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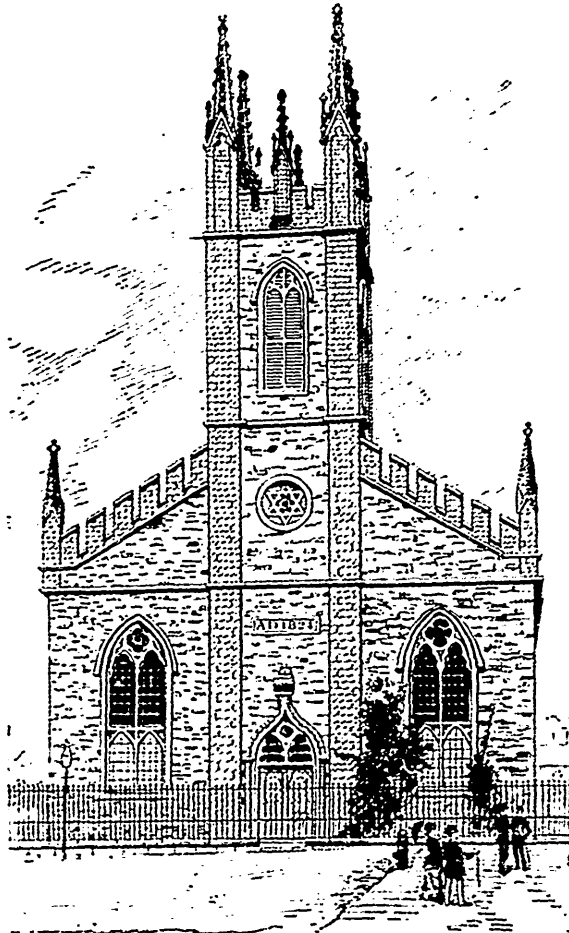
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SERVICES IN THE CHURCH:

Sunday.—Morning Service at 11: Evening Service at 7.

Wednesday.—Evening Service according to notice.

The HOLY COMMUNION will be administered on the first Sunday in the month, after Morning Service, and on the third Sunday, at 8 A. M.; also on great festivals.

Applications for pews to be made to the Vestry Clerk, F. O. ALLISON, at the Shipping Office.
The Ushers will show strangers to vacant seats.

THOMAS WILDER DANIEL.

Born June 26, 1818.

Died January 2, 1892.



The New Year had hardly begun its course when it became a sadly memorable date in the annals, not only of our Congregation, but of all citizens of St. John. The sudden decease of our Senior Churchwarden, one who for a generation had been associated with every effort and agency in our Church, came as a warning call, soon to be followed by another and yet another in this season of trial. Already many sketches of his life have appeared in the public journals, and indeed it was a life not filled with varied or dramatic incident, but with an energy that neither hastened nor rested. There was not one charitable work in our city in which his counsel was not welcomed, there was not one righteous cause which did not claim his sympathy and his aid. In the present memorial sketch we are enabled to describe his character by the witness of those who knew him of old, as the Church worker, as the merchant, and as the citizen.

Privately educated in England, he came at an early age to the Dominion, entering the firm of which his uncle, the late Mr. Thomas Daniel, was chief. Succeeding eventually to the management of the business, he raised it to the highest position, without a rival in the Maritime Provinces. Wealth to Mr. Daniel meant greater opportunity of doing good; and during those years of prosperity his house was the harbour of the wayfarer, the refuge and rest for the overtaxed worker in the vineyard.

"He came naturally," so writes one who knew him intimately, "by his fondness for his own church and willingness to work for it. For generations his family had been church-workers, whether as ministers or laymen. In this city his work began when he became a teacher in Trinity Church, where he continued until a Sunday school was opened in connection with St. John's Church, at the appointment of Mr. Armstrong. Two years later (1854) he aided in establishing another school in the lower part of the parish. It was held in what was then the Orange Hall in Brussels Street, and was the germ of the present parish of St. Mary's. About the same time he cooperated with the Rector in the erection of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, intended to provide for the children left orphans by the cholera epidemic of that year."

