

At the late conference Great Britain came in for a great deal of unfavorable comment because she would not go the length of some other nations in subscribing to questions of military tactics, but not a voice is heard in condemnation of her patience in dealing with the Dutch Republic. The conduct of the latter for some time past has been more irritating than conciliatory, so that we were not surprised when war was declared.

Thus for the second time in a few months we have seen the spectacle of a great nation forced to war in the cause of humanity. The United States freed Cuba from the tyranny of Catholic Spain, Great Britain goes to free her own people from a tyranny carried on in the name of religion, and to give her people that liberty which has been the proud possession of Britains for centuries.

The outlook, should the war be protracted, is that it will be a particularly bloody one, owing to the manner of Boer warfare. Of the ultimate result, however, we cannot be in doubt, it must result in the expansion of Britain's territory and influence.

#### THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.

The Baptist College is now an assured fact, having commenced work in Brandon at the opening of the Fall term. From the announcement we notice it is not the intention of the management to carry on University work further than the Previous year.

The College opens under the most favorable circumstances, not the least of which is its central location in the second city of Manitoba. The work of Professor McKee in Rapid City and Brandon during the last twenty years has had a widespread influence in Western Manitoba. The College now practically carries on the work begun so long ago. Its foundation has been laid, and it is now for the new staff to see that the superstructure is in keeping.

Prof. McKee has been an earnest and painstaking teacher, has shown a marked devotion to the interests of education in this new Province, and it is not a little regret his many friends feel at his not being appointed Principal. However, since the Baptist church has decided otherwise, we welcome Principal McDiarmid in our midst. We welcome him not only as a Christian gentleman and citizen, but as a man of broad mind and high ideals, who will do much for the cause of education.

#### HOW BESEBALL STARTED.

The devil was the first coacher. He coached Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second. When Isaac met Rebekah at the well she was walking with a pitcher. Samson struck out a good many times when he beat the Philistines. Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptians. Cain made a base hit when he killed Abel. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run. David was a long distance thrower, and Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea.—Ex.

The executive are thinking of appointing Frank Richardson as coach for the Seniors, in place of Halladay, '99. Frank made a "hit" the first night he chased the pig-skin.