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GOVERNING THE SAVAGE

SIR PERCY GIROUARD DISCUSSES HARM THAT IS DONE.

Canadian Who Rules the East Africa Protectorate Sees Serious Danger Arising Out of the Christianization of the Blacks—Their Own Customs and Traditions Must Be Observed in Handling Them Well.

Sir E. P. Giroard, the Canadian who is Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, in his last report to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the administration of that country, deals in the course of a series of articles on the conditions of life and the best way of ruling the savage and semi-savage population. All the tribes, under common conditions, and difficulties have arisen as to the position of native Christians within the reserve. It will undoubtedly be impossible for them to obey some of the native laws and customs, more particularly with regard to marriage, divorce, and inheritance.

The fundamental principle, and the only human policy to be followed in dealing with peoples who have not reached a high stage of civilization, and are still dependent on a communal system of government, is to develop them on their own lines and in accordance with their own ideas and customs, purified in so far as necessary. Whilst retaining all the good in their government which makes for manliness, self-respect, and honest dealing, only that which is repugnant to higher ideas of morality and justice should be rejected.

Every improvement must be by a natural process of evolution, which will cause no extreme dislocation of present circumstances. We should support the authority of the chiefs, councils of elders, and headmen in native reserves, and the prestige and influence of the chiefs can be best upheld by allowing the country to see that Government itself treats them as an integral part of the machinery of the administration. Native tribes vary greatly, and whilst some have a natural genius for self-government, others are more primitively constituted.

The main object of administering the people through their chiefs is to prevent disintegration amongst the tribe; but active interest, supervision, and guidance on the part of the officers of the administration are all necessary for the prevention of abuses. There are no lacking those who favor direct British rule, but if we allow the tribal authority to be ignored or broken it will mean that the white man will form a small minority in the country, and shall be obliged to deal with a rabble, with thousands of persons in a savage or semi-savage state all acting on their own impulses and making themselves a danger to society generally.

The policy to be pursued with regard to natives in European settlements and towns is a more difficult subject to deal with, and its solution is one of the most important last before us. The elaborate structure of native custom and belief is apt to fall when we touch it, and yet we express surprise at the disorder of our own creation. We hold out inducements to natives to leave their homes, and yet we are astonished that these natives will not always return to their reserves. We cannot comprehend why, because they have tasted the sweets of town life, they will not carry on their former occupation in their own villages or hamlets under the rule we are endeavoring to maintain and strengthen. We forget that by bringing the native into contact with civilization his mind may be rudely awakened; he discovers that he is naked; he finds that his chief is, after all, not so important nor so rich as he imagined.

A pride is a girl who always knows a lot of things she shouldn't know. "Be sure that the old gentleman will come across with the above deal, before you attempt the role of prodigal son."

BIRTHMARKS REMOVED.

Another Notable Achievement of Modern Surgery.

After less than a year's experimenting, a new treatment, known as the carbonic acid snow method, for the removal of warts, rodent ulcers, birthmarks, etc., has gained an accepted place in modern therapeutics. The treatment was first introduced at the Charing Cross Hospital, London, Eng., and has since been adopted by practitioners here that now practically every hospital in the country, as well as thousands of general practitioners and skin specialists, is making use of the new medication. The snow is prepared by allowing a thin spray of carbonic acid gas to pass under pressure to escape into a felt covering slipped over the top of the iron cylinder containing the gas. The gas is deposited on the felt as a very fine powdered snow at a temperature of about 100 degrees below zero. The snow is then solidified into a very hard rubber cylinder with a plunger. Treatment consists of pressing this intensely cold pencil of carbonic acid ice for a few seconds against the birthmark, wart, or rodent ulcer to be removed. The resulting intense cold freezes the part, setting up severe local inflammation, which leads to a breaking down and absorption of the frozen tissues. There is very little pain, and the wound heals naturally in a few days, leaving the skin practically normal.

A Technicality. It has been charged once more that Magistrate Denison and Crown Attorney Corley make Toronto's police court a house of jesting. And certainly both of these gentlemen often make in court remarks calculated to raise a laugh. It may be that their remarks concerning the people to be jailed is "always have them laughing when they say 'Good-bye.'"

Ye Bad Black Knight. Thousands of people visited Ashdon-under-Lyne, near Manchester, to witness a pageant founded on the local tradition of the riding of the Black Knight. For centuries it has been the custom of people in the surrounding districts to visit the town on Easter Monday and, by the burning of an effigy of a knight, to express the feelings of detestation, which the inhabitants of the town entertained towards a feudal lord of the 15th century, who resided in Ashdon castle, and one of whose pastimes was to place his victims in a spiked barrel which was then rolled down a hill. The pageant was first time arranged for the first time on a grand spectacular scale. At first there was a fancy dress carnival, and an effigy of the Black Knight was burned.

