

much careful delineation of character. The attitude is a sitting one, the right hand holds a partly closed book, the face not quite full; the brushing on the hands is admirable in its delicate treatment.

Mr. Wyly Grier's picture "Bereft," along with his portrait of Mr. Goldwin Smith, which has not been exhibited here, and one of Mr. Edward Blake, which was at the last Palette Club Exhibition, was the attraction at the artist's studio last Monday when he received his many friends at an "At Home." The title of the picture is well chosen, and, if one had any gift of poetry, it is a picture like this that would inspire it, as is said to have been the case with Kingsley's "Lands of Dee." The time is evening, a slim peasant girl with unkempt locks holds in her arms a lamb whose mother lies dead at her feet, partially in a pool of water. A sketch of Moorland, dull in the waning light, with a belt of firs against the quiet sky, complete a picture very pathetic in its simplicity. The broad treatment of the brush work and low key in which it is painted are in perfect harmony with the subject.

The course of lectures on art which the Woman's Art Association has been giving this season closed Feb. 28th with a lecture by Mr. O. A. Howland on "Art in Doors and out of Doors." Professor Ramsay Wright introduced the lecturer and proved himself an excellent chairman throughout the entertainment which consisted of a programme of most enjoyable music after the lecture. Mr. Howland spoke of the aim of the Association as rather promotive of the art spirit than of the facility of expression needed in the artist. All art, he said, could be traced to "out of doors," as even that about us, whether house or furniture or decoration, was an echo of nature. He referred to several instances of public buildings which had been beautified by tastefully planned surroundings. The early art of the ancients was also dwelt upon. At the close of the lecture, playing by the Ladies' String Quartette, solos by Mrs. Farlane and Mrs. Saunders, respectively, and instrumental music by Miss McCutcheon, completed the programme.

### Personal.

Oliver Wendell Holmes left an estate valued at \$72,117.

Sir John Carling has definitely retired from political life.

Evangelist Moody celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday recently in San Antonio, Texas.

The first guest registered in the New Hotel Quinte, at Belleville, was William Laidlaw, of Toronto.

Leo XIII's rare vitality has carried him safely through another sharp illness, from which he is said to have quite recovered.

Miss Frances Willard and Lady Henry Somerset have been making together an extensive lecturing tour, but have both been laid up recently by an attack of influenza.

Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh met with a very hearty reception during his late visit to Edmonton, an outlying portion of the immense territory under his jurisdiction.

J. R. Dougall, proprietor of the Montreal *Witness*, has been re-elected President of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Hon. J. G. Joly de Lotbiniere has accepted the Liberal nomination for Portneuf, and Sir Donald Smith has been offered the Conservative nomination for Montreal West.

Rev. W. T. Herridge, M.A., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, has been ordered by his physician to take several months' rest, and will sail for Europe early in April.

Dr. Weldon, M.P., for Albert County, N.B., has been renominated by the Conservatives of that constituency. He is a member of the faculty of law of Dalhousie University.

Mr. Bayard, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, is taking an active interest in the movement to purchase Thomas Carlyle's Cheyne Walk residence and convert it into a Carlyle Museum.

Modjeska, the great Polish actress, has been forbidden to play in Warsaw, because she once delivered in America a lecture looked on with disfavor by the Russian Government.

Rev. J. W. Annis, a very prominent Methodist clergyman, at present stationed in London, Ontario, has been stricken with paralysis, and all hope of his recovery seems to be excluded.

At the late Conference of Young Methodists, in Toronto, a very able address was delivered by the Rev. A. C. Courtice, who is to assume, on the first of July next, the editorship of the *Christian Guardian*.

Mr. F. M. Bell-Smith, the well-known Toronto artist, was placed on the footing of a guest at Rideau Hall while he was painting so much of a portrait of Lord Aberdeen as required sittings of His Excellency.

Tsar Nicholas II. has extended for ten years the limit of the time within which the ukase of 1892, forbidding foreigners the privilege of being freeholders or leaseholders in certain districts, will come into force.

Mrs. Herbert, wife of Gen. Herbert, accompanied Lady Aberdeen to the meeting of the National Council of Women at Washington. Gen. Herbert has gone to England on leave, the motive being urgent private business.

Mr. George A. Cox has been selected to fill the vacancy caused in the Toronto Street Railway directorate by the resignation of Mr. J. W. Leonard. The selection is a good one for both the Railway Company and the city.

Queen Victoria writes a coarser hand now than she used to do, but it is still firm and full of character. Before she became "Empress of India" she used to sign herself "Victoria R"; now she signs "Victoria R. I."

The Patrons of West Assiniboia have nominated Mr. J. K. McKinnis, of the Regina *Standard*, to contest that constituency with Mr. N. F. Davin, of the Regina *Leader*. The campaign will be an interesting one, at least from a spectacular point of view.

Major General C. W. Robinson, C.B., the newly appointed Governor of Chelsea Hospital in England, is a son of the late Sir John Beverley Robinson, and a younger brother of ex-Lieut.-Governor Robinson and of Christopher Robinson, Q.C., of Toronto.

Lord Dufferin, in a speech before the Paris Chamber of Commerce, recently said that, despite current criticisms, there had never been a time since his arrival in Paris when the relations between France and Britain were more friendly and more conciliatory on both sides.

Mr. Frank Cockshutt, the new President of the Brantford Board of Trade, dealt in his inaugural address with the subject of acquiring play grounds for the children of the city. Other Boards of Trade might follow up this line of action with great advantage to the community.

President Faure is said to be the first French President addicted to smoking. Thiers never smoked; McMahon had given up the habit under medical advice; Grevy had ceased to smoke before he became President; Casimir-Perier is a very light and only an occasional smoker.

Lord Randolph Churchill had a presentiment of early death, but he expected to serve five years as Prime Minister before he died. He was leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons for that time, but lost his chance of the Premiership by resigning from the Salisbury Ministry.

Captain Gordon, of the ship *Crathie*, which recently sank the German steamer *Elbe* in a collision, has been fined ten shillings by the North Shields maritime authorities. His offence, perpetrated last October, was sailing his vessel up the Tyne on the north instead of the south side of the channel.

The Rev. Dr. McIntyre, now of Denver, Colorado, has been engaged by the management of the Grimsby Park, to give a week's lectures at that popular summer resort in August next. Dr. McIntyre is well known to frequenters of the Park as one of the most eloquent lecturers of the day.

The Press Gallery of the Ontario Legislature has chosen Mr. C. T. Long, of the *Mail and Empire*, president for this session, Mr. J. E. Atkinson, of the *Globe*, vice-president, and

Mr. J. H. Woods, secretary. The Hon. Speaker Balfour, under whose authority the gallery is organized, is an active journalist.

W. J. Healy, who has been for some years the resident correspondent of the Toronto *Mail* at Ottawa, has resumed office work on the *Mail and Empire*, and his place has been taken at the Capital by Mr. Horace Wallis. Mr. Healy, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto, was tendered a farewell reception by his fellow graduates resident in Ottawa.

One of the counsel for the Hyams brothers in their preliminary trial on a charge of murder in this city was Francis L. Wellman, who, a few months ago, conducted, on behalf of New York State, the prosecution of Erastus Wiman on a charge of forgery. Police Magistrate Denison declined to allow either Mr. Wellman or Mr. Gooch, his partner, to take any part in the conduct of the case. The prisoners will not suffer any detriment on this account, for Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, their Canadian counsel, is amply able to look after their interests.

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