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HYENAS OF JOURNALISM.

Rev. Dr. Bland, a rather notable divine of Winnipeg, preached recently to his congregation and severely and quite rightly scored certain of the press. He said:

"It is to be feared that public men in Canada are too easy-going in this respect. Is it well that the reckless libels should be encouraged. Indefensible as was duelling it was not without certain benefits. A man was not likely to be so free with opprobrious epithets and slanderous charges when he knew he would be called to risk his life for them. In England, where above all countries we need to look for guidance in regard to our public life, a public man is not allowed to ignore charges, that, if true, would show him unworthy of his position. He must vindicate his honor in the courts or be held to be guilty. Such an unwritten law would do much to develop a stronger confidence in the integrity and honor of our own public men and to check reckless imputations.

"Reputation, then," continued Dr. Bland, "is a proper thing, and it seems proper here to refer to certain individuals to whom the reputation of others has no value. There is a class of men in all our American cities, unhappily, and we have a few—I hope and believe, a very small number—in our own city, who have the blow fly's instinct for disease and decay, who care not what pangs they inflict or what shame they cause. If they can brighten the columns of their paper with a scandalous story, or make a couple of dollars by telegraphing it to the press abroad. They care not whether it is to the public interest that the matter should be known; they care not what privacies they invade; copies and dollars are their only concern.

"If the crop of actual scandals is not large enough for their needs, they are at no loss. Out of the slightest materials, or out of no materials at all, they can concoct stories that injure their own city and country, stories that breed international bad feeling, stories that besmirch the name and stab the heart of the innocent.

"Secure, as they think, in their unanimity, these creatures, like magots, batten in things that should be buried out of sight.

"I am speaking, I believe, for the decent people, and especially for all who try to maintain the honor of journalism, when I say that the man who digs up the dead to make a few dollars by selling the beloved form to the dissecting room, follows an honorable trade compared with these slanderers.

"When a man is known to disregard decency and kindness and truth in his sordid greed, no decent newspaper office should retain him on its staff, and no self-respecting man should allow himself to be seen talking with him on the street. These men are human hyenas, who prowl in graveyards and prey on death and moral decay."

AUSTRALIA'S NEW MINISTRY.

The cable despatches show that the political crisis in Australia has been solved by the accession of the Right Hon. G. H. Reid, with a Free Trade or Revenue Tariff Ministry, to power.

The Commonwealth is to be congratulated upon having escaped so

soon from the thralldom of a government which was conducted entirely in the interests of labor. Had such become permanent it must have resulted in a tyranny as obnoxious and pernicious as the government of a despot.

It is obvious that no government can be truly democratic which would aggrandize a single class—even if that class should happen to be numerically in the ascendant—at the expense of all the other classes who contribute to the well being of the community.

A government to be truly democratic should be representative of the people as a whole; should study their interests in relation to the whole, and should be influenced by ideals and aspirations that are calculated to elevate the whole.

Mr. Reid has been able to surround himself with a ministry of exceptional strength. This was to be expected. He is, now that Sir Edmund Barton has been elevated to the supreme court bench, by far the most distinguished figure in Australian public life.

As premier of New South Wales he developed the qualities that are essential to successful leadership, as well as successful administration. At Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebration in London he was regarded, next to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as the most distinguished of the colonial group of statesmen who formed such a brilliant galaxy around the sovereign on the occasion of the last great function of her illustrious reign.

HAS A GREAT RECORD.

Of what W. H. Grenfell, M. P., who is mentioned as likely to succeed Lord Minto, though we think the information doubtful, the London correspondent of the Yorkshire Post, Leeds, says:—Everybody in Canada knows that Mr. Grenfell swam the Niagara twice, then he has climbed a half dozen Swiss mountains, been a war correspondent, stroked an eight across the channel, written on bi-metallism, is an intimate personal friend of Premier Balfour and the Duke of Devonshire. Mr. Wm. Henry Grenfell was born October 30, 1855. Both his father and grandfather sat in the House of Commons for Buckinghamshire constituencies. His mother was a daughter of Rt. Hon. W. S. and Lady Lascelles. Mr. Grenfell was educated at Harrow and Oxford; played cricket in the Harrow eleven; was the three mile champion, and rowed in the eight at Oxford. He entered parliament in 1880, and was private secretary to Sir William Harcourt. In 1886 he joined the Unionist party, and has sat as a supporter of Mr. Balfour from the Wycombe division of Buckinghamshire since 1900. In 1887 Mr. Grenfell married Ethel, daughter of Hon. Julian and Lady Adine Paul, a co-heiress to the barony of Butler. At Taplow Court, Mardenhead, his country residence, Mr. Grenfell yearly entertains the Oxford eight while in practice, and at Henley regatta he is prominent in some official capacity, either umpire, starter or referee. Both in private and public life he is a popular personality and leads an active life.

An Ottawa despatch says that the government has not yet given any consideration to the fixing of Thanksgiving Day, but it has been urged upon them that an early decision would be of great convenience to the public. The suggestion has been

made to the secretary of state that if possible Thanksgiving Day should be on a Monday. This event is taken advantage of for family reunions and if on Monday it would permit of three days at home in many cases.

THIS WEEK'S PICNICS.

Some of the Places to which a Cheap and Pleasant Trip May be Had in the Next Few Days.

Within the next ten days there will be numerous opportunities for any person to have a cheap and pleasant trip either by rail or steamer to some enjoyable spot where a day can be spent.

On Tuesday the 23rd (tomorrow) the Church of England congregation of St. Marys, will go by the Canada Eastern to McLean's Grove, Nashwaak.

The Sunday School of the Church of England of this city will go on Thursday to Copenhagen, the farm of Mr. Gibson, on the Canada Eastern.

On Tuesday the 30th, the Steamer Aberdeen will take an excursion to Oromocto Island, where the Catholic congregation of Oromocto are to hold a picnic. An excursion is also being run to this picnic from St. John.

On Wednesday the 31st, no less than two picnics are to be held in this vicinity to which parties can go. The Catholic congregation of French Village will hold their annual outing on the grounds adjoining their church, and arrangements will be made for the conveyance of parties wishing to go up from here.

On this day also the Church of England congregation Fredericton Junction, are to hold their annual picnic to which cheap rates will be given on the trains leaving here. A boat will also sail up the Oromocto river for the accommodation of parties from Oromocto village.

All of the above outings are to popular points at which successful picnics have been held in past years and as each offers the latest inducements in the way of amusements and cheap rates. It is only a case of pay your money and take your choice.

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