

admiration and homage to the heroic in deathless loyalty and unswerving devotion which led that great general and his wife deliberately to follow their emperor, we need not forget that our ideals have again and again in the history of western peoples led men to sacrifice themselves no less deliberately and dauntlessly, and often with greater purpose. Probably examples could be cited readily from the history of every western nation, and we mention only as types common to all, the Scottish nobility, whose gallantry and devotion in the hour of dire disaster led them to gather in a circle and fall fighting around King James at Flodden; the many more Scots, especially of the Highland clansmen, who gave their lives freely for the hopeless and hapless Stuart cause and dynasty; or, to come to our Canadian homeland, that band of valiant young men who, with forethought and preparation, voluntarily gave themselves to a fight to the death against a multitude of molesting and murderous Indians that their people might thereafter be left in peace.

The difference in the ideals of the eastern and western nations has been finely suggested, and indeed emphasized, at this time in the closing lines of some timely words of welcome by "D. Rand Pierce," published in the Vancouver Daily Province. The verses are headed "Welcome, Thrice Welcome," and apply to the visit of the Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia of Connaught, members of the Royal House and Canadian representatives of the King. The closing verse reads:

And once again we welcome you,
Such joy your Royal Presence
brings,
But higher yet, like Britons true,
We magnify the King of Kings,

And pray that His benignant will
May guide and guard our empire still!

In proportion as the Christian ideal which teaches men to recognize the "King of Kings" is given due place in the life of a people, so shall they hold in fitting, but not extravagant, honor the offices, duties, or persons of other fellow mortals; who, while they may be "in authority over us," are always, like ourselves, "under God" and equally dependent upon Him.

CONSERVATION

The recent forestry convention at Victoria was an event of great importance to the whole of Canada, and especially to British Columbia. Our land is so rich in forest wealth that we have allowed the most lavish waste, quite regardless of the rights of posterity. Nowhere is this more true than in British Columbia. For years far more timber has been burned by forest fires than has been used by lumbermen, and there are some very well-informed experts who maintain that British Columbia's forest wealth will not last for more than twenty years at the present rate of use and waste. The Government is awaking to the situation, and every year sees more spent in fighting and preventing fires; but much more remains to be done yet in this and many other directions in the administration of our timber if we are to be worthy of the heritage into which we have come, and if the recent convention did nothing more than call attention to this need it was well worth while.

LIFE AND CHEMISTRY

In the recent meetings in Dundee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, much speculation was indulged in as to the nature of life and the meaning of the soul. The