

tween these bodies there exists any bond or agreement by which their united resources can at any time, or for any purpose, be cast together. What is presumably true here, is certainly true of the country as a whole. We have in Toronto even a more striking example of this lack of system; not only have we St. Andrew, Caledonian, Gaelic, Caithness, Orkney and Shetland, Borderers, and Burns' Literary Societies, but we have in addition within our city eight camps of the Sons of Scotland and a newly-formed Sir Walter Scott society. All of these are more or less interested in the broader work of each other, for they all center on the distinctive features of Scottish nationality, yet with us as here, there is no connecting link, and in consequence there is not only a dissipation of energy, but oftentimes a considerable inconvenience. As for the inconvenience, that may be endured; for one may suffer much in peace for his country's sake, but as to the waste of power in a cause such as ours, which requires so much from us at considerable personal sacrifice, our segregated condition does not seem wise. In the larger towns and cities of the West, you will frequently find one, two or three Scottish societies similarly situated. I venture to make the suggestion, and I know of no more opportune time, or more suitable place at which to make it than here, under the auspices of the largest, and I believe the most enterprising and successful Caledonian Society in Canada. It would seem quite