

chapters—and throughout the Dominion we shall find names associated with the I.O.D.E., which remind us of the men, who, with toil of pen or sword, helped to form the British institutions which have been the basis of much of our civilization. It was the greatest Englishman of them all whose Juliet asked: "What's in a name?"—and through the centuries there has been no definite reply.

Speaking of words, let us admit that "imperialism" has frequently been "soiled by all ignoble use" and has been employed to describe a certain type of snobbery which must be offensive to all sane and thoughtful citizens. It is the duty of the I.O.D.E. to rescue that word from any such degradation and to show by the policy of that Order in Canada that the imperial idea means responsibility and service—a sense of the obligation which always must be associated with talents or endowments. The British Empire has known a history of development and enrichment such as the Caesars never contemplated—but such an imperial career implies a corresponding burden of responsibility for those who realize what Britain's power should mean. When the career of a Cromer or a Dufferin is contemplated, there should come to every British subject a sense of gratitude for the utter devotion which such men showed to an ideal of imperial connection. Imperialism, if properly understood, means the highest and most arduous service—and only such a conception of it will make it the ennobling force that it can be, throughout the lands called British. Anything lower than the knightly ideal of fealty and service will mean ultimate disintegration.

In Canada we have a dual loyalty which the foreign visitor sometimes fails to understand. It cannot be impressed too clearly upon the newcomer who decides to cast in his national lot with Canadians, that ours is a self-governing nation within an Empire, and that the overwhelming majority of Canadians prefer the connection with Great Britain. There is no antagonism between the Canadian ideal and the loyalty to the British Crown—as was manifest in the whole-hearted reception which was given our Prince of Wales. The imperial bond has been strengthened, not weakened, by the sacrifices of the war, and, disturbing as many of the elements are in our industrial and political circles, the matter of British connection remains a pride and a partnership.

The I.O.D.E. can do great service for both Canada and the Mother country in defining and illustrating the true imperialism, which means a striving for service, not for mere personal distinction; and which seeks the advancement of the best interests of the Empire, not individual aggrandizement. We are aiding the Empire when we work for Canada's progress; we are helping the Dominion when we seek to understand the development of the Greater Britain and to adopt all that we may for our own use or experiment. The role of woman as guide and