

we are called to give sharper attention to the administration of our own affairs, and by strict vigilance to guard against any official favoritism, or political partizanship, which, to serve its own selfish and partial purposes, would place incapable persons in stations of public trust and importance. And as from this land, which daily confesses its history, by its formal recognition of the laws and languages of ancient France and ancient England — as from this land of Canada we look across the sea, and behold our parent lands forgetting Cressy and Agincourt and all former rivalry, to join their standards and strive side by side in the cause of human liberty and civilization, shall we not accept the lesson, and repeat it here on the shores of our own great St. Lawrence? Shall not all former and unseemly rivalries of race and lineage be forgotten, and all hearts and hands unite to build up a nation here, where peace shall find a permanent home, freedom a fixed sanctuary, progress a field wide as its requirements, and civilization a place for the display and enjoyment of its noblest triumphs and choicest gifts, — where the light of our heaven-sent religion shall enlighten all minds, and its warmth warm all hearts, — where men shall feel that they are brothers, and shall have joy, large and full, through willing union in practical loyalty to their Father in heaven? May his name be hallowed and held in all reverence. May his kingdom come — his divine kingdom of truth and peace, and righteousness and love. Speedily may his will be recognised by men everywhere, and done on earth as it is done in heaven.