

that Benjamin Franklin began those researches into electricity that made him famous. Greater names there are not among your statesmen and men of science. Well, when John Adams was an old man he testified that he acquired more knowledge of human nature by keeping school than by his work at the bar, in the world of politics, or at the courts of Europe. He advised 'every young man to keep school,' for it was the best method of acquiring patience, self-command and a knowledge of character. There are men like Adams, Jay, Franklin, Washington, now teaching school in Canada and the States. Remember that your welcome is not merely Canadian. We represent the world-wide commonwealth of Britain. I am no more a mere Canuck than you are a mere northern or southern, Yankees or western men. You have given the most splendid proof of devotion to your union and to the flag that represents the union. We desire to imitate you; to say in your own classic words, 'we follow no flag, we march with no party that does not keep step with the Union.' We twine your flag with ours. Next to our own we love it best, for you are of our race, and the blows you have struck for freedom were for us as well as for yourselves. How much more should you love and honour the red cross flag? for your inheritance in it is larger than in your own, did you but reflect for a moment.

"We, too, are heirs of Runnymede," says Whittier, and he is right. We admit the claim, and I would have you take your full share. Yes, you are heirs of Runnymede, and of Naseby fight, and the plains of Abraham as well; you are heirs of Shakespeare and Milton, of Hampden, Russell and Sydney—even as we are heirs of Washington and Lincoln. Think what that flag represents to us; not only national existence, but the

cause of humanity all over the world; not only freedom, personal, political, intellectual, commercial, civil, religious, but also the most pregnant spiritual ideas that ever descended from heaven to earth. It is the cross of St. George, the cross of St. Andrew and the cross of St. Patrick, the three in one; and as the cross means light and life; so where the flag waves there is justice for all, peace by land and sea, and the proclamation of good news to every son of Adam. Oh, kinsmen, blend the two flags together and count those men enemies of the race who seek to erect or seek to maintain barriers between the British commonwealth and the United States, or who teach that it is a good thing for neighbours to have no intercourse with each other. Join hands, and never forget that we at least are children of the light."

Dr. Harris, U.S. Commissioner of Education, said: "In behalf of the people of the United States I thank you for this cordial welcome to your hospitable city. We have long heard of your thrift and of the sobriety of your manners, and we have listened with great interest to the story of your happy adjustment of local self-government with centralized power. The fame of your educational institutions has created in us a warm desire to come to your province and see for ourselves. We come not as entire strangers, nor indeed as people differing widely in language or in political institutions; on the contrary, we claim close relationship, almost brotherhood, as descended from a common mother nation, the great Anglo-Saxon Empress Britannica, ruler of the seas. We are the elder and you the younger offspring of that nation, whose glory in the world's history is that of the invention of local self-government, the greatest political device ever invented by man for the protection of the individual and the preservation of his liber-