

worthy. We have erected no walls to limit the subjects to be discussed but such as belong to the individual mind. We are no political society for furthering the interests of any party. Our sphere of labor is as broad as the nation and as deep as the human soul. We cannot avoid the study of political economy, because it grows out of domestic and social economy, and is identified with our national progress. In our Association there is neither Rouge nor Bleu, neither Liberal nor Conservative, for all are united in the great objects before us.

Our population is composed of the descendants and adopted sons of some of the noblest races and nations of the earth. As the French and Anglo-Saxon tongues gracefully blended after the Norman Conquest in England, and have left happy traces of such union in such words as *honour* and *favour* (which ruthless vandals have lately destroyed by the elimination of the historic letter *u*), so let the Anglo-Saxon and French-speaking peoples of this Dominion hopefully, peacefully and enthusiastically blend their interests and fortunes and energies to the rearing up of a nationality of strength and purity and durability of which our descendants shall have cause to be proud.

In our Association the matter of creed shall not be considered. We agree that "Godliness is profitable, unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is and that also which is to come," and we shall aim to encourage, and spread it. But each member shall have the liberty to worship God according to his own conscience. Our motto is union in all that concerns the building up of a strong nationality. All races can surely rally round such a standard as we propose, and work together for the physical, social and moral welfare of the people. We have the holy boldness to declare that our aim shall ever be to inspire and sustain that "*righteousness* which exalteth a nation," then we know that God will be honored, the nation benefited, and our own souls blest.