

temperance organizations are battling with one of the greatest curses of the world, and largely owe their success to systematic effort. In proper associations men learn to honour worth, ability, zeal and learning, to respect official position, to observe law and order, to bear discipline, and fully comprehend the duty of obedience. Even secrecy under proper circumstances becomes a virtue, and a source of discipline to the mind. The object of the Loyal Orange Association is set forth in the General Declaration. In the first place it is desirous of supporting the principles and practices of the Christian religion. This comprehends a belief in the doctrine of the Atonement and the code of morality taught by our Saviour and His Apostles, and exemplified in the life and actions of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the second place it is formed in

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believing it to be the most suitable form of government, and mindful of the coronation oath taken by the Sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland, in answer to the Archbishop of Canterbury's question, that he or she will to the utmost of their power maintain the laws of God, the true profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant reformed religion established by law. In the third place it is a charitable association. Although it has not formally a Sick Benefit Fund, we all know that a poor, afflicted and worthy brother does not seek our aid in vain, or go away empty and uncomfited when aid is sought; and the kindness is not the less appreciated because it is not paraded before the public eye. Our reports show that much has been done for the orphan, but more is given than appears there, for when occasion offers the Primary Lodges are not neglectful in this matter; and our Life Assurance will now provide handsomely for widows or relatives, as well as orphans. It should likewise be remembered that we are required to be willing to aid all loyal subjects, including loyal Roman Catholics who may suffer because of their loyalty to the country or the Crown, and I believe our brethren in Ireland lately have not forgotten their duty in this respect. In the fourth place I fully agree with those who say that the Orange Society is political, but deny that it is so in the sense which its Protestant opponents in this country say it is.

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binds him to support the British Constitution, and makes him owe allegiance to the Crown so long as the Sovereign fulfils his or her obligations as a covenanting party. We are not called upon to believe in the old Tory principle that the king can do no wrong. The very fact that the Association takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688 conclusively proves this, as every one acquainted with British history must know. Our principles are therefore of a liberal character in this respect, and they are righteous in that we disdian the badge of faction, call upon the sons of Britain to lay aside political feuds and sacrifice private considerations. We are conservative in the sense that we desire to preserve the unity of the Empire and the advantages and blessings, civil and religious, which we enjoy under British connection, and of which we are justly proud. I cannot see that our Association has anything specially to do with any political party in Canada, unless its principles are in

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