

we imitate all the glorious virtues for which her children have ever been distinguished.

History proclaims the undeniable truth that discord among the Irish themselves has been at all ages the great radical cause of our national misfortunes. And oh, it were well if this scathing malediction of Cain had not followed us to this side of the Atlantic. There is probably not a State, nor a Province, nor a large city, at either side of the British American line, where the demon of Irish feuds is not visibly at work. People of other nationalities have their fights and personal disagreements, but when the enemy or stranger approaches, like skirmishers in a well-drilled army, they instinctively quit their isolation and fall back forthwith on the main body, ever presenting an unbroken front and a serried phalanx to the foe. Would, I say, that in this country of bright hopes we could get rid of this one great national drawback, and imitate at an humble distance the English, the French, the Scotch, and the Americans, in agreeing to differ on minor points, but to be ever blended together as one man in essentials; and then we would make our mark in this country, and in its legislature, and would intellectually, socially, and politically, yield to no others in the land.

At the inauguration of the New Dominion, the time has come for shaking off in earnest this degrading "badge of all our tribe." Let us no longer listen to the voice of blinding passion, but act in public and private affairs as thinking and reasoning human beings, vindicating our own views as best we can, and making all charitable allowances for others. Let us have honorable ambition; yes! but let us be moderate and modest in our pretensions; let us never be foremost nor in each others way where public position and the loaves and fishes are concerned. Let us never be guilty of the unpardonable crime of splitting up for personal ends our own people, who are but one-seventh in number and not one-fifteenth, perhaps, in influence, of the whole population, and who through their own fault solely are well nigh powerless as they can be. Let us hear no more of Irish faction fights and degrading feuds where the stranger is sure to come in (as always happens) and gobble up what of right belongs to us. Before committing ourselves to an