

as for the rushing wave of patriotism that followed in its wake and burst over the Empire to its farthest bounds. And in our own College halls was ample proof that love of country was no mere name, but a deep abiding passion, that found a fitting instrument of expression in the patriotic outburst of our Principal upon the day following that glorious event.

But amid the joy of victory and proud confidence in the nation's power there lingered a note of sadness. From this land had gone forth at their country's call two thousand of our young men, who had gallantly done their part, unscathed, till that memorable Sunday morning brought to them their first baptism of blood. Our deep sympathy goes forth now to the homes with the vacant chair and hearts that ache for son or brother who gave his life for Queen, for country, and for God.

To the Empire at large but one result can follow—the closer union of colonies and mother country. Now, as never before, they understand each other, and the shout of joy and triumph that echoed round the world proclaimed to mankind that all were one, bound by an indissoluble tie.

Surely at such a time it were right to look for a united Canada, with the mantle of peace and good will thrown over the religious, the political and the race bitterness that has been our heritage for more than a century. But has this been done? In public gatherings, in the press, on the very floor of Parliament, charges of disloyalty have been hurled against a sister Province. That the French-Canadians should share all the feel-

ings and actions of *Englishmen* we cannot expect; that in the main their conduct is consistent as *Britons* there is strong proof. If it is the seeming demands of party warfare that has called forth the fierce crusade against them, there can scarcely be too strong condemnation of such a course.

But at this time of doubt, the figure of the Premier of this country stands forth in strong relief, as calmly he rose in the House to defend the despatch of the two contingents, and in an oration whose eloquence won unstinted applause from friend and foe, re-affirmed his own loyalty. Noble are the words with which he ended a stirring plea for peace between the two races:

"If there is one thing to which I have given my political life it is to try to promote the unity and harmony and amity between the diverse elements of this country. My friends can desert me, they can withdraw their confidence from me, they can withdraw the trust which they have placed in my hands, but never shall I deviate from that line of policy. Whatever may be the consequences, whether loss of prestige, loss of popularity or loss of power, I feel that I am in the right, and I know that a time will come when every man will render me full justice in that respect."

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It is unfortunate that no action was taken by the Literary Society early this term, towards arranging for a competition in oratory and essay writing, as was done by our predecessors with marked success. Such a contest could not have failed to exercise in the highest degree, faculties that count for much in successful teaching, and likewise would have been of no small value to all of us, who would share in the results of these efforts.