



President Archie Teetzel.

A young organization you will say, and in some measure you are correct, but the strength of Kiwanis cannot be judged by its age. In the two short years of its existence in this province it has grown very rapidly and has taken its place in the front ranks with the older organizations.

This is due chiefly to the sound principles upon which it is founded and to its motto, "We Build," which is ever kept in mind by its members.

This motto, as used by Kiwanis, is applied in the broadest possible manner. Kiwanians do not build for gain in the commercial sense, rather they build so that service may be given; service to their city, their province or state and service to their country and flag. Structures which they are building include such high ideals as patriotism, good citizenship, good fellowship, unselfishness and high standards of business.

Every community has its problems to face and many an important matter has been neglected entirely or has been half done owing to the lack of united effort on the part of the citizens. Kiwanis exists for just such purposes as this and can always be relied upon to take care of its share of matters that are of public interest and is always alert and on the lookout to offer its services. There is nothing too big nor too small for Kiwanis to undertake providing it is worthy or in the best interests of mankind, and once undertaken it is carried to completion to the last letter.

There is no public question that affects the people but is of interest to Kiwanians. Kiwanis is non-sectarian and non-political in all its deliberations and all questions are dealt with and settled entirely on their merits.

Therefore it is not to be wondered at that Kiwanis influence has quickly been felt and that it was early recognized as an important factor in any community where it has come.

Kiwanis has come to stay in British Columbia and although but a youngster, its past achievements are such as to speak for its great things for the future. Its activities have of necessity been confined to the larger centres of population, but as the outlying districts are populated it will spread until a Kiwanis club will be found wherever sufficient members can be had to form one.

It is the Kiwanis spirit that builds nations and where could be found a more suitable place to utilize Kiwanis than in our own province, which is about to see the greatest development in its history.

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High Noon

Blue,—was there ever sky so blue before?
I am not strong enough in will to lie
And lose my gaze in that pellucid sky,
Lest I should come back to this clay no more.

For there my thoughts have boundless space to roam,
Finiteless fields laid out for me to stray,
Without a danger to beset my way,
And not a warning sight to call me home.

If I released my spirit there, unbound
From all the chains of daily narrow use,
It would expand when I had let it loose
And spread to fill the heavens all around.

My soul would shake its cramped pinions free—
Soaring in unimaginable bliss,
Viewing delights more rapturous than this,—
And nothing blind it to life's mystery.

The universe might wholly be revealed
If I but gazed in that celestial blue
Until my mind, steeped with it through and through,
Could compass all the wisdom it would yield.

My soul would drain yet deeper draughts of truth—
Its flight the heavens all too small to hold,—
In knowledge grow immeasurably old,
In jubilation retain eternal youth.

But if my thoughts extended thus on high,
Could I recall them to my body here,
Once more make mortal that inspired seer?
I am afraid to gaze into the sky.

Vancouver.

—Lionel Stevenson.

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