

## God Bless Our Broad Dominion.

1. God bless our broad Dominion, our bonny Northern land,  
Our thousand forests waving wild, our lakes and torrents grand.  
From where the misty surges of bold Atlantic roar,  
To where the bright Pacific sweeps along our western shore.  
O bless our broad Dominion, here make Thy truth to stand,  
So shall Canadians freemen be, and true in heart and hand.
2. God bless our broad Dominion, our rugged Northern land,  
From Polar Iceberg's frosty ring, to Southern Frontier's band,  
God bless all tribes and peoples within our vast domain,  
And make them all as brothers work, and not for greed or gain.  
O bless our broad Dominion, here make Thy truth to stand,  
So shall Canadians freemen be, and true in heart and hand.
3. God bless our broad Dominion, our homes, our flag, our King,  
Spread happiness and plenty amongst our maples green,  
In peace or war our Guardian, be Thou our Father still,  
And what Thy wisdom sees is best shall be our Father's will.  
O bless our broad Dominion, here make Thy truth to stand,  
So shall Canadians freemen be, and true in heart and hand.

R. S. Knight.

## 'We are the People.'

Was there ever a people with a brighter outlook for the future than we of Canada have to-day? Was there ever a people who faced greater opportunities for good than we do at this time?

We laugh at the schoolboys who shout and cheer themselves hoarse after a school game, and proclaim 'We are the people.' But this is a time when 'We are the people' in very truth.

'We are the people' who, banded together in one wide Dominion, must make it and keep it a God-fearing nation.

'We are the people,' we, who make the laws, who must make justice and righteousness reign. 'We are the people,' who must welcome the throngs now pouring into our Dominion from all parts of the earth. 'We are the people,' who must educate not only the children, but all those who come to us from countries where they have had no strength for anything but the terrible struggle for the bare necessities of life.

'We are the people,' who must enforce the keeping of the Lord's Day, in spite of the influence of those thousands who come to us from other countries where they have never realized the prosperity and wealth, spiritual and material, which came from honoring God's command to keep His day Holy.

'We are the people,' who must banish from our land the use of alcohol. We who are clear sighted enough to see the curse it brings, and the sorrow and degradation it leaves to the innocent children whose fathers have sinned.

'We are the people,' who must keep pure the great stream of literature which has such a tremendous influence in this day—we who can do it by refusing to subscribe to or buy any paper or book which is not clean and worthy of support.

'We are the people,' who, having all this and much more to do, yet know so many blessings of prosperity and strength; of good laws and increasing wisdom; of peace and unity, among ourselves and under the guardianship of our Mother England, that we may well give thanks to God and go forward with much joy and a great consciousness of our power to will and to do all by His help.

## Canadian Characteristics.

Every visitor to Canada must be impressed with the robustness and vigor of Canadian life. There is a wholesome and heartiness about the typical Canadian that betokens clean living and right thinking. If we were asked to express in one word our conception of the sons and daughters of Britain who dwell above the lakes, it would be—virility.

Canada is strong in many particulars, but we are gladdest in religious ideals. Her people are in the main a religious people. They love the old church of our Lord Jesus Christ. To its services and its work they give loyal support. There are no other people on the continent who are so faithful in attendance upon the ordinances of God's house.

As a consequence of this, Canadians have

stood firm for the proper observance of the Lord's Day. While it cannot be said that Canada's attitude has been altogether ideal in this respect, it is certainly true that she has been in advance of many other countries. To a great degree—we wish we could say to an increasing degree—the people of Canada, whose fathers learned on the other side of the sea to reverence the Sabbath Day, have withstood the forces of Sabbath-breaking. It should never be forgotten that in a holy Sabbath and an open Bible Canada will find her greatest glory.

In her temperance laws and in her treatment of the Indian, Canada has shown herself a nation whose God is the Lord. Her record contains many such reasons for pride, and at this time of celebration she may gratefully look back over an honorable past, and thank Him who has been her Leader and Guide.—'Forward.'

## A Great Country.

'Canada by reason of its great geographical extent—its area is more than thirty-five times as great as that of the British Isles—its inexhaustible mineral deposits, its unrivalled fisheries, its limitless forests, grazing lands and wheat fields, its bracing climate, and above all its free institutions, the Dominion of Canada seems marked out to be one of the great future homes of the Anglo-Saxon race. What the United States now is, the Dominion seems destined at a time not very remote to become.'—Prof. Myers, Professor of History in the University of Cincinnati.

## Skirmishes.

It is good for a soldier to have part in a few skirmishes before he goes into a great battle. In the skirmish he gets accustomed to danger and learns not to run when the bullets come. The lesser battle helps when the fiercer contest meets him, for he has learned the first lesson of the fighter.

That is the way it is in life. The little temptations are the battlefields where we get ready for the big temptations. The little tasks are the preparation for big tasks. Athletes are trained for severe contests by regular exercise which does not strain them. The strain comes in the match, and the best preparation is in the regular training that does not strain, but prepares for a strain. So we are trained for life.

All of your school life is a preparation. So is your play life. So is your working at the tasks which are set for young people. You are in the skirmishes. It makes a great deal of difference what you do, for that is largely what you are going to do in the bigger contests of later life. You are getting yourself ready.

Many of the failures of later life can be traced directly back to habits formed while young or to lapses in earlier years. So most of the successes can be traced back to the same period. We are weak or strong as we have fought or yielded in the days of the past.

What are you doing just now? Are you

fighting bravely and cleanly, or are you shirking and failing? That is the test.—Exchange.

## The Fresh Hour.

Every day should be commenced with God. The busiest and best man in Jerusalem was wont to say, 'In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up; I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning.' Daniel, too, saluted his God with prayer and praise at early dawn.

We begin the day unwisely and at a great risk to ourselves if we leave our chamber without a secret conference with our Almighty Friend. Every Christian, when he puts on his clothes, should also put on his spiritual armor. Before the day's march begins he should gather up a portion of heavenly manna to feed the inner man.

As the oriental traveller sets out for the sultry journey over burning sands by loading up his camel under the palm tree's shade, and fills his water flasks from the crystal fountain which sparkles at its roots, so does Christ's pilgrim draw his morning supplies from his exhaustless spring. Morning is the golden hour for prayer and praise. The mind is fresh, the mercies of the night and the new resurrection of the dawn both prompt a devout soul to thankfulness. The buoyant heart takes its earliest flight, like the lark, toward the gate of heaven.

One of the finest touches in Bunyan's immortal allegory is his description of Christian in the Chamber of Peace, who 'awoke and sang,' while his window looked out to the sun rising.

If even the stony statue of old heathen Memnon made music when the first rays of the dawn kindled on its flinty brow, surely no Christian heart should be dumb when God causes the outgoings of the morning to rejoice!—Theodore L. Cuyler.

## Our Great Canadian Holiday.

It is fitting that in these days of growth and prosperity we do more than we have been in the habit of doing by way of celebrating our great national holiday. Dominion Day is a great day because it commemorates the confederation of Upper and Lower Canada, and the laying of the plans for the larger nation that now is—and the larger still that soon will be.

It is the more necessary that we cultivate a pride in our great Dominion that we may the more speedily infuse the great herds that are coming to our fair land with a like pride. Many of them speak a strange tongue and have stranger ideas, but they can see a flag, and they can see a maple leaf, and these will tell them of the love and pride that we have for our country, and they soon will hoist the Canadian Flag and wear the Canadian Emblem with a like enthusiasm.

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