And so the record proceeds. But we find the same consistency of Christian character in his business life, and here we are enabled to give the personal testimony of one of St. John's most eminent merchants:—"My earliest acquaintance with Mr. Daniel commenced in November 1850. Mr. Daniel was a very great friend of my father, and it was thought that if employment could be obtained for me in the London House, my fortune would be made. I came to St. John and lived with Mr. Daniel and his family. He used to be very particular in looking after our moral welfare, and every evening the young men belonging to the Church of England were requested to attend family prayers in his own

room with his own family. I can well remember that at the time Mr. Daniel was treasurer of the Church, and I used to bring the funds home on Sundays and hand them over to him on Monday mornings; and while referring to this, it is only a few months ago since I met Mr. Daniel in the vestry, I think he was then taking charge of the collections and probably he has continued as treasurer since 1850 until the time of his death. One of the first rules he taught us in business, was to bear strictly in mind never to tell a falsehood in order to make sales, and on that same foundation we started for ourselves and built up our business. In all the years that I was with Mr. Daniel, I have never known of anyone applying for assistance, either for building Churches, Sunday Schools, Mission Houses, or for assistance for anyone in want, without regard to their religion I have never known anyone to be refused, after proper inquiries had been made.

In years past when wood was more largely consumed here, especially by the poorer classes, it was Mr. Daniel's custom, when wood was cheap and brought to St. John on the wood boats, and loaded from the boats into carts in the Market Slip, to buy a large quantity of this wood and have it stored in the yard, and when the cold weather came on, he would sell this wood to deserving people at the price it cost him in quantity when it was cheap, and I think he paid cartage both ways.

In the work of the Diocesan Church Society, for many years he collected the subscriptions for St. Marks Parish and was always particularly anxious to keep up the amount. I also look back with pleasure to the Church of England Society, (I think that was the name,) a sort of Bible Class more than anything else, in which one or two evenings a week could be well spent. The rooms we occupied were at the top of a building known as Ritchie's building, since burned, Mr. Daniel was a very active member of this society and it was his particular desire to meet young men, members of the Church of England, and assist them in spending a profitable evening. This was about the beginning of societies in St. John, of which we now have so many useful ones, as we had then no Church of England Institute, Y. M. C. A., or any other society excepting the Early Closing and Mutual Improvement Association, in which Mr. Daniel was also very much interested.

To a young man starting out in life, a reference from Mr. Daniel was of very great value, and a reference for respectability, honesty, &c., from the great firm of which he was a partner, (Daniel & Boyd), was something which any young man might be proud to have. In the many years I was with Mr. Daniel, I never remember his being idle. If he was not working with the business of the day, he had always plenty of other matters to occupy his attention, and it was in the very many small details of an every-day busy life, that Mr. Daniel's ideas of business were put into practical use.

Another thing that originated, I think, with him, or else with his predecessor, his uncle, Mr. Thos. Daniel, was the great business principal of having only one fixed price, or what is known as having no second price, placing a fair business profit on an article and selling at that price without any abatement,

the system that is now almost universal in St. John among the first-class dry goods stores.

Mr. Daniel has been so many years in the community, and is so well known as an honorable, upright, christian gentleman, that anything I might say would be quite unnecessary, and the only object in writing anything of a man like him, is that young men that were present at the service in our Church on the day of his funeral may see by this that it is worth living a good life and making a great effort to withstand temptation, and may also see that they should not try to make money or to gain any social or political position except by the straight road of strict integrity, honesty of purpose, and a Christian Life."

The foregoing notice needs no comment. It speaks with its own eloquence of conviction as to the realised and applied Christianity which is "not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Such was Mr. Daniel, in the world as in the congregation. His last days, so memorable now to those who knew him, were the same days of quiet activity. On the last Sunday of the past year he came as usual to the vestry after morning service, and placed his initials at the entry of the offertory in our parish record. During the following week he was confined to his house, but no special alarm was felt on his behalf. On Saturday he sent a note to the Rector, asking him to call on his way homeward. The writer of these lines will not forget that last interview. He found Mr. Daniel to all appearance much better in health, and in all his usual cheerfulness. He spoke of various parish matters, especially rejoicing at the recent appointment of a superintendent in our Sunday school, and also concerning a question of discipline which he had assisted the Rector in deciding. He spoke earnestly upon the necessity of inculcating a spirit of order and self-respect in our boys, and of supporting all authority under which they might be placed. About half-past one we parted. A few hours later he was called to his rest.

The funeral service was a reflection of the City's grief. With rich and poor, with distant acquaintance as with intimate friend, there was the same sorrow, the same utterance of the character once given to Barnabas: "*He was a good man.*" Hundreds were unable to obtain entrance into our church, and the whole city mourned. Milman's exquisite hymn:

"Brother, thou hast gone before us,
And thy saintly soul has fled;"

spoke the feelings of all. A few words were uttered from the pulpit, but they did not claim to delineate more than one or two features of his character. Much was too deep for speech. It has been debated as to the relative trials of prosperity and adversity, which tests human character by hardest ordeal. The verdict may be doubtful, but to him who has endured and conquered in both trials may be applied that noblest eulogy which ever an uninspired writer uttered:

A soul supreme, in each hard instance tried,
Above all pain, all passion, and all pride,
The rage of power, the blast of public breath,
The lust of lucre, and the dread of death.

