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## THE DAILY EXAMINER

DECEMBER 19, 1899.

### THE WAR SITUATION.

DETAILS of the battle of Colenso bear eloquent testimony to the valor of the British soldiery who were sent out to do the impossible. General Buller seems to have attacked where the Boers were strongest and at a point where the nature of the ground was such that it could not be occupied. The report that he subsequently succeeded in effecting a crossing remains to be confirmed, though there seems to be no reason why this might not be done by tactical co-operation with the forces under Generals White and Clery.

In Great Britain and throughout the Empire the people and the Government seem to have risen to the occasion. Volunteers are taking up arms and experienced officers are ready to lead them.

If anyone ever doubted the fact, it is evident now that the Boers have been for many years, secretly preparing to drive the British out of South Africa. They are found far greater in numbers, than the British expected, armed to the teeth with every modern weapon and appliance that could be obtained in Europe, and led by tacticians of high ability. When they were ready they issued their "ultimatum" and invaded the British territory. Kruger's recent diplomacy seems to have been cleverly directed to this end,—while masking the motive.

The British people have been aroused by the unexpected difficulties of the situation, and will, it is hoped, soon be ready to cope with them.

Remarking upon the situation a correspondent says:

"It cannot but cause the feeling that all the younger sons of Britain should offer their services to be used in whatever way seems best for the preservation of the glorious inheritance of British freedom which has been handed down to us."

These words embody a good deal of the spirit which is just now actuating the young men of the Empire. Happily all will not be needed.

—In a leading article, The Mail and Empire, of Toronto, reviews the situation here in the light of the recent Liberal-Conservative victories, and says: "The verdict is hard for the provincial Ministers. They must go. But it is equally a blow at Sir Louis Davies and the Ottawa contingent. Prince Edward Island is one of the provinces that listened hopefully to the story that the Federal Ministers told. It expected great things from Ottawa under Sir Louis. All it has reaped is a decoration for the now magnificent Minister, a mass of broken pledges, and a deliberate attempt to use public expenditures corruptly and coercively for election purposes. The island is dissatisfied and insulted, and it is a growing time in the East as well as in the West for the dislike which attaches to the opportunists and their extraordinary and extravagant transactions.

—The St. John Telegraph remarks that in one respect the disaster of General Buller has been a benefit, because it has proven to the mother country and to the world how strong is the attachment of the colonies to the empire, and how firm is their determination that the prestige of Great Britain shall not suffer as long as they have the power to uphold it.

—Attend the lecture to be delivered in St. James' Hall this evening by Mr. T. C. James.

### WHEN DOES THE CENTURY END?

SHALL we write Twentieth Century upon the first of January next? Several learned professors say that we ought to do so; and many other learned professors say that we ought not to do so. Small wonder that the ignorant are in a quandary!

Those who say that the Nineteenth Century will end at the end of the year 1900, base their conclusion upon the alleged fact that there was no cypher point at the end of the era "Before Christ" and the beginning of the era "After Christ." They say that the date 1 was written at the beginning of the first year of the first century; that the number of the years has been written at the beginning ever since, and that consequently the full number of "100" years would have to be written down before the second century began, so that the second century did not begin until the first of January 101, and so on throughout all the centuries. This contention receives some support from the formula, "Anno Domini" "in the year of Our Lord" which suggests that 1899 is the 1899th year, not the 1900th. It appears also, that the years were counted from the beginning, not the end, of the first year of the world.

On the other hand it is maintained that the exact date of the birth of Our Lord was not marked at all, and that the year 1 was first set down at the end of the first twelve months, just as in the case of a child we never write his age as one year until after all the fractions of time, the seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks and months which make up the year, have passed away. This being so the second year began the instant the first full year was numbered 1 and therefore, the mark or number of each year, indicates the beginning of each succeeding year,—that is to say the year "99" in the first century was the 100th year, and the year 1899 is the 1900th year from the birth of our Lord. This contention is, we find, borne out by an old chronological table showing the golden numbers in a period of 4000 years after the birth of Our Lord; the first year and the first century of the Christian Era being, alike, marked by a 0.

It appears that the decree of His Holiness in respect to this matter has been misinterpreted. According to Cardinal Gibbons, His Holiness made no reference to December 31st, 1899, as the close of this century or of 1900 as the beginning of the next century; and "the midnight mass in intended as a celebration ushering in the final year of the present century which begins, as all scholars understand it, with 1901."

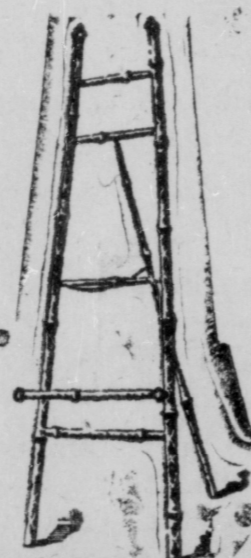
We have, recently, heard several stiff arguments upon the question, and should be pleased, if anyone who has studied it carefully would write THE EXAMINER a short letter placing the matter beyond the peradventure of a doubt.

—We are in receipt of the Transvaal Souvenir, a beautiful brochure for the times, which ought to be popular. The initial lines set forth, exactly, the present situation: "So runs the blood when danger lowers, O'er men of British birth. The bugle call from Windsor Towers. Is answered round the earth."

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