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IN the death of the Revd. Dr. King, Principal of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, the Church and the country lose a man that could be ill-spared. He was in his seventieth year, but so wiry physically, so keen intellectually, and so untiring in labour, that many who knew him well believed him good for ten years' work more. None will feel his death so much as his own students and the people of Manitoba and the North-West. Of course, we do not venture to refer to what the bereavement means to his own household. The Church's loss is best understood when the question is asked, "Who is there to fill his place?" The wisest can give no answer to the question.

Dr. King always was the citizen as well as the Churchman. He took the keenest interest in national affairs, not as a party man or parish politician, but as a Canadian and an Imperialist. He always avowed himself the latter, on the ground—as he put it—that "the highest

elements of character can be developed only where supreme responsibilities are felt." As we have been discussing this question recently, here and in Toronto, it is not inappropriate to quote what he said in seconding a vote of thanks to the Principal for an address given by him on "Imperial Federation." He said:—

"The people of Winnipeg are much indebted to Principal Grant for his thoughtful and eloquent presentation of this subject. The matter is one of great importance, and of great urgency. The present state of things cannot be permanent. We must either have a different and a closer connection with the Empire, or we shall be inevitably absorbed by the great nation to the south. There is, in my humble opinion, no other alternative. Independence in the case of a people situated as we are, is not to be thought of. On the other hand, it is not possible for us to continue as we are. Five millions of Canadians are not going to remain for an indefinite time, or indeed for a much longer time, subjects of an Empire in the highest issues of which we have no voice."

The words are characteristic of his thinking and speaking. The expression is modest, but there can be no mistake about the meaning, and no doubt that a man was behind the words. One felt that when speaking to him in private, or listening to him in the class room, the Church or the General Assembly.

"With thousands of Quakers and Mennonites and Doukhobors, who are opposed to war, Canada is becoming an important centre against war, and in favor of peace, as she was a great force against slavery and for human freedom years ago. Could the Dominion of Canada nationally and openly take the same attitude toward war and weapons of destruction as is taken by these thousands of peace-loving citizens, whom we welcome? Can Canada throw away her firearms and disband her militia, and