opinion. Yet these unions flourish and accomplish much for their members. How different in the Ottawa Civil Service! Here are thousands of persons thrown together with an absolutely common cause, no employer to fear and nothing to suffer from the injudicious conduct of any allied organization, yet organization is maintained only by the strenuous and unremitting endeavours of the few self-sacrificing individuals who have the wider and clearer vision.

Leaving the material aspect of the matter out of consideration: Compare the service with well-known fraternal organizations. Many societies offer their members nothing in the way of financial return, yet thousands of men stand together in common brotherhood for the common good. This is the higher and the better form of organization. To such fellowship should civil servants aspire. Let us open our eyes to the wider view of our common need. Every civil service organization is a power for the uplift of the whole body of civil servants, whether members or not. The general association, the co-operative association, the loan society and other organizations all exist for and seek to serve the common cause. Let every civil servant in Ottawa (and in Canada) sit in judgment upon him or herself and ask "Am I doing all I can to help this work along?" He or she who cannot truthfully answer "Yes" is guilty of a breach of that trust which is imposed upon every individual in the human brotherhood.

In no sense and on neither side is this a case of "something for nothing,"—help the other fellow and he will help you. All get together to work for the general good and all are helped. The Ottawa service is at once the mainspring of the civil service of Canada. Outside organizations, numerically weak and widely separated, do their part nobly, and they look to Ottawa and the Ottawa service as a rallying-centre. The Outside Service will stand by us. Will we do our part? Is there fraternity in the civil service?

E. G.

IMMIGRATION STAFF CELEBRATE.

The Immigration Branch of the Interior Department in previous years joined in the regular departmental dinner. This year it was thought well to hold a little affair of their own. Consequently, on Tuesday, Jan. 7th, twenty-five of the male members of the staff sat down to a cosy little repast in the Civil Service Club. Several members were prevented from going owing to having to be absent from the city on duty.

Mr. E. Blake Robertson, assistant superintendent, occupied the chair, and Mr. R. Fraser, the vice-chair. Mr. J. A. Cote, assistant deputy minister, the guest of the Branch, sat on the chairman's right. A most excellent menu was provided by the Club chef. The service was splendid in every detail, and reflected great credit on the new steward, Mr. Scanlan.

Three toasts only were honoured: "The King," "Our Guest," proposed by Mr. Robertson, and responded to by Mr. Cote. "The Ladies," proposed by Mr. R. Fraser, and responded to by Mr. T. A. Browne.

The responses of Messrs. Cote and Browne were eloquent and witty.

A musical programme followed, which lasted until nearly midnight.

Mr. W. J. Johnston sang most acceptably as did also that favorite amateur, Mr. Charles Parkinson. Both were encored. Prof. Tremblay supplied the accompaniment. Mr. Morisset also sang most agreeably, while Mr. Robertson recited Tam O'Shanter with great feeling. The evening passed most pleasantly, and was brought to a conclusion by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The committee in charge were Messrs. Robertson, Burns and Butterworth.

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Not to be outdone by the male officials of the office, the ladies of the Immigration Branch held a jolly sleigh drive, followed by a supper and dance at Aylmer, on the evening of Jan. 8th. About twenty-six ladies and gentlemen drove out in a large van to Holt's Hotel. A magnificent hot repast after the long cold drive was most acceptable and was enjoyed by all.

Then followed a delightful dance in Mrs. Holt's splendid ball room. The floor was excellent. At intervals songs were sung by Miss and Mr. C. Parkinson. Altogether the