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some years past the practice of members assembling and dining together has fallen into desuetude. In other parts of Canada, that mode of observing the national day of their fatherland is pertinaciously adhered to; and in our own city the Irish and Scotch Societies follow it with laudable regularity. We can see no reason why this Society should be an exception to this rule. We therefore hope that on the next 23rd of April, the members will come together in the kindly spirit which ought to animate them. For such events do good. Many meet on these occasions, who have little intercourse elsewhere. Hence prejudices are softened, and asperities are toned down. We learn to know and understand each other better. A spirit of kindness is engendered. We listen to differences of opinion with more respect. And this attrition of mind with mind leads us to unlearn many errors, and to think in a more wide, tolerant and catholic spirit. We consider that meetings of this character celebrated with moderation and temperately obtain these results; and we trust that the St. George's Society will hereafter act in that spirit of good will which marks the sister societies, and, as they do, will celebrate their national day by some festive commemoration.

It having been the custom during Her Majesty's happy reign, to observe her birth-day as a holiday in every part of the British Empire, it has been usual for this Society to play a prominent part in the festivities which have annually taken place in the city. As it was the Queen's express command that no demonstration should mark the birth-day of last year, it became the duty of us all to acquiesce in her wishes. Not merely in compliance with the request, but from the powerful feeling of sympathy we all entertain of the loss which the Empire equally with Her Majesty had sustained in the death of the Prince