

If the bombs dropped on such occasions would only kill one or two American citizens instead of a few English nursery-maids and children, Washington would not take so detached a view of these unspeakable horrors as official neutrality now prescribes. As to retaliation, Lord Bryce is probably right in holding that this would be futile, on the ground that if it came to cruelty against cruelty the Germans would always win. The only temptation to believe the contrary is the argument that a successful expedition on the part of, say, 100 aeroplanes launched from England would operate as a great deterrent against further enterprises on the part of the minions of William the Frightful. That argument is warmly championed by the youngest member of the British House of Commons, Mr. Pemberton Billing, formerly of the Royal Naval Air Service. But others seem inclined to accept the view expressed the other day by the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury, when the Bishops recorded their "conviction that the principles of morality forbid a policy of reprisal which has as a deliberate object the killing or wounding of non-combatants," and their belief "that the adoption of such a mode of retaliation, even for barbarous outrages, would permanently lower the standards of honourable conduct between nation and nation."

RECRUITING The last published figures relating to recruiting **IN QUEBEC** in Quebec and the other Provinces of the Dominion **PROVINCE** show a very marked balance against Quebec; especially as compared with Ontario, the returns for Quebec are the reverse of satisfactory, both absolutely and relatively. Ontario has recruited nearly 111,000 men; Quebec not more than 28,000, of whom 23,000 are in the Montreal division. The Maritime Provinces, with a very much smaller population, have done nearly as well as Quebec, while the West has supplied no fewer than 100,000 men.

There may be something that is soothing to British vanity in the proof that, so far as the English-speaking population of Quebec is concerned, we have done fully as well as