The Editors Fought. Charleville, Queensland, has been inaugurating its new gymnasium in a decidedly novel fashion—a boxing contest between the editors of the local Liberal Times and Labor Guardian. There was a crowded attendance, and much bitter partisanship was displayed. Both men "fought fiercely," and there was a great deal of clinching and wild hitting. The contest ended in the triumph of the Liberal editor, his Labor opponent at the end of the final round "hanging over the ropes in a dazed condition."

Their Fault. "My dear sir, you may be an expert floriculturist, but you know nothing of society. That has that to do with it?" "Why, every one of these flowers you have recommended is a climber."

Explained. "Did you ever have a cold," inquired the plain citizen, "that you couldn't get rid of?" "No," answered the purist. "If I had I would have it now." Thus the coolness arose.

Good Credentials. Lady (at a bird fancier's)—And you guarantee that this parrot can talk? Fancier—Talk! Why, madam, I bought him from a woman's club because all the members are jealous of him.

Queen Mary's Fan. Queen Mary's coronation fan, which will be presented by the Worshipful Company of Fanmakers, mounted on yellow tortoise-shell brought from India. The long mounts will be inlaid with gold.

VOTER'S CONFUSION.

Was Hamlet a Tariff Reformer or a Free Trader.

Viscount Escher, who fears that the days of the voluntary principle of the Territorial force are numbered, and that in the army, as elsewhere, the time may come for compulsory service, is recognized as one of the most versatile of English peers. He speaks German with the fluency of a native, he has written several notable books, and he possesses a wonderful collection of Court swords from the days of Queen Elizabeth to the present day. He spends a great proportion of his time in Windsor, as he is Constable and Deputy-Governor of the Castle, and his official duties necessitate his living close by. Orchard Lea is full of interest. In the old garden stands the ivy-covered pump-room which George the Third used often to visit to drink from his own mineral spring, while there also a roseary which was beautifully designed by Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll. Lord Escher was M.P. for Penryn and Falmouth from 1880 to 1885, and chairman of the War Office Reconstitution Committee in 1904. He is an accomplished and convincing speaker, and during election times has been in great demand by Parliamentary candidates. He had an amusing experience on one occasion while speaking for a young politician, fresh from college, in the south of England. The candidate's speech, perhaps, was more than judiciously sprinkled with quotations from "Hamlet." After a fine peroration containing huge chunks of the play, he announced that Lord Escher was prepared to answer questions. A man stood up: "I can't quite make it out," he remarked, "whether he is a Tariff Reformer or Free Trader." "Who?" asked Lord Escher. "The man this speech was about." Puzzled, he again asked what man he meant. "Hamlet," was the reply. Viscount Escher was Miss Eleanor Van de Weyer's daughter of Mr. Van de Weyer, Belgian Minister at the Court of St. James, before her marriage in 1879.

Oratory in Australia. It would appear from what Sir George Reid says about the taste of Australians in the matter of public speeches that they like pretty much the same kind of public speech as Canadians do. Sir George advised Lord Denman, who is going out to Australia as Governor-General, to give up the "cold, rigid, calculating style of speaking that obtains in the House of Lords." "It is not so much the warmth, and enthusiasm into his address," Lord Denman regretfully replied that he feared he could not do it. "Humor is the most important quality in a speaker who wishes to interest Australian audiences," said Sir George. "It is not so much the love of amusement, and will listen patiently to a speaker if they think he will show some humor before he quits."

A Duchess' Palace. It was to the Duchess of Sutherland, the hostess of Stafford House, that Queen Victoria is reported to have said: "I have come from my house to see you in your palace, and Stafford House the magnificent is to be closely associated with the coronation festivities. On the night of the 23rd of June, that is to say the night after the coronation, the Duchess will give a ball to be attended by the German Crown Prince and Princess and all the royal and distinguished guests in London at the time. The ball is in honor of the debut of Lady Rosemary Leveson Gower, the only daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland."

The Spitting Snake. A snake found in Africa is called the spitting snake by the Boers. It is between two and three feet long and is especially bold and active, readily attacking every one who approaches it. In confinement it is very savage, opening its mouth and ejecting its fangs, from which the poison may be often observed to drop and even sometimes to be forcibly ejected, whence the name given is by the Boers.

They Come Back. "Yes, I had ten children. They all grew up and married off." "I suppose it is lonesome now at home?" "Oh, no. Every once in awhile one of them gets a divorce and wanders back."

Not a Question of Comfort. "I thought you were trying to economize on coal?" said the perspiring tenant of an apartment. "Only in the winter," said the janitor. "Now, we're trying to burn up what's left, because we need the room it takes up."

The Eternal Feminine. Servant (announcing caller)—Mrs. Dabblington Dibs. Mistress—Not at home. Servant—She's got a new dress on, mum. Mistress—Show her in.

Haldane a Dane? Viscount Haldane claims to belong to an ancient Scottish family of Danish origin. In the North the Secretary for War is best known as a theologian. He is one of the best German scholars in England.

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