But loftier even than the frame of mind which Pope ascribed to his friend Harley is that which was learned of JESUS CHRIST, and His apostle declared:

"*I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: I can do all things through CHRIST which strengtheneth me.*"

One of the many voices of comfort to the bereaved came across the wide continent, and from a letter of loving sympathy based upon intimate recollection we are permitted to quote a few sentences which will echo the inmost feeling of all who are left behind. "Your loss (wrote the friend) is also a public loss. Few men held a higher position in the esteem of the people, while to the sick and suffering he was ever a loving benefactor. * * * * Only last Christmas there came to me from him a volume which, read in the light of after events, seems like a farewell message. In it these words occur:

"There come to us times of sorrow,
For so hath the Master willed,
When some chord of the heart is broken,
Some life-note forever stilled."

"As I write, the tears will come to think that should I be spared to revisit home scenes, one dear fatherly face will be missing, whose smile was so bright and greetings so genuine.

For us, mourning; for him, rejoicing. At rest with those dear ones who have gone before. God grant that I may be rendered worthy to enter the same bright home." J. deS.

THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION gave the entertainment known as "Mrs. Jarley's Wax-works" on Friday, the 29th, on behalf of the Sunday School Building fund. Some difficulty was experienced in finding a person willing to undertake the responsible role of Mrs. Jarley; finally a most capable representative was found in Miss Maclaren, who did full justice to the humours of her part. In spite of snow on the ground, a good audience assembled, and we hope were not disappointed. The various figures fully carried out Mrs. Jarley's encomiums on their beauty and grace, their expressions and notions being quite in keeping with the idea of their being—as Mrs. Jarley described them—"blockheads every one". The young lady who represented Signorina Squallini charmed all ears with her rendering of "Annie Rooney," and carried out her somewhat difficult and trying part exceedingly well. Space will not permit us to dwell upon the performance at length, but we must remark that George and Henry were very able assistants and hardly deserved censure. After the performance refreshments were served, and an informal but pleasant conversation took place.

THE annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of Church Workers will be held on the 23rd February when the election of officers and committees will take place.

CANDIDATES for Confirmation should send in their names to the Rector. Classes will be formed in Lent, and the Confirmation will take place after Easter.

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PARISH NOTES.

OUR parish council mourns a vacant place which will not easily be filled. In another column we have endeavoured to furnish some imperfect help towards the realization of Mr. Daniel's life and character. There will be no appointment to the post which he held so faithfully and efficiently until the next annual meeting of the congregation in April.

OUR parish shared in the public manifestation of grief for the death of the Duke of Clarence. Without any advertisement our church was suitably draped in mourning, and a special service adapted for the occasion. Ellerton's beautiful hymn:

"Now the labourer's task is o'er,"

came home to the hearts of all who were present. At the request of several absent friends, the words spoken from the pulpit have been printed for private circulation, and will accompany our present issue.

ANOTHER death, that of Mr. R. T. Clinch, removed still another name from the list of those connected with the earlier history of our church. Formerly a member of our vestry, at the time of his decease a vestryman and delegate for the parish of Rotherhay, our people had more than one reason to bewail the removal of one of the gentlest and purest souls.

TURNING from these saddening thoughts, we may dwell with thankfulness upon the bright prospects of our Sunday-school, now reinforced by workers of proved experience and ability. Mr. G. E. Fairweather's acceptance of the post of Superintendent was announced in our last issue. More recently the librarianship left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Clark, after many years of useful service, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. H. Merritt, who brings to his work a special knowledge of its requirements. Some people have been pleased to sneer at Sunday-school libraries as a sort of pleasant bribe to attendance at the classes. But we do not so regard it. Our library is to be a real help to cul-

ture, as well as containing the means of innocent recreation of the mind. It has recently been expanded by the addition of many standard works on all subjects, and at no distant time will need an enlargement of its shelves.

We have received a valuable reinforcement to our staff of teachers in Mr. Cody, who is preparing for the ministry, and has undertaken charge of the important class formerly taught by Mr. Wilson, and more recently by Mrs. J. S. Armstrong.

Miss Alice Wilson who on several occasions had given valuable help at the organ, has now been appointed permanently, owing to the much regretted resignation of Miss Turnbull. With such helpers and a steadily increasing number of pupils, we look with assured hope upon the future of our Sunday-school.

THE Young Men's Association has suffered an almost inevitable misfortune in this time of multiplied engagements. Not only had the concert to be postponed but also the promised lecture to have been delivered by Dr Alward. We are sure that in these cases postponement will not suffer its usual