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WOULD BE A WELCOME GUEST.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier is over to the Coronation he should, on behalf of the people of Canada, extend an invitation to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to visit this country and see something of its great resources. Mr. Chamberlain is frequently in the United States visiting his wife's relations and he has been in Canada, but not long enough to learn personally much of the country. British statesmen in the past have been entirely too neglectful of the colonies. If they have a holiday they rush off to the Continent, but scarcely ever to the colonies. Positive ignorance of the conditions existing in Canada, Australia, India, South Africa, and elsewhere in the great British dependencies has been noted of British statesmen down to a very recent period. Whether they despised us, made light of us, and wished themselves free from us altogether, it is rather difficult to determine, but certainly it has only been within the past few decades that the colonies have come to be regarded as of some importance in Imperial circles.

Mr. Chamberlain is largely responsible for England's renewed interest in her colonies. Mr. Chamberlain has had the good sense, the far seeing statesmanship to cultivate His Majesty's dominions beyond the seas. He has studied their importance, he has become acquainted with their public men, and he hardly ever gets on his feet in or out of parliament to deliver a speech that he does not make appreciative references to the colonies.

We say then that Mr. Chamberlain should be officially invited to visit Canada, and the welcome he would receive would scarcely be second to that accorded royalties last autumn.

AN UNMANLY CAMPAIGN.

The "professor" is still driving away at the charitable people. In his first article he charged the kind ladies and others who do so much good work among the poor with being "blackmailers." Now he declares they "have not mixed their sentimentalities with brains."

The professor's impertinence is superb, as his self esteem is overpowering. When he arrived in this benighted country it was generally understood he had a scheme to completely overturn all ancient forms and customs, to remodel the governments, and generally reform political, economic and social conditions. Perhaps disappointment at not achieving all the great things he had set out to perform has soured him a bit, and he takes revenge by attacking the charity givers. It is a generous thing to get behind a woodpile and throw bricks at a lot of kind-hearted, generous-giving, alms-distributing ladies, is it not? That is the delightful task which our great man from beyond the seas has set for himself.

A SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM.

One of the problems connected with the settlement of South Africa after the war, is discussed by Frederic Greenwood in The Nineteenth Century. A great mining boom is expected, something which will break all the records of California, Australia, the Klondike, and every other gold region in the world. This has been generally treated as matter of congratulation, but Mr Greenwood sees danger ahead. "All the loose adventurers and all the looser blackguardism in the world awaits the call." But besides this lawless element, which must be reckoned with in every mining

community, there will probably be an immense immigration from the continent of Europe, where depression has thrown many workingmen out of employment. Now, these people, instead of being regarded by the Boers as enemies, will be welcomed as friends and sympathizers, and such they probably will be. This friendly feeling would under ordinary circumstances be advantageous, but the difficulty will lie in the disposition of Germans and other Europeans to make common cause against the British. Mr. Greenwood sees no remedy but to check and discourage immigration. He perceives the objection that this would be denounced as a return to the Kruger policy, but he says that the circumstances of the country have so changed through the destruction of the Boer Governments that it may be necessary. The alternative policy would be to encourage British immigration on a large scale.

SHOOT THE HAT.

The Congregational Church at Oswego, says a exchange, is threatened with a novel schism. The question at issue is whether Mrs Hays is to be allowed to wear her Sunday hat in church. Most ladies will agree that the question is of vital importance. Mrs Hays is a member of the choir, and the other ladies, four in number, agreed to leave their hats off. Mrs Hays continued to wear her hat, and received a petition from the trustees of the church requesting her to remove her hat the following Sunday. As a free and independent citizeness, the lady had no alternative but to resign, and now petitions are being circulated asking that she be reinstated with a right to wear her hat. We have not had the privilege of seeing the hat, but the affair (not the hat) looks like a case of religious persecution worthy of the dark ages. The worst feature of the business is that the name of Mrs Hays' husband is said to be attached to the trustees' anti-hat petition. But Mr Hays pronounces the signature a forgery.

MACINERNEY'S CRITICISMS.

Mr. George Macinerney ex-M. P., stumping in Kings Co. for Mr. Sproule, took occasion to tell the people that the local government was composed of opportunists. Well Mr. Macinerney is about the last man on top of the earth to charge anybody with opportunism. In his comparatively short political career he has been everything by turns and nothing long. First Liberal, then Independent, then Tory until he got a seat in parliament from which he was ignominiously driven in the last election. Mr. Macinerney also called the government moribund, a term that most aptly applies to himself. Fancy a government with the support of the whole House except six members, moribund. The ex-member for Kent is making a sorry exhibition of himself by his intemperate language.

CANADIANS IN CONGRESS.

Not all the Canadians who emigrate to the United States become hewers of wood and drawers of water to their American cousins. Canadians everywhere throughout the Union have risen to great prominence in every field of human activity, in the learned professions, in the conduct of enormous industrial enterprises, and in any and every place where intelligence and energy have the call.

No less than seven Canadians have seats in Congress at Washington making laws for the United States. Six of them were born in the province of Ontario, and the other in Nova Scotia. The natives of New Brunswick who have figured in past congresses, have been effaced entirely, including the Hon. Jeremiah Simpson of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. All seven are Republicans. The city of Hamilton is the birthplace of two senators. Congressmen Wm. Connell of Scranton, Pa., was born in Cape Breton, and for many years worked in the coal mines. He began life as driver boy, receiving 75 cents a day, and from that humble birth worked himself

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on behalf of the people of Canada, cabled condolence to the Countess of Dufferin on the death of her distinguished husband, and received the following reply: "My heartfelt thanks to the government of Canada for their expression of sympathy with me in my great sorrow. My husband loved Canada and was ever grateful for kindness and affection shown him by her people."

The Halifax Chronicle, referring to the Tory opposition of two at the opening of the Nova Scotia legislature was complimentary. It said: "The Opposition looked no larger than it is; but it looked extremely well. Mr. Tanner was alert and watchful as usual. His new lieutenant, Mr. McLeod, is not only highly attractive, but very promising in appearance."

The Halifax Herald says a stranger would not have much difficulty in picking out the new members of the Nova Scotia legislature because of their "undisguised look of happy self-consciousness," but it believes this expression will be pretty well worn off at the end of two years.

Ontario prohibitionists are not pleased with Premier Ross' referendum bill. They think a bare majority of the electors in favor of prohibition should be sufficient. A law backed in that way could never be enforced.

A very persistent rumor connects the name of Mr. J. H. Barry with York's vacant seat in the legislature.

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