

or unwise course; the man who, being convinced that the existing rulers of his country are wrong or unwise, has the courage to stand up and say so, who confronts rulers and penalties, legal or social, and frowns and sneers and howling multitudes—that man is the patriot, it is he who sacrifices himself for his country's good.”—(N. Y. *Independent*, 26th August, 1900.)

Let us in this club not be carried away by popular clamor; nor form our opinions from newspaper headlines, or uninformed conversations. Let us strive to know what is best for our country, and with that in view patiently study our history, our institutions, and the lives of our great men. Let us know what they did, what they advocated, and what their success; even their faults and their failures may have lessons for us. And let us always put Canada before party, and our country above any class or section within it. Making use of the language of Mr. Sanford Evans' recent book, I leave you by saying:

“No time in the history of this country, not even the period when Confederation was the grand problem, had greater need of enlightenment and temperate statesmanship. That is the great need of the Empire to-day. The proselytizing zeal of those who see but one possible outcome, and admit but one interpretation of what has occurred, is not the desideratum; nor is the subtle and insistent diplomacy of more masterful men. Frankness, directness, mutual consideration, and moderation, will take Canada safely through the period of discussion which will dissipate the mists and the false sanctities and let in the daylight in which men see where they walk and walk because they see.” (*)

My best wish for our Canadian Clubs is that they may help to let in the daylight.

(*) Page 331.