

nation, and with 3,000 miles of her territory touching the borders of the United States. We are in daily and hourly communication with our American friends and business associates, by telephone, and telegraph and mail and railway and steamboat. Sometimes we almost forget that we are not all one country. We in British Columbia particularly, have nearly as much trafficking, and visiting and communication in one way and another with Seattle and Portland and San Francisco, as we have with Montreal and Toronto. We are in touch all the time. And so it is all along the border. Does it not strike you that Canada is in a much more strategic position to impress her personality and her influence upon the United States than Great Britain can do, at so great a distance? Can not Canada, now, at least, that she has attained the respect and admiration of the Republic, help to create and foster whatever feeling she really desires to create and foster between her neighbor and the mother country. I think she can. I think it is her duty to do so.

Canada's Ultimate Destiny.

I am not stopping to argue the question of what is Canada's ultimate destiny. I am assuming that you all feel as I do. While I know that there is quite a considerable body of people, particularly in some of the prairie provinces, who openly talk of annexation, I am assuming that you think as I do, that such babblings are but sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal, and that so far as we are concerned, we are content to adopt the slogan of an older and wiser man who said "A British subject I was born; a British subject I will die." And so it is, as British subjects and as Canadians that we ask ourselves what we as Kiwanians can do toward the consummation of those ends which we so devoutly desire.

Some of you may say "Oh well, it is no part of our business and anyway we can't do anything." Well in the first place if we are loyal to our international organization we must at least try to accomplish something and in the second place I am persuaded that there is much that we can do, although I find it very hard to express just what I think we can do. For one thing our training as Kiwanians from day to day ought to fit us to grapple with these larger problems. If we are true to our principle of doing daily service, then we are ready for the larger service. "In life's small things, be resolute and great, to keep thy muscle trained; know'st thou when Fate thy measure takes, or when she'll say to thee, 'I find thee worthy, do this deed for me.'"

I have a feeling, which grows stronger every day that Fate has taken the measure of Kiwanis and will from time to time assign her larger tasks.

Practical Service Open to All.

Now I shall try to suggest in a homely and practical way some things that we can do and some that we can refrain from doing in order to help this work along.

We can aid in the education not only of our fellows, but of the Americans and Englishmen whom we meet from time to time. You know Englishmen and Americans are lamentably ignorant about each other. An American school boy stated recently in an examination paper that London was the capital of a small island off the coast of France; while an English schoolboy stated that in the United States people were put to death by elocution. School books in both countries have been written now and then by men of biased minds, and insular prejudices. Children in the United States for a hundred years and more have been taught to abhor the tyrannical conduct of England which led to the Revolution. No excuse or palliating circumstance has been sought for or proclaimed. And yet we all know that that rebellion was caused by the wicked and stubborn foreign king of England—King George III—who would not take advice from wiser and better men; and that the great statesman Pitt in that impassioned address in the British House of Commons, in speaking of the dispute which had arisen, said "If I were an American, as I



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