

Before recommending to you the great questions you should adopt as your watchwords, we earnestly exhort you to shake off now and forever that apathy and indifference which at several momentous crises in public affairs has paralyzed your energies, and which it would seem that moments like these, when all minds are unsettled, can alone arouse to exertion. Perfect in every part of the country a complete and permanent organization. Let every Branch Society of this League become a deliberative body, so as to prepare its future delegates for the deliberations of this Convention. Endeavor to soften down political asperities and sectional animosities, and to unite all men for the welfare of this our common country.

Three subjects among those which have engaged our deliberations stand prominently forth, demanding your earnest attention.

By the first of these, an Union of all the British North American Provinces, it has been proposed in this Convention to lay the foundations for making this country a great nation upon a solid and enduring basis.

Impressed with the weight of such a measure, but uncertain as to the sentiments of the sister Colonies, this Convention has proposed a conference with those Provinces by a delegation of some of its members. Meantime it recommends this great question to your mature deliberations.

The second great movement in which we invite your co-operation is that for retrenchment and economy in the public expenditure.

The third is that still more great and vital movement we are prepared to make in favor of Protection to Home Industry.

Inscribe these glorious rallying cries upon your banners; glorious, because they will elevate your country from failure to success—from ruin to prosperity. They will eventually unite with you all honest men—all men of reason and true patriotism.

Keep them before you in your assemblies; procure for them the assent and advocacy of your neighbors; support no man at the hustings who will not pledge himself to wise and salutary retrenchment—who will not agree to raise his voice in favor of protection.

So shall you elevate this your country into a great nation of freemen, fostered by and in amity and connection with Great Britain—preserving her time-hallowed institutions—adopting her *old* trade principles, under which she has flourished for centuries, and her people have grown the richest on the face of the globe—those great trade principles which in the neighboring Union have also been adopted, and have established that mighty and prosperous nation.

Forsake these principles—neglect this advice—then prepare to behold your country, notwithstanding the great advantages which God has given her—her boundless forests, a source of exhaustless wealth for ages—her noble lakes and splendid rivers, the natural highways of a mighty nation's commerce; notwithstanding her unlimited water-power—her extensive tracts of rich arable land—her immense mineral resour-