

the real care of a situation, Dr. Rand found himself in a short time the leader in the work of Baptist higher education. The question of Academic and theological training had been settled. It remained only to go on to the University. This was a task most delicate and hard. The government under the influence of state university ideals, was either hostile or languidly indifferent. Baptists were divided in opinion.—Dr. Rand knew what he wanted to do. He knew what in his opinion the denomination ought to do.—At the cost of vast labor—holding back no sacrifice of time and means and health, seeing his friends leaving him on all sides—he held to his course with that disregard of discomforts and pertinacity of purpose which have helped so mightily to make him great.—The most clear visioned of the leaders, including Senator McMaster were with him heart and soul—and to-day the denomination is practically unanimous as to the wisdom of the larger ideal and policy.—If Dr. Rand was one of the chief forces in giving to two provinces a splendid system of free public schools—he has had also the high honor of leading a great denomination into full and practical acceptance of the belief that a Christian University is the *sine qua non* of a truly liberal and complete culture, without which no body of Christian believers can discharge their whole duty to their country and the world.

While the fourth and last period of Dr. Rand's public life has been comparatively short, yet I consider it by no means the least important in its effect upon the country. Released from the distracting cares of administration, health greatly improved, the smoke of battle cleared away he finds himself for the first time free to indulge in the luxury of literary creation. Brooding amidst the changing beauties of the Fundy Country, the thoughts and experiences of a singularly rich and fruitful life, he has already given us one volume of poems and I dare to hope that this is but a prophecy of things to come.—In this latter and more congenial period of his work Dr. Rand is entering directly, thro his writings, into the very heart and depths of the national life.—Canadians are essentially a religious race.—While Roberts sings sweetly of nature in company with Campbell, Lampman and Jean Blewett; while Bliss Carman interprets the more sentimental side of our experience, I believe that Dr. Rand more fully and completely expresses the real Canadian life in its essence than any other of our poets.—It is the greatest of all great achievements to utter for a people their deep inarticulate thoughts of God and destiny and nature which have long struggled for expression in vain. To this high task has Dr. Rand been called in the afternoon of his life. May it be many years before the light of a setting sun shall shine straight in his eyes.

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A Christian dwells, like Uriel in the sun.

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