SOME LESSONS OF THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

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that by this time the army in Nat-

al will adopt similar tactics to

Another point which needs to be

emphasized is that the Boers in arms

are in far greater numbers than had

been imagined. Those who followed

the events immediately leading up to

the war will remember that state-

ments emanating from the Transvaal

and Free State, and evidently inspired, had a tendency to belittle the fighting strength of the Transvaul and Free State. There was was

dom in this line of conduct. It had

its effect, because upon these state-

ments, which if British officials were

unable to verify them, they were equ-

ally unable to disprove, the strength

of the British force required was

based. Had the War Office been

aware that there were, say, 70,000

or 80,000 armed Boers, instead of

from 40,000 to 50,000, as had been

supposed, the force placed at the disposal of General Buller, in the

first instance would have been

al to be drawn from the actual state

of facts is that the British force in

South Africa will require to be very

greatly increased before an advance

can be made into the enemy's colun-

try, even after the relief of Lady-

smith and Kimberley have been ac-

complished. Some experts state that

from 40,000 to 50,000 additional

men will be required, and they say

that these should be drawn not cinly

from the British Isles themselves,

but should be supplemented by the

colonies, whose offers of additional

aid in the shape of troops have been

received here with the greatest sat-

"STOP THE WAR," is the name

of one new movement in favor of

cratic Federation" is also in the field of intervention with a view to stay

a quarter of a million copies of a

manifesto. The document tells the

English people that their enemies are

aristocrats and plutocrats, They are

therefore adjured not to volunteer

scription, and to agitate for an hon-crable peace. "The South Africant on-

ciliation Committee" is a highly in-

being Mr. Leonard Courtney, M.P.,

BRAVERY OF IRISHMEN .- Two

stories from the front of high acts

gallantry are related in the new

year's annals of the Royal Humane

Society, which on Monday, at its

first meeting for 1900, directed that

they should be suitably rewarded.

feet of water while bathing ir

Natal, Private O Conner, of the Roy-

al Irish, courageously dived several

times, and at last found the body,

but life was extinct. Some two hours

later Sergeant Bennett, of the 7th

Royals, sank while bathing nerr the

and recovered the body, but too late

to save his life. On the same day

overcome by the cutrent while bath-

ing. Private Donnelly, of the Royal Irish plunged in, and, after a des-

perate struggle, landed him in safe-

ty. Both Donnelly and O'Connor now

V. C. FOR AN IRISH SOLDIER.-

same place, Again O'Connor

Private Fligg, of the Royals,

Bushman's River at Estcourt,

ert Reid, Mr. Shaw Lefevre, etc.

isfaction,

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much greater than it was. The mor-

those already indicated.

BOERS IN ARMS.-

The Press Association's correspon-lent at Capetown writes:

| not to have learned the lesson of Magersfontein, but it is probable dent at Capctown writes:

The time seems opportune for looking round at the results which have been accomplished and lessons which have been learned on both sides. There is no reason why we should not frankly admit that the fights at Magorsfontein, Stormberg, and Colengo, have created deep and somewhat unhappy impressions on the public mind in Capetown, and all the more important British Centres in South Africa. Nothing could exceed the heroic bravery and devotion of both officers and men in the conflicts under consideration; nor on the other hand can it be desied that the results, from the British point of view, have been extremely disappointing, to put it in the mildest way. There has been loss of life and infliction of wounds, in addition to an amount of loss in the form of prisoners which, to the lay mind, appear out of all propertion to the results gained. Whether this applies also to the Boer side it is difficult to say, bechuse the Boers not only concent with the utmost care what are their actual losses, but they also take great pains to hide what their feelings are in regard to such losses. There is reason, however, to believe that their losses have been serious though possibly not quite so serious as on the other side. The war up to the present has been

a revelation both to the British and Boer in regard to the methods that have been hitherto in vogue in civil' ized warfare. To take the Boer side first, they have learned that in their peculiar kind of warfare artillery may possibly prove more an encumbthey have also learned that as against British artillery of modern stamp the kopie, hitherto regarded as a perfect means of defence, is sufficient protection. They have rapidly assimilated this lesson, and the result is that in addition to the kopie the Boers have adopted a system of entrenchments, the trench immediately in front being supported , as it were, by other ontrenchments, so that in event of the first line being the shedding of blood. On Monday stormed at the point of the bayonet, the federation's Scattered broadcast there are other entrenchments to which the Boers may flee for refuge. This system of abandoning a point which has become too hot for them not the Dutch farmers, but their own has been very marked during the present campaign. From Belmont the Boers retired to Enslin, and thence for foreign service, to oppose conto the Modder River. New they have retired still further North to Magersfontein. They do not admit that they werecaptured at any one point, What | fluential body, among its members they say is that they simply retired and held the next position. Hence it Lord and Lady Coleridge, Sir Rebis that the versions of these fights which proceed from Pretoria give the results as Boer victories, the assumption being based on the comparatively large numbers of British soldiers who fell beneath the Boer rifles at Magersfontein. It should be remembered that very little artillery was used by the Boers, whilst the rifle formed the most effective and destructive weapon.

