the hand that had saved their country at their individual cost; and when the hour of vengeance fell, they added their stones to the hailstorm that assailed the unpopular minister! "The skies might fall, but never more could Sydney Sonnino sit on the mini terial benches.". Yet, there he is, prime minister, home minister, acclaimed as a necessity by the country, and feebly opposed by the supporters of Giolitti and Fortis. Downfall of the Fortis Ministry.

The modus vivendi with Spain aroused the hostility of all the wine producers, vendors, and consumers of the ountry. Fortis declared that he would stand or fall with his colleagues. They were censured, but some sixty-four of the hostile voters affirmed their confidence in the general policy of the ministry, and Fortis, in an evil hour. llowed himself to be persuaded to attempt the reformation of the cabinet. No one would join the second Fortis ministry-no one of any note or value. for the extension of a strategic railway On which, after a crisis of forty days, he presented himself to the ho seven new and three of the old minis-

The scene of the three days that followed explain the phenomenon of a Sonnino-Sacchi-Pantano ministry, Fortis attempted a feeble refutation of the arguments brought forward by the chiefs of the opposition, and at the close challenged Sonnino, "who appears to be the commander-in-chief of these diverse oppositions (cries of yes! yes! yes! from all sides of the house), to expound his and their ideas. My opinions I will explain when I know yours. Sonnino did unfold his views, and the house listened to his lucid speech with breathless attention. He reviewed the history of the last five years, reiterated promises of reform, not one fulfilled, and no shame manifest when delinquencies were brought home to the sinners. He dwelt, as an instance of the insincerity of the Fortis ministry, on ant consideration is that it is outside the postponement of the railway liqui-Afridi territory. It avoids the gradients of the Khyber route, over which it postonement of the railway liquidation. He next depicted the anarchy and chaos of all the administrations of sesses great advantages from an en- the state; then dwelt on the governgineering point of view. Not only will ment and local administration of the and enrolled himself under the banne the railway form an important extension southern provinces, and narrated the of Bertani and Cavalotti, but, thous of the Indian system, but it will be useful electoral scandals of the late bye elecin the event of any assistance from India being required by the Ameer. The outrageous interference of the govern-Kabul river line will leave the existing ment and its agents had brought the railway at some point between Peshawar communes to the verge of revolt, endand the terminus of Jamrud. Its actual ing in the fortunate defeat of the ministerial candidate. Of his criticisms of ed, for which there are certainly two the general corruption, of the anar- Pantano, whose acceptance of office alternative surveys, but from the nature chical condition of elementary instruct has astonished many and utterly sea tion, and of education in general, of dalized the holders of antediluvian war would have to be 30 to 40 per cent. military disorganization, no resume judices, was born in 1843. He took longer than the direct route, whether to can give an idea; but his animadver- degree as surgeon and physician, sions will be remembered when he puts at once devoted himself to the st to Kabul, if the Ameer desired a railway his hand to the helm, as will also his of sociology, in which he is an acknowledge. exposition of the great public services edged proficient, A Garibaldian on of transportation and communication- Volturno, he also followed the Duc railways, trams, post, telegraph, tele- his pilgrimage through Sicily to rhone, etc. In ecclesiastical policy he "bitter mount," where the hero's blood maintained his invariable position- shed by the King to whom he neither persecution, provocation, nor given Sicily and Naples, so revolted petty warfare; respect for all creeds fore a student enters upon the study dahar, which has its railhead at Chaman law of guarantees, and at the same repugnant to him. As believer in Maztime rigorous and vigilant maintenance | zini and his doctrines Pantano was and of all the rights of the state, which is, but the absurdities and pretension ought to be fully able to provide for of the Republican party often disgust its own aims and intentions in the ed him. Still, for liberty he always fields of justice, morality, and culture. fought to the last ditch. The state, in short, must be capable of carrying out its own policy, and yet to man and steel to steel. But allow dissentients to labor freely to fight over and victory won, Par attain theirs.

