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WHATEVER may be the faults and limitations of its individual membership, the Press, as a whole, is a powerful agent in the building up of a country. Its influence, for good or bad, is felt by most of its readers, and, even if its policy be not always commended, the Press should command respect and confidence.

"The Samoa Guardian" will speak for itself as each issue is sent forth to encounter adverse criticisms or to meet with favorable comments.

If a man is generous and a genuine "big-hearted "fellow he welcomes criticism. It enables him to take a proper measure of himself and so plan his actions and conduct towards his rivals. He does not receive criticism as a personal attack or affront, even if, in his opinion, it is unfair, it worries him but a little. The generous man knows that where there is competition there must be some friction. A little oiling, and he braces himself for further controversy and disdains to mope or be irritated.

A small minded man will chafe and vent his spleen upon his critics, exhibiting his smallness and ineffectiveness. He will not fight fairly or even intelligently. He seeks an "alibi" and considers the throwing of invectives to be clever argument. Not so the big-minded man who is ready to acknowledge ability, sincerity and other virtues in his opponent.

the opinion-making functions, the devotion to news and earnest discussion of government—in this department of the journal we trust to aid in the clarification of many public questions. "The Samoa Guardian" will make the path of the up

"grass roots." Our editorials shall be timely and well digested, discussing earnestly public matters. The expressions of opinion will be influenced only by what is considered to be the best interests of the country.

No efforts will be spared to induce the inhabitants of Samoa to realise that this publication will be of REAL value to them and an entertaining visitor in their homes.

We intend, through a careful and unprejudiced selection of news items concerning Samoa and a proper representation of public opinion, to gain the confidence of the public and to secure a steady and healthy circulation throughout the several groups of Islands of the South Seas, in New Zealand, in Australia and in the United States of America.

We desire to dwell in harmony with our journalistic neighbours. We do not wish to cavil with or to injure our contemporaries, we realise that as their success and increased circulation are, so also, will our success be assured and our circulation measured.

This publishing enterprise is a business and shall be conducted as a factory or store, to serve.

We enter the field of news gathering and news publishing with a competitive spirit controlled with a strong belief in fair play, honesty, truth, fair criticism and a feeling of goodwill towards our contemporaries and all opposed to us.

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Translation of part of an address given by His Excellency, Sir George Richardson, Administrator for Western Samoa, to the Faipule assembled in Mulinu'u, and published in the Samoan language in the Government newspaper "O le Savali" during the month of April,

People have been circulating letters urging the country to yield, thus:

- 1. To declare your dissatisfaction with your Leaders (Faipule) and to appoint others to replace you.
- 2. To remove the prohibition of wedding processions with fine mats (and to return) to (the practice) as it was in early days, that custom which has impoverished villages and families, wasting many days fruitlessly and causing neglect of plantations which grow into bush, and increasing great scarcity of food in some districts.
- 3. The Samoan Chief.

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