

cannot secure it merely by legislation. There must be a community of sentiment and conviction, and this can only be promoted by a more intimate knowledge and by getting the different parts of the Empire into closer touch with one another. . . . Whatever form the political development assumes, nothing can be done without mutual knowledge, and whatever helps to promote that mutual knowledge and to bring the various Provinces and Dependencies of the Empire into closer touch with one another is not only most desirable, but it is essential to any advance in the right direction. The establishment of an Imperial Intelligence Department would be a splendid step in the right direction. What we want to do is to dissipate ignorance and to bring all these races and dependencies into touch with one another."

Group D gives the opinions of sixteen of the leading clergymen of Canada. Two of these are Roman Catholic Archbishops, seven are Church of England Bishops, and the remainder are Methodists and Presbyterians, including four ex-Moderators of the Presbyterian Church. The views expressed by these can best be given in a few extracts from their letters. The Bishop of Algoma says :—

" Nothing in my judgment is more needed or better calculated to promote the cause of Imperial unity and progress, than the proposal you have laid before me in your letters. And I am firmly convinced that you are right in saying that, for the present, what we should seek first and above all else is a better knowledge of each other as the true basis upon which Imperial Institutions may be built securely when the time is ripe."

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa :—

" I hail with patriotic delight anything that will tend to bring the various parts of our great Empire into closer and more sympathetic union. It seems to me you have put first things first when you advocate an Imperial Intelligence Department. It is certainly in the line of progress and pre-eminently safe. The opportune time will come for something more, but Unions on paper without carrying the intelligence are unsafe and often hurtful."

Rev. Dr. Barclay, St. Paul's Church, Montreal :—

" My sympathies are entirely and enthusiastically with you in your wise and practical proposals."

Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto :—

" I think the Greater Britain must be a growth, like its predecessor, in order to be healthy and strong. Men are too ready to intermeddle with Providence. He that believeth in a Great British future will not make haste. The spread of knowledge in the way you indicate and the assimilations which time alone can effect are the surest means of giving us an Empire, which I trust God will use as a mighty instrument in the promotion of peace and prosperity in the world."

The late Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax :—

" It seems to me your proposal, in your letters addressed to the Canadian Club, is practicable, and would be a first step towards unity of the Empire."

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