

check democracy would be to resist the will of God.

Finally—we Canadians are planted in a Dominion whose fertile belt extends from the forty-ninth parallel, north latitude, to the Arctic circle, capable of sustaining a population greater than that of the continent of Europe; cradling in its midst vast reservoirs of fresh water, sufficient to moisten the atmosphere and make fertile, regions greater than are to be found similarly fertilized upon any other quarter of the earth; possessing rivers and streams adapted to develop power to do the work of the world; fisheries and mineral resources surpassing any to be found elsewhere. We Canadians should be a happy and thankful people! No doubt we are, but, awe-struck with the thought of our responsibility, we should kneel in reverence, and form a solemn covenant with our Creator and with one another, that while He showers the materials of such prosperity upon this fair land, and saves us from our enemies, we should build on deep-laid foundations an ever-surviving temple of freedom and justice, stimulated by the reflection that

“He hath sounded forth a trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
Be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet,  
For God is marching on.”

### To Ada.

First Prize Poem, by Miss B. T. Bauer.

Night's sombre shades are falling,—  
A solitary star  
In the tremulous hush is reeling  
Above yon golden bar.  
The crimson glow is faded,—  
This last soft, sunny day  
Of the tender Indian summer  
Has well nigh passed away.

And thy young life is passing!  
The paling glories wait  
To light in their onward passage  
Thy soul to the Golden Gate.

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### Socialism.

Prize Essay by Miss L. J. Bulmer.

The universe is a vast and mighty unity permeated and controlled by a Divine Energy which is expressed and interpreted through Nature. This is a world of Nature and a world of Humanity;—Nature with all her beauty, her infinitely varied charm and loveliness, awakening in us all that is good and true; Man with all his wondrous faculties, heroic impulses and splendid creativeness. Nature and Man are alike necessary to the individual. Each has an allotted task to perform. From each soul as from a centre, a ray of relation passes to every other soul, linking all and establishing a kinship.

“All are needed by each one,  
Nothing is fair or good alone.”

Herein lies the true idea of the world-wide movement of Socialism. It is a new form of Socialistic movement or organization based on a fundamental change in the economic order of the now existing Society. All that are able should contribute to Society, all should share in its fruits of associated labor, according to some good and equitable principle. In such a condition of things, the noblest field of ambition will be in the service of Society, an ideal which is already partly realized in the democratic state.

The word “Socialism” is of comparatively recent origin, having been coined in the year 1835, in England. In that year, the Society which received the name of “Association of all Classes of all Nations” was founded with the clear-thinking, open-hearted Robert Owen at the head. Owen and his school had no esteem for the political reform of the time and laid all emphasis, all stress on the necessity of social improvement and re-construction. Certainly, knowing the workings of the minds of Owen and his followers, knowing the