Defence of the Government Policy. Only one deputy rose to defend the taking part in all the discussions government. Giolitti's self-defence was agricultural and economico quest weak and continually interrupted and showing real competency in tariff contradicted. The only other speech ters. Often selected as reporte Thomas Ryan, in the course of an tending to elucidate the why and commercial and industrial questions amusing address to a gathering of Acton cabmen in Acton Priory Schools Central in the present ministry was Sacchi's, tiations with Switzerland and Australian and Australia hall, told an anecdote of a costermonger who gave his reasons for voting who, after hard drinking, signed the against the ministry, while admitting at the congress of Ancona carried so pledge and prospered, says the London that a cabinet "all of one color is at absurd rules for the conduct of elected Present impossible." He had no fear and elected on which he quietly "The first money he saved from knock- for liberty "conquered and defended publicly withdrew from the association the ministry shall be laid upon the dis- ing off the bottle he spent in getting his by a people imbued with a sense of its and from all official contact with hair cut. This kind of extravagance went | rights and duties." It is the practical | party. Ousted from his old college on till they'd saved enough to buy a use of liberty that is now necessary, its of Terni in 1904, chiefly through 'moke.' Oh! she was a daisy. Jinny application to all the wants and ener- hostility of his late comrades, he was they called her, and they kept her in the gies of national life, whereas during elected for Giarre in his native Sici (a) Do you believe yourself to be now parlor downstairs—yes, that's the fact— the government of Giolitti and Fortis, Bent on the passage of certain p a child of God through faith in our while they lived overhead. The kids just lethargy and paralysis of all activity measures on emigration and other fin Lord Jesus Christ? Do you believe doted on Jinny. But one morning when have prevailed. He objected to the ancial and social measures, he, who yourself to be truly called to the office they came downstairs Jinny was gone. methods of military administration, to had refused all former offers, accepted the application of the enormous funds after one night's reflection the invita-"'Jinny's sold,' she said sorrowfully; appropriated, to the utter neglect of tion made by Sonnino in person at his God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and 'your father's broke the pledge and the tributary reforms promised and bedside as he was ill. possible without disturbing the equilitrium of the budget.

The house which had, at Sonnino's has given orders for the cessation of suggestion, allowed all the chief men the sequestration of telegrams; Sacchi Fair Customer-"Have you any good to speak, now clamored for the ques- has ordered the authorities to sequesberti's motion that "The house ap- violation of actual law, and never, un proves the declarations of the govern- less the cases are followed up by imment and passes to the order of the mediate trial. Six millions have been the roll of the deputies was called, with | urgent necessities of Calabria

ernmen.t The ministry resigned at cace and the King accepted their resighation and called upon Sonnino form a new one.

As the total 221 days belong to all par. ties-the most numerous Conservatives and Centre amounting to not mor than fifty-this necessitated a coalitie ministry. The difficulty in forming one lay in the choice of the representatives ties, exclusive, of course, of the Soc ists. Hence Sonnino's appeal, first to Sacchi then to Pantano, both of whom had refused several offers to form par of former ministries headed by Zanar delli, Giolitti, or Fortis. Why hav they now accepted? Because they for certain that with Sonnino, they will be able to carry out some of the measure which they deem essential to nation progress, neither of them imagining that they will be able to execute all even a considerable part of their jects. They stand two Radicals in con pany with seven more or less Cons vative colleagues. Guicciardini, scendant of the great historian, as i eign minister, will but follow the tree of his predecessors, maintain the Triple Alliance, and cultivate the cordial r tions with France which already ex its. Luzzatti, who has often figured as minister of finance, and now become secretary of the treasury, is a staunch supporter of co-operation and popula banks. Paolo Boselli, another ex-m ister of finance, as well as of foreign affairs and of public instruction, re turns to this last unthankful office Salandra, who returns to the minist of finance, is recognized as capable an of high integrity; he was one of stanchest opponents of the divorce bi which was so nearly carried by Zanar delli, and of which Sacchi is the zeal us supporter Carmine, well versed finance and railway questions, is min ister of public works ( may his good angel inspire him!) Alfred Baccelli, young poet, chiefly known as his father's son, will have charge of posts and telegrahs, All these Liberal-C servatives are well known and are r ognized even by their adversaries as men of worth, talent, culture and ex-There remain the premier; Sacchi

the new minister of justice, and Pantano, the new minister of agriculture Sonnino, born in 1847 of a very wealth family, took his degree in law at Pisa competed for and won a pos in 1867 in the foreign office, and was attache to the Italian legations of Madrid Vienna, Berlin and Versailles, observ ing and studying. He then returned to Italy, where he and his inseparable friend, Leopold Franchetti, devoted themselves to social questions, in company with Pasquale Villari, whose supreme merit is that of having been the pioneer in Italy of the study of distress and its remedies. The two volume published by the friends after a gent personal inspection of Sicily freasures of accurate details, graphs of the awful conditions island, sapient suggestions of remedies which the state, proprieto and the people themselves might a tempt with benefit. Sonnino and Fra chetti published and edited a mode weekly review, the Rassegna Settimanale, which had then no rival and has never had a successor. Assuredly both he and Carmine, the new min ister of public works, have convinced themselves that the solution of the they are capable of performing wha has now become a herculean task. The will find no more active, ardent collea years of age, entered the House in 188 inclined to the Republican faith, he has cessary reforms and measures are a tainable under monarchy if its adm

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whole nature that during that King In 1898 he and Sonnino fought

returned to his garret study, and borated his projects for emigra

The House is to be reopened on the first of March. Meanwhile, Sonn

city reached 60 miles an Straits and Sound a r gale occurred for seve this exception the weat erally fair with a lar bright sunshine registe the northern coast con and in Cariboo rain last five days. In the Atlin district been comparatively m

moderately cold. In the though frosts have oc early hours of several temperature has been and seeding operation nany districts. Victoria-Total amou shine was 44 hours and .14 inch; highest tempe lowest, 38.2 on 4th.

Vancouver—Rain, .34 perature, 63 on 5th; low New Westminster—Ra est temperature, 68 on 4th, 9th and 10th. Kamloops-Rain, .08 perature, 70 on 4th; los Barkerville-Snow, 1 inch; highest tempe lowest, 20 on 8th. Port Simpson-Rain. temperature, 50 on 8th and 10th. Atlin-Snow, 1.4 in perature, 40 on 4th: 10

Dawson-Snow, .20

perature, 34 on 6th; 1

Local

-The total bank cle toria clearing house ing April 10th were

-Miss Underhill's in Institute hall, pro enjoyable entertainn benefit of the W. C. is deserving of patro

-The funeral of who died at the Ju place Wednesday f W. J. Hanna to the Rev. Fathers Frede officiated, and the pallbearers: R. Mar King and T. McCar

-A musical treat who attend the or Wednesday evening Presbyterian church programme that ha these recitals wi number of talente strumentalists will the church,

-The death occu hospital on Mon Joseph Eden. The years of age, and miner in the Yuk tive of London, Eng W. G. Eden, reside funeral took place the B. C. Funeral pany this afternoo

eral of Mrs. Capt. took place from th Hanna on Wednesd Adams conducted th following acted as E. Ramlose, W. J. nell, Geo. Butt, J. S Myers. Many blems were present

-Up to the prese the annual fall fair of the B. C. Agrica Of course the preli express the opinion be advisable to com until the month of stone will be left 1 deavor to make the er success than that erally known comm been appointed an in such a state that motion at any tim

-The committee Victoria Day celebr ing commendable e parations. For son sers have been at subscriptions for the creasing the financ tent as to enable th made as attractive versation this Smart said that, citizens were lendi support, and the in the carnival would

-The funeral of took place from t No. 7, Phoenix Pla Tuesday, and later a thedral, where ser by Rev. Canon Bea hymns, "My God. Stray" and "Neare were sung. The e deceased was held the very large att and the many beau The following acted Gibson, F. W. No Richards, F. Gilchr

-An important of school trustees evening at the city in these columns tees will be confro inusual situation. has definitely anno ation to leave the Mowat has already tion for considerat visability of arran for the purpose o cies. Other busine is on the tapis.