THE REVERSE SIDE .-

To turn to the British side of the Private of the Royal Scots sank in question, no more pronounced lesson has been taught to us than that the frontal attacks on the Boer positions is impossible of success unless at a loss of life that is too terrible to contemplate. One of the last messages from Modder River camp was to the effect that Lord Methuen was entrenching himself, and that he had let it become known is his opinion that a modern buttle would in future not be a matter of so many hours, but six or seven days. The inference apparently was that artillery would have to be more than ever used, and that only when there are signs of great demoralization on the part of the enemy would infan- receive the medal for their gallant try be of real service. It is to be no- action. ticed that this principle has been adopted both by General French in Colesburg district, and by General Amongst the many individual acts Gatacre since the great mishap—not of bravery displayed by our men in to use a stronger term-at Storm-South Africa, that of Private Fitzberg. General Buller, who was in per- maurice, of the Grenadier Guards, sonal command at Colenso, appeared stands out prominent. During the

Paralysis of the Legs-Was Treated by the Best could not raise them one inch from Specialists in Victoria General Hospital, at the floor. About the first of the fol-Halifex, Without Benefit-Dr. Williams' Pink lowing April, Rev. Mr. McLeod, strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had tried so Mr. John McDonald, a well known many things without benefit, that I merchant at Cape North, N.S., was | did not think the pills could help me. for many years a sufferer from spin- but nevertheless decided to give them at trouble, which eventually resulted a trial. After using six boxes I could in partial paralysis. Treatment of see that there was a slight improvemany kinds was resorted to, but ment, and I continued using the without avail, until finally Dr. Wil- pills until I had taken thirty baxes, liams' Pink Pills were used, with and by that time new life and vigor the result that Mr. McDonald is had returned to my legs, and I have again enjoying almost perfect health. since been able to attend to my busi-Mr. McDonald's story is given as ness behind the counter without the follows in his own words:—"Al- aid of crutches, or even a stick. Unmost thirteen years ago I caught a der God's blessing Dr. Williams" Pink bad cold which lodged in my mack. Pills have restored me to a new men-

after dark, as I would be almost a result I have sold many gross of certain to fall if I attempted to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in my store walk. Medical treatment did see no and many of those who have bought good. I tried six different doctors, them from me tell me they have cur-

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act durwas simply money wasted. Years ectly on the blood and nerves. They went on and I was continually grow- do not purge, and therefore do not 1895 my lower limbs would scarcely give strength from the first pill to support me. In June of that year I the last used. There are many went to the Victoria General Hospi- declers who offer pink colored subtal, Halifax, where I remained under stitutes, because the substitute gives treatment of the best specialists, but them greater profit, but these when I returned home I was actually worse than when I entered the tutes are either dangerous or absolute the state of the tutes are either dangerous or absolute. ONL YA FEW LEFT OF
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onel Crabbe, commanding the Grenadiers, became detached from his regiment and was immediately rounded by Boers. Seeing his Colonel's danger, Fitzmaurice rushed to his assistance. He shot two Boers, buyonetted a third, and amidst the firing carried Colonel Crabbe to the ambulance waggon. The Cellonel was shot in the wrist, and injured in the thigh, and these were the wounds he described as scratches when wiring the result of the pattle to Windsor. He was soon about again, and recommended Fitzmaurice for the Victoria Cross. Fitzmaurice was one of the fest Grenadiers who volunteered from Windsor to join the 3rd Bat-

GENERAL WAUCHOPE, who fell riddled with bullets in the battle of Magorsfontein, was stationed in Limerick with his regiment during a portion of the Land League period. People observed that he took a great interest in the crumbling walls and bastions of the city, and that he was in the habit of walking lines about old which existed when Wildefence liam of Orange laid siege to it. The result of inquiries on the part of certain persons as to why General Wauchopo was so fond of gazing on the ruins was that an ancester or his was Sarsfield's right hand man. and a gallant officer during the siege of Limerick, Soon after those Land League times General Buller was sent by the Government to Kerry on a mission of inquiry into the conditions of the peasantry. He is well and kindly remembered by the people on account of the sympathetic interest ho tock in their distress. He saw that they were cruelly rackrented by their landlords, and did not hesitate to say so.

SOME PREGNANT SENTENCES .-War is like an carthquake. It is useless to ask me to give you plans for rebuilding a city which an carthquake has shattered, until I know for certain that the subtoranean wave which produced the earthquake has spent its force, until I know that knew tremors will shake down thò walls still standing that no fresh clefts and fissures will open at my feet. You cannot, whilst a great armed conflict is going on, in my view you cannot, as practical men, say what plan you will have in your mind for restoration of a better state of things when the war is over I leave that. That is no responsibility of ours. . . The Government assure us they have put their hands to the plough, and they will not

. My view is that we have nor to Great Britain-nothing good either now or in the years to come, -John Merley at Forfar.

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ed me, and I gave up all hope of ever getting better. I continued tel grow worse until about the 1st January, 1896, when I had become so bnd that I could not stand alone, as my legs were like sticks under me. My only means of locomotion was crutches, and my legs dragged after me like useless pieces of timber; I

My restoration has caused a great wonderment in this section, and as

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