

While we believe that influence, support, and interest in social, literary and religious questions should "begin at home," we maintain that, like some other good things, they need not stay there!

"My Country is in Every Clime"

After all, what is "Home," or what and where should it be to the British-born? A man should as readily think of continuing all his earthly days an inhabitant of his native village or town, as hold it necessary that his energies and interests continue confined to only one portion of our great heritage of Empire.

The British Empire has become possible because Britain's sons have insisted on "making by force their merit known" in other parts of the world, and no one need suggest sarcastically that that "force" has been only of the physical kind. The British flag is honoured as the symbol of law, order, and fair-play, and it will be a bad day indeed for any province or country of our empire when the ideals that have made the Empire possible are disowned or dishonoured.

Freedom as an Empire Builder

As might have been suggested by the masterly analytical address on Canadian Individuality of President Falconer to the Vancouver Canadian Club, it is the extension of the British spirit of freedom that has made, and is making, the Empire strong; strong in bonds born of a common heritage and common ideals of worthy self-development through world-service.

No man from the ancient Isles of Britain should feel less British or less patriotic in any other part of the Empire; and we believe that Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotsmen can join with as much hearty sincerity as any Canadian born in the anthem commonly sung at the Canadian Club functions,—which we may quote again for the interest and information of our readers in Britain and elsewhere out of Canada:

O Canada, our heritage, our love,
 Thy worth we praise all other lands above.
 From sea to sea, throughout thy length, from pole to borderland,
 At Britain's side, whate'er betide, unflinchingly we'll stand,
 And as we sing, "God Save the King,"
 "Guide Thou the Empire wide," do we implore,
 "And prosper Canada from shore to shore."

The condition of arriving at truth is not severe habits of investigation, but innocence of life and humbleness of heart. Truth is felt, not reasoned out; and if there be any truths which are only appreciable by the acute understanding, we may be sure at once that these do not constitute the soul's life, nor error in these the soul's death. For instance, the metaphysics of God's Being; the "PLAN," as they call it, "of salvation"; the exact distinction between the divine and human in Christ's Person. On all these subjects you may read and read till the brain is dizzy and the heart's action is stopped, so that of course the mind is bewildered. But on subjects of Right and Wrong, Divine and Diabolic, Noble and Base, I believe sophistry cannot puzzle so long as the life is right."

—Frederick W. Robertson.