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LOYALTY TO THE MASTER.

Loyalty to the Christ should be our aim and hope. He meets our higher needs and demands our noblest service. Loyalty is more than mere legality; legality suggests a narrow compliance with the stern demand of inexorable law, or the performance of inevitable duty in a cold spirit, there is nothing in it of enthusiasm or hopefulness. The two words came from the same root but in the course of their long life they have taken on different shades of meaning. The very word loyalty has in its tone something friendly, courteous, chivalrous. This word speaks of cordial response to the call of the rightful king. Personal loyalty to Jesus is then the very essence of the Christian faith and life. It means that we are to be true to him on all sides of our nature and in all spheres of our life. To be a formal member of a professedly Christian organization is not enough; we can only truly be members one of another through living fellowship with Christ. Neither is excitement in the hour of worship a sufficient manifestation or proof of this higher life. The energy begotten by faith must and will show its reality in facing intellectual problems and overcoming practical difficulties. "On his head are many crowns." This is a great statement, that awaits complete fulfilment in the career of the individual, and the life of the community. Politics will be cleaner, commerce nobler, art more attractive, common things sweeter and more sacred, when the disciple and the church rise to the height of this great prophecy. Men tell us, that is impossible, and in our weaker moments we are tempted to regard it as a vain ideal. Let us remember then that it is the ideal that nerved prophets and martyrs for their heroic tasks, and that without it the Church cannot live. In our Lord there is redemption, teaching and leadership; what we need is the living faith that realizes His presence and rightly interprets His commands.

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THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Last week the Provincial Convention of the King's Daughters and Sons was held in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, when delegates from all parts of Ontario gathered to discuss the work of the past year and to plan for the coming year. The opening session was held on Tuesday morning in the Sunday School hall which was decorated with bunting, palms and cut flowers.

Mrs. Savage, Dominion president was in the chair, and Mrs. Austin, Dominion treasurer; Miss A. M. Brown, Dominion Secretary, and Miss M. E. Brown, Provincial recording secretary, occupied seats on the platform. The proceedings of the morning opened with a consecration service led by Mrs. Savage, and the enrollment of the delegates.

In the evening the delegates and their hosts and hostesses were entertained at a reception held in the King's Daughters Guild, Sparks street, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion and was all thrown open to the guests. Dr. H. M. Ami gave the address of welcome and there was an informal programme. The attendance was very large and the guests passed the evening pleasantly in social conversation. Ice cream and light refreshments were served at the close.

On Wednesday afternoon the session was devoted mainly to the hearing of reports. At the public meeting in the evening the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Turnbull. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Mr. Salton, of Dominion Methodist church.

On Thursday the sessions came to an end. In the morning a solemn consecration service was conducted by Miss Blanche Davis, of Hamilton; and in the afternoon the following officers were elected: Provincial secretary—Mrs. Savage, Toronto. Provincial treasurer—Mrs. Austin, Toronto. Provincial recording secretary—Miss M.C. Brown, London. Committee—Miss Strange, Kingston; Miss Davis, Hamilton; Miss A.M. Brown, Toronto; Mrs. Brookes, Durham; Mrs. Wallace, Cornwall; Mrs. Coad, Toronto; Miss Blatchley, Toronto, and Mrs. Bigger, Ottawa. At the evening session, which was largely attended, Rev. Dr. Herridge and Miss A. M. Brown were the speakers.

Whether Mr. Joseph Chamberlain will carry his fiscal contentions by storm, or prove a bull in the political china shop, remains to be seen. There is no reason why Canada should at this stage interfere in the fight in Great Britain to revive protection and discard Free Trade. It is likely to be a superb battle between able speakers and writers on both sides. In all reasonable and practicable plans to unite the Empire, even along the road of fiscal unity, Canada at the proper time will not be lacking. To take part at present, however, in the domestic educative campaign going on in Great Britain, would be premature and ill advised.

NOTES BY VERAX.

The Toronto News of October 6th has a good editorial on "Mr. Rudyard Kipling"; it is critical but also fair and sympathetic; in one word, it is sane. Literary criticism is not a strong point of Canadian journalism, but there are signs of improvement even in this department. It is a good test of a man's balance of mind that he shall be able to handle Kipling judiciously; he is apt to go off into extremes of rapture or denunciation; as an example of the latter extreme I may cite the late Mr. Buchanan's, "Voice of the Hooligan." I am an ardent admirer of Kipling, but I think that those who are not will admit that the critique in the News is well-balanced and I am glad to find that this journal vindicates its independence in literature as well as politics.

Dr. Milligan has entered upon a vigorous crusade against betting at Woodbine Park. On this subject he speaks with discrimination; he does not denounce clean sport, but he is utterly opposed to gambling. In this he is true to his position as a preacher of righteousness, and we fervently hope that his labours will not be in vain. But when he states from the pulpit that the Britisher cannot see any farther than the end of his nose and that Mr. Chamberlain is the man to lead the nation in the path of destiny, I, for one, venture to question the wisdom of the statement. The pulpit is hardly the place for dogmatism on fiscal questions. Many men who have seen far into the life of the past and the present experience of the world, refuse to follow Mr. Chamberlain. Of course, Dr. Milligan may have been misreported; and at any rate, we admire the good work he is doing and rejoice in the honour conferred upon him by his Alma Mater.

It is appropriate that in connection with the Queen's College celebrations, honour should be conferred upon two of the ministers in the city of Kingston. Mr. M. Macgillivray and Mr. J. Mackie have both served the Presbyterian Church, the city of Kingston, and the college faithfully for many years. They are both strong men, each in his own way. They have both ministered for a long time to their present congregations and are highly esteemed by their fellow-citizens. These two men represent two very different types of ministerial efficiency; they will wear with dignity the honorable degree which has been awarded to them, as a token of gratitude and appreciation by the senate of Queen's University. The DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN offers to them its hearty congratulations.

The Rev. Principal Gordon has been discharging the duties of his high office since the beginning of the present year, but it was thought fitting to have a formal installation in the month of October. Consequently, arrangements were made for an elaborate celebration, taking in various sides of University life. Delegates from other colleges were invited