

DESIRABILITY OF UNION

Amongst the Irish-Catholics of Montreal.

Primal Elements of Unity—Harmony Necessary to Strength—History's Testimony to the Devotion of the Irish to Right Principle—Our Present Position—Time for Action Now at Hand.

The desirability of union amongst our people having been admitted, I will now endeavor to lay down what I consider the principles most essential to a proper and efficacious union, the spirit in which this union should be brought about, entered into and perpetuated.

"Union is strength" is an old and accepted idiom. Nathless, all associations or societies of men are not commendable. Men may join together and pledge themselves to the accomplishment of unlawful purposes, conspiracies against the State, against society, or against fellow-men who differ from them on religious or other questions.

SECRET ORGANIZATIONS cannot be endorsed—if for no other reason, because any idea or motive which cannot bear the light of day, which shrinks from the gaze of public inspection, is at least open to suspicion.

As "self-preservation is the first law of nature," the union of a class of the people for the avowed purpose of preserving rights and principles which they honestly hold dear, without attempting any infringement on the rights of others, is a natural and wise proceeding.

"Live and let live," is a motto whose fairness is unquestionable, and which we may follow in its first precept by taking every available means to assure our own continued and prosperous existence, and in its last by granting to others the same privilege.

All men in a free country should stand on an equal footing. It rests with us to maintain this equality by strengthening ourselves, that, in the inevitable struggles resulting from the perverted ambitions of men, we may not be crowded out of the social world, pushed off the political platform, unceremoniously relegated to the background, and ultimately remembered as an entity that was but had ceased to be.

With the object in view, therefore, of living and retaining the position in the world, social and political, which our abilities, virtues and antecedents justly entitle us to, systematic union must be established. We must be strong when the enemy assail us, when their forces seek to drive us from prominence into the shadow, from our ancestral demesne into exile and obloquy.

THE PRIME ELEMENTS OF A PERFECT UNION are singleness of purpose. These are indispensable if the true object of associating would be attained.

Industrial selfishness and designs of purely personal advancement should not find place amongst the members of a body formed for the accomplishment of a general good, although the formation of a union in the interests of a particular section of the community must result in the personal advancement of individual members of that section.

A whole class of people cannot be raised to a higher plane at once. Some must precede, others follow; but all will benefit by the movement if harmony exists in their ranks and their actions are not influenced by jealousy, but governed by reason, foresight and sincere patriotism.

It is hopeless for us to aim at perfection in this life, but our attempts at approaching it must not necessarily be fruitless.

Let the union be consummated by each one resolving to do his honest, unselfish best to make the concentration of Irish-Catholic brains, brawn and ballots as apparent, as powerful and as efficacious as possible.

Jealousies will arise to disturb the harmony, for jealousy is omnipresent—a satanic crime which had its origin in Heaven, which will exist and flourish while men live, nor then die. If this evil cannot be altogether eradicated, it must be reduced to a minimum. The fewer and smaller the jealousies the more numerous and greater will be the good works of the union.

It is proper and advantageous that friendly rivalry and emulation should be found in every sphere of life. Honest rivalry is healthful to a good cause, for which too much cannot be done; but, when the limit is overstepped and emulation sinks into envy, then rivalry becomes a misfortune.

No true Catholic who has done his utmost in forwarding what he considers right should be envious of another whose efforts have proven more successful. If we use the talents given to us by an all-wise Providence to the best of our ability, we have the soundest reason for self-contentment. The man who advances beyond or above his fellows is endowed with greater talents or afforded more propitious opportunities for their exer-

cise, but, always remember, he carries correspondingly heavier responsibilities in the eyes of the Almighty.

HARMONY BEING NECESSARY TO STRENGTH IN UNION,

it must be cultivated and encouraged while discord is discountenanced and avoided. I do not mean to say that there should be no differences of opinion—free discussion leads to the most satisfactory and logical conclusions—but what I would lay stress upon is that, once a decision is properly arrived at by a qualified majority, the minority should not only withdraw all opposition, but should assist in forwarding, by the means decided upon, the object which is in view.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES.

From our midst we are to pick out a future member of Parliament, a judge or an alderman. We must exercise great caution and discretion in the selection; we must choose the man most likely to carry our colors to the front, best fitted to fill the position creditably, not only to himself, but, what is of vastly more importance, who will reflect the greatest credit on us.

The world is justified in judging us by the men we select to represent us before the world.

The chosen man, above all, should be he who will show a greater appreciation of his fellow Irish-Catholics the higher he ascends the political ladder himself, who will not seek to climb beyond sight and sympathy, but will use his talents and exercise the influence of his high position to elevate and benefit, and, thereby, attempt to repay them who chose him as their representative and champion and opened for him the field of his successes.

With harmony and discreet, well-judged administration,

AN IRISH-CATHOLIC UNION would be a perpetual power in the land, a factor whose influence in the affairs of the country would be felt and respected.

But, alas! we are told that Irishmen cannot agree. It is openly stated that harmony and unity are incompatible with the Irish temperament. This I most flatly deny.

True, the pages of Ireland's history, like that of all other nations, is sullied with tales of discord and treachery. But show me the country whose annals record so many proofs of undying affection for Motherland, of pure, strong, unswerving patriotism, as are to be found in the records of Erin's glory and the stories of Erin's griefs!

Tell me, are the people who cling with unparalleled persistency and devotion, through centuries of the cruellest persecution, to the religious belief of their fathers, who knelt in supplication before the one altar, offering the same prayers to the one God; who sacrificed home, country, life—everything that man holds dearest—rather than sever one iota from

THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES which bound the nation as one—are these people, I ask, by nature or character, incapable of standing shoulder to shoulder in defence of a just cause?

Most emphatically, no! The spirit of unity which marked the Irish in their darkest hour of sorrow still forms part of our natures to day. We can carry it from out the pale of religion into the arena of social and political strife; and whenever an arm is raised to strike at our nationality, whenever or howsoever our political autonomy is threatened or our rights assailed, we can present a bold, solid front to the aggressor and say: "So far and no farther shalt thou go!" We are just, we are generous, but we are not to be trampled under your feet, nor ground in the dust beneath the wheels of your anti-Irish, anti-Catholic juggernaut!

WE CAN DEMAND OUR PROPER PLACE in the world, and the prerogatives that appertain to it, not in scattered, discordant voices, but in one grand harmonious chorus, which will resound through the land, and echo and re-echo, gaining power and volume in each new reverberation, until justice is done to us.

I say we can do this, and, I add, we should do it. Why not give the lie to those who, in their consummate conceit or gross ignorance, proclaim us incapable of self-government, as strangers to the element of harmony in assembly and unity in action?

There is no reason why we should not. Our position to-day requires amelioration which can only be effected through union. We do not desire to become the objects of anybody's philanthropy. We must look out for ourselves, and the pride of our race is quite capable of overcoming any obstacles which may come in our way, whether they arise, unfortunately, from our own midst or are maliciously cast across our path of progress by the enemies of our race and religion.

Let Pride, Patriotism and Perseverance be the motto of our union, and if we adhere to it a new era of prosperity will soon dawn for the Irish-Catholic people of this city and country.

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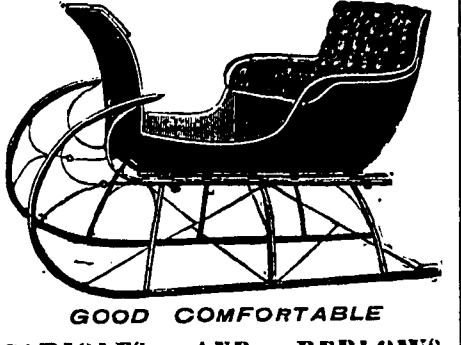
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