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GIVE us men!

Strong and stalwart ones;
Men whom highest hope inspires,
Men whom purest honor fires,
Men who trample self beneath them,
Men who make their country wreath them
As her noble sons,
Worthy of their sires!
Men who never shame their mothers,
Men who never fail their brothers,
True, however false are others:
Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

—Bishop of Exeter.

We are well provided with boarding schools for our girls under Presbyterian auspices. The ladies' colleges at Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, and Brantford are all admirable institutions. We are now to have what has been long and grievously needed, a similar high-class boarding-school for boys, St. Andrew's College, which is to open in Toronto in September, with Rev. George Bruce, D. D., of St. John, New Brunswick, as Principal. Its prospects are bright.

**Our Country—Why Should we Love it,
and How can we Serve it?**

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We hear a good deal about patriotism, about the love of our country, about honouring our country's flag, and a great poet once wrote, as probably you have all read—

“Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land?”

Very likely you can all repeat the rest of it; if not, you should learn it.

But why and how should we love our coun-

try and try to serve it to the best of our ability? For it certainly is not enough to sing, “The Maple Leaf Forever,” or, “The Red, White and Blue,” or “Britannia rules the Waves,” though it is good for boys and girls to learn to sing such songs with all their hearts. Still less is it an evidence of patriotism to set off fireworks or fire-crackers on Dominion Day or the Queen's Birthday, very often to the annoyance or injury of other people, and sometimes to the hurt of those taking part in such sports! The less money you waste in gunpowder the better. But we are to show our love for our country as we should show our love for our family or friends—not in words or mere noise, still less in “bragging”—but in steady, faithful service.

But why should we “love this Canada of ours,” and her good mother, Great Britain, more than all the other beautiful countries in God's world, in which all men should love each other as brethren?

Just for the same reason that it is right for us to love our own families best, though other families are God's children, too, and should be loved by us in their degree. But God has placed us in our own families and has given us the affections that bind us to them, and we must first fulfil our duties to them before we can love and serve other people rightly. In the same way our country is the country in which God has placed us, and the country of our fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters, the country in which we ourselves expect to live; and for all these reasons it and its welfare ought to be dear to our hearts.

It is truly a noble country God has given us, a country second to none in its grandeur and opportunities and privileges. And we owe it to the faithful labours of those who redeemed it for us from the wilderness, who