

Empire and liberty-loving France, but even the weaker elements of their own church would be cheerfully sacrificed for the restoration of temporal power.

If, therefore, political religion is amongst the forces which must be destroyed before liberty can be finally secured, let the alignment of forces be made at once, and the fight conducted in the open and finished once and for all.

It is time now to meet every falsehood propagated from such sources with the cold truth. It is time to expose the sloppy cant about "the downtrodden people of Ireland" and the maudlin claim of "martyrdom" for the men who trapped and cold-bloodedly murdered those soldier lads from the Midlands of England who were the good-natured keepers of order in Dublin. These boys were well behaved and kindly disposed. It was not in them to be the instruments of tyranny, and those who treacherously slew them are not worthy of being regarded as knights of white soul who died for a sacred cause.

It remains only to emphasise that the question is not a matter of religious difference, unless the evil political intrigue must be accepted as an essential part of the creed of Rome.

And nothing but honor can be rendered to those gallant and loyal souls who professed the Catholic faith and have died in the great battle against Autocracy and its evil ideas.—B. M. T.

Notes and Comments

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CANADIAN CLUB SPEAKERS

Friday and Monday are not far apart, so that the Vancouver Canadian Club did itself credit by furnishing a record gathering on these two days to hear Ralph Connor and Dr. George R. Parkin. Ralph Connor's wide reputation heretofore has rested mainly on his popular books on phases of Western life, but the Great War has so taken hold of his heart and his emotions that he gave the club an address of great vividness and power. His subject afforded abundant scope for the literary touch inherited from his mother, and the mystic Highland fire which is a legacy from the father's side of the house. To some who heard Ralph Connor on all occasions here it seemed that he might have sounded the evangelistic note more clearly in certain of his addresses, but perhaps he would explain his mildness on that point by saying that others could do that equally well, but that he, on account of the experiences through which he had passed, had to emphasise the tremendous nature of the crisis now facing the Empire and the world.

Dr. George R. Parkin, who spoke on Monday, is a Canadian, but has the unique distinction of having given to such mighty men as Asquith and Milner, new visions of a federated British Empire. His address was the dispassionate analysis of the world situation so as to bring into prominence the responsibilities of the British people. With the ease born of constant experience through world-wide travel and close intimacy with famous world-leaders, he imparted to his audience much of his own consuming earnestness for the triumph of the highest British ideals.