

notwithstanding the strong pressure brought by persons interested in Cuban trade. But indeed he could do no otherwise. The Spaniards are the only ones having power to administer a government. The destroying guerilla bands make no pretence at civic administration.

If the rumour is true that Maceo was betrayed to his death under pretext of arranging a treaty of peace, it will prove a piece of bad strategy on the part of Spain. Treachery causes a moral revolt against the traitor.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

The country is to be congratulated on the virtual settlement, after years of disquiet and religious strife, of the Manitoba School Question. This long-deferred settlement recognizes the place of the Bible and religious instruction in the schools and, at the same time, respects the religious convictions of the Roman Catholic. We regard it of great importance that the different sections of the community who are to do business together throughout life in the market and in the store, in the shop and at the forge, and who are together to plough the glebe, sow the seed, and reap the harvest, should grow up, not hived in hostile camps, but trained as patriotic Canadians in the public schools. Of course, the Roman Catholic hierarchy object to it, as well as some extreme Protestants, but if Manitoba is satisfied we do not see that Quebec should object.

CITY ROAD CHAPEL.

Our readers are aware that old City Road Wesley Chapel in London, England, which has so many precious associations connected with the venerable founder of Methodism, has been very extensively reconstructed at an expense of nearly £18,000. Much of this was absolutely necessary, as the foundations had sunk, rendering the building insecure. This movement was intended and expected to be an "expression of loyalty and devotion of Methodists throughout the world," as the local congregation is reduced in numbers, all the men of substance having removed to the suburbs. £15,000 has been furnished by British Methodism, and £3,000 is asked from the Methodism of the United States and Canada to complete this work and to erect a tomb somewhat worthy of the founder of Methodism.

The Rev. William J. Brown, the min-

ister of Wesley Chapel, has been commissioned to visit the New World on behalf of this movement. He submits official credentials and the most cordial commendation from Dr. Marshall Rands, President of the Wesleyan Conference of Great Britain; the Rev. Dr. Moulton, ex-President; the Rev. Charles H. Kelly, Book Steward and ex-President; and the venerable and beloved William Arthur.

Although many of our own churches are heavily burdened, doubtless there are not a few in Canada who will be glad to have a share in the reconstruction of the venerable cradle church of British Methodism, which is the "Mother of us all."

Mr. Brown has a literary reputation as an able lecturer as well as eloquent preacher. He will be prepared to lecture in the cause of City Road Chapel. Among other topics his lectures include, "The days of Queen Elizabeth," "John Milton, the Puritan Poet," "England, the Foundations of Her Strength," "Byron, his Life and Lessons," "Oliver Goldsmith," "The Wit and Wisdom of Tom Hood," etc. Mr. Brown can be communicated with by addressing the Methodist Book Concern, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

THE THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE.

The recent Theological Conference, at Victoria University, was even more successful than the first. The papers presented were of a high average of excellence, and were, for the most part, on subjects of practical importance. They gave evidence of careful thought and study by the writers, and some of those by younger graduates give augury of very valuable work in the future—work that shall reflect credit on their *Alma Mater*, on their Church, and on themselves.

The thorough study of some one subject, the mastery of all the available literature, with original investigation, and the exercise of independent thought and judgment will be an invaluable mental discipline, and will help to push forward the boundaries of knowledge.

The discussions on the subjects were no less instructive and educative than the papers themselves. Many bright thoughts were struck out and, we are sure, many important truths were apprehended with fresh grasp and power. The attendance of the townspeople showed much interest in the subjects under discussion.