

Cromwell, and the heroes of the Commonwealth, seek counsel of the Word of God; but let us avoid their mistakes, and let us incline in our laws and usages and spirit, to the New Testament, rather than to the letter of the Old Testament. Rather than to Machiavelli of Florence, and unprincipled politicians, let us listen to Peter of Bethsaida, and eternal Wisdom, who have embodied in one terse comprehensive sentence the sum and substance of good citizenship, thus placing ready to our hands the four corner-stones of a progressive, prosperous, and permanent commonwealth: HONOR ALL MEN; LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD; FEAR GOD; HONOR THE KING.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

I. As citizens of a young nation, let us endeavour to place under one corner of the structure this stone, "*Honor all men.*" If men could live, like some solitary animals, each in his own cave, or den, or hollow tree, there would be no need of a precept like this one; but as long as the necessities and usages of life, and the social impulses of men urge them into society, there must be a law of social comity, a common agreement to respect natural rights, or else our market-places, our municipal councils, our parliaments will be one sad, unceasing scene of fratricidal strife. As much as this precept was ever needed in the Roman Empire, when Peter wrote his advice, with its varied religions and races, is it needed in Canada where half-a-dozen languages are spoken, and where forms of Christian faith and types of race, are still more numerous than even the languages spoken. This precept (which, however, is not inconsistent with the character given of the favourite of Jehovah, "In whose eyes a vile person is contemned,") is needed, urgently needed, to moderate the asperities of our political, religious, and temperance discussions, which are destined to be very keen, for some years to come, though they need not be at all rude, rough, and incourteous. It is, therefore, with feelings of gladness we see the recognition of this principle made where it is much needed—in the city of *Montreal*—and by a society, "*The Catholic Union*," which, too much, in times past ignored the principle it has now embodied in its noble statement:—