

The national societies supply this void. It is true that our limited income does not enable us to extend any long continued or repeated assistance, and that in all cases the aid we offer is small. But it has this merit, that given in cases of distress and in emergency it is opportune. In critical moments an act of assistance unimportant in itself often proves the salvation of the recipient. Therefore this Society commends itself to all Englishmen in Canada on the ground of its utility. It appeals to Englishmen at home. The money given to the Society is not frittered away. On the contrary it is invested and the interest only annually expended. The payments received for life memberships, the amount being ten dollars currency, (£2 1s. 1d. sterling,) are alike set aside, the income being derivable from the annual subscriptions and the interest from such investments.

We have at some length set forth the claims of the Society, being anxious to shew what really is its true character. To many unacquainted with its working it may seem formed to encourage pride of nationality, or to keep alive a narrow and sectional vanity, which has no shadow of dignity and no claim of respect. That so called love of country which centres round mere individual feeling is as useless to the community, as it is little honourable to him who entertains it. Englishmen indeed have no need to put forth noisy claims to distinction, so that their past may be regarded with respect, and their future with confidence. The page of their history has doubtless its dark stains side by side with its bright and heart moving triumphs. Like every thing human, it puts forth strong contrasts; and error and crime can there be seen side by side with greatness and heroism. But such as it is, as a whole, as we so contemplate it, and mark the triumphs of our blood and language, we can stand erect with no blush of shame. We study it however to no good purpose, and profit

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