

A PATRIOTIC CREED
FOR
THE RISING GENERATION OF CANADIANS.

INTRODUCTION.

Mr. W. J. Hamilton of St. Paul, Minn., who has been prolific in his valuable hints for the improvement of the civic ethics of society, has lately issued in printed form "A Patriotic Creed for the Children of the Nation" that is, of the Republic of the United States. And, now that the political turmoil in Canada, has issued in the acceptance by the people of a union government, Mr. Hamilton's hint may safely be presented, in an amplified form, to the citizenship of Canada, by way of suggestion as to how it may patriotically face the task of maturing its nationhood in line with the higher moralities, while the war lasts and after. As a distinguished English Bishop once said, "Orthodoxy is my doxy and heterodoxy is any other doxy". This was afterwards repeated in another form by a prominent Canadian divine. But there is no question of orthodoxy or heterodoxy in what Mr. Hamilton has laid down as a guidance for the rising generation entering upon its novitiate of citizenship. His "Patriotic Creed" or rather its amplification, as herewith submitted to a Canadian public for approval or disapproval, is something we all can accept, as an emphasizing of the true Canadianism we are all longing to foster and mature, in our present efforts to aid in the winning of the most momentous war the world has ever been called upon to face, as an endangering to our Christian civilization.

THE CREED IN EXTENSO AND AS AMENDED

(1) I believe in God, the All-Father of the Nations, and in His irrevocable laws of Creation and Providence, which it is my duty to try to understand as a guidance to the truth of the world within me and without me.

(2) I believe the Moral Law, as enunciated in the Decalogue and