

higher life and Canada what she is to-day. If the lines followed by the Society of Antiquaries in England are followed, relic entrusted for exhibition to a committee formed from the Historical Societies in Canada insured against loss, a brief authenticated account of each published in a catalogue, the historical section will prove not only interesting but profitable both to the exhibition association and their visitors."

Before concluding allow me to add two suggestions:

1. The adoption of a motion that this association may be convened a second time in each year on a day occurring during the continuance of the great exhibition in Toronto. The second meeting thus proposed may be for the transaction of business left unfinished at the annual meeting, or for taking up any new business of which due notice has been given.

2. The adoption of a rule to elect a new man as president of the association at each annual meeting, in accordance with the old adage, "A new broom sweeps clean."

There are many men around us, able and willing, thoughtful and loyal, who, if brought out one by one, year after year, to preside over this association and to watch its interests and its work, would impart to it fresh vigor and an increased measure of usefulness. Let me add one more word. Narrow partizanship we would exclude from our association, but loyalty and patriotism we desire to promote. This principle is briefly comprehended in words sacred and inspired: "Honor all men, love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." (I. Peter, ii, 17.) I have no need to dwell upon this sacred text, but only to express a passing thought. Loyalty is to be grounded on piety. To be good citizens men must begin with being good Christians. Honor to kings and all in authority, is to be based on the fear of God, by whom kings rule and whose ministers they are. It is no easy task, no light duty, to fulfill a true citizenship. We must ever charge ourselves with the necessity of watching self—our motives, our purposes. Here in the Dominion of Canada we are loyal, i. e., law upholding and law abiding. To quote the language of a Toronto daily paper of May twenty-fourth last, the spirit of which is that of every Canadian print without exception: "No one who reflects on the history of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria will refuse a tribute of congratulation on her 76th birthday. Here in Canada, at any rate, there is scarcely any need to suggest a loyal celebration of the occasion. We remember that it is the birthday of one who has well filled her place in the nation's annals, and that, not only in England but throughout the whole civilized world, her name is honored. Her influence has always been on the side of purity, high-mindedness and noble manners. Those who know the influence of the British court through all the ramifications of British and colonial society, will recognize the part which her majesty has so well filled. As we join hands, therefore, around the world and celebrate the day, we can sing the national anthem with a heartiness and sincerity in which there is no tinge of reserve."