

"The principle of mutual forbearance and good will, which has heretofore guided the inhabitants of this Dominion, has greatly contributed to the general benefit, by securing those rights without which citizenship ceases to be a blessing, and cementing more firmly the bonds of that political union within which all are striving to work out their common destiny. The members of the Catholic Union of Canada, while cherishing the religious and national traditions of the respective races to which they belong, ask for themselves nothing which they refuse to their neighbors, and, while maintaining their own just and lawful rights, they are at the same time ready to respect the rights of others, and to remove whatever might give a cause or occasion of destroying or endangering the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed in the past, and for which they appeal to the support and sympathy of their fellow-citizens of every creed and class; that it may again be their pride that nowhere on the face of the earth is there a fuller measure of civil and religious liberty than in this Dominion of Canada."

The fact that the Roman Catholics of this Dominion are striving with might and main, to convert Protestants to the Romish faith, and the other fact, which is, however, hardly so patent, that the Protestants are striving, with half-hearted zeal, to convert Catholics to the Evangelical faith, these facts, which are no disgrace to us, but rather the reverse, should not, and need not, and we trust will not, interfere with the injunction to "Honor all men." In our political and religious debates let it ever be hard arguments and soft words. While bound to imitate the zeal of the early Christians, let us imitate their courtesy; while following their devotion to truth, let us follow also that suavity that never refused even to heathen men honor where honor was due.

THE BROTHERHOOD.

II. Let us again, in the exercise of our duty as citizens, strive to place under the second corner of our national structure this second stone—**LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD.** One of the French satirists of the infidel school accused the Christians of his day of "loving the Turks, as an excuse for hating their own brethren." There is, let Christians never forget, a brotherhood of all men, founded on the twofold tie of a common origin in Adam and in God. But Christian brotherhood, however, has a nearer tie, in the tie of a common origin, in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is, therefore, as unnatural for a Christian to allow his love of "*all men*" to swallow up his love of the "*brotherhood*," as it would be for a citizen to allow love for the State