

suasive powers upon me. He invited me to the first meeting, however, and I was influenced towards joining by a statement of Mr. N. G. Neill as to effective work done by Kiwanians in checking voters and voting in another Canadian city. I concluded that if the Kiwanian Club—no matter where or how it originated—was to be an active force in the community for business and social righteousness, there was abundant opportunity for its service in British Columbia.

**"COUSINLY REGARD"—EACH CLUB SEPARATE ENTITY**

As a Canadian, and a Scottish-born son of the Empire, I have something of cousinly regard and family criticism for citizens of the United States; but I believe that, with nations as with men, we should be alert to emulate their good qualities, and careful to avoid their mistakes.

Whatever our international affiliations, each Kiwanian Club, I believe, is a separate entity, and may develop its own life and work, with the view of being most effective in its local service.

For information, and without criticism, one may—on the *inside*—raise a question as to why this club, formed about the end of the year, and collecting an initiation fee of \$15 per member, with well over 100 members, should levy its half-yearly fee of \$10 as due at 30th January instead of 30th June? . . . I find added point to that question by observing from the Kiwanian "Torch" that the Toronto club has an initiation fee of only \$10 and yet its yearly dues are only \$15.

**SHOULD AID SOCIAL WELFARE MOVEMENTS**

Now, as to application *outside* the club of its aims, objects and ideals. One may suggest that Vancouver

club should at once begin to take steps to justify its existence municipally and provincially by putting these ideals into practice. . . .

This organization will naturally be ready to take part with others in any large social or philanthropic movement, effort or enterprise affecting the welfare of the city or country as a whole. That is a general assumption, but we must be more definite.

**MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL CONDITIONS A CHALLENGE**

Mutually informing, encouraging and inspiring to its membership in the first place, the club ought to face unflinchingly the conditions in city and province. These conditions, judging by what has recently been "half-revealed and half-concealed," are such as to challenge the collective heroism of spirit of the members.

Sensible men do not besmirch their country or community; but they are poor patriots who ignore the "unfinished mysteries" which tarnish their country's fame. . . . Municipally, we have had curious incidents, and promised procedure in one case seems to have been followed by promise of a counter-action in another. . . . Is that the end?

**PECULIAR THINGS IN PROVINCIAL LAW AND POLITICS**

In provincial law and politics, also, peculiar things have happened. Investigation of an alleged railway scandal was energetically begun, but a deadlock was reached, and some folk still ask how and why? . . . Were men of both parties involved in questionable practices, or was it, as was alleged, that one side was intimidated by threats of counter-revelations by the other? . . . Whatever the cause or causes, such procedure is not British.