

agement of the party organizations has been left too often to those who had personal interests to serve. When election time came, the church people voted according to party, and could be counted on to do so. No attention needed to be paid to their convictions; they would not emphasize them to the extent of interfering with their party's prospects; it was the loose element in the constituency that had to be conciliated and won. Hence in many cases, candidates were chosen and policies adopted which would appeal to this baser class. The blame for the consequences must be borne by the church people. They could have stopped it if they would, but their partisanship blinded them so that they could not even see the issues at stake. The late Dr. Dale once said of men on this side of the Atlantic: "The good men stay out of politics to make money; the bad men go into politics to make money: between the two I do not see much difference."

It is this neglect of or contempt for moral considerations that has been our bane in the past. In spite of it we have accomplished wonders, but our highest triumphs are yet to come. What is our conception of the Canadian West? A strong young people, proud of its blood and of the traditions of its race, conscious of its power and of its unlimited possibilities. The physical basis for greatness is ours; and we have also had strength and efficiency. No doubt the times are hard, and of late the course of events has gone against us; nevertheless we have achieved great things. Vancouver is not what it was two years ago, men say. True, but compare it with what it was ten years ago, and think of a city like this built up in that time! Real estate prices may have dropped, but the foundation of our greatness stands sure. The North has been opened. transportation has been provided; our resources are being developed. It is true that the surface is only scratched in spots, but the world knows our possibilities. There has been speculation and this is the morning after the orgy; but it is the morning, and the day is still before us. In spite of speculation, one dollar has been made to do the work of ten, and the spirit that wrought such things in the past can redeem itself and accomplish still greater things in the future.

What is needed now? A kindling of the nation's spirit. This is the movement of the day. It would have been so easy for the Belgians to let the Germans march through their territory. The invaders promised to pay for all the damage done, and to keep their territory intact. All this suffering would thus have been avoided. But the nation's soul would have been killed. What would have been the value of integrity of territory without independence? For the sanctity of her soil and the inviolability of her homes and sanctuaries, Belgium is crushed and bleeding, but she does not consider the price too high, and she has won the world to her view. The wrong to Belgium will prove Germany's undoing. No doubt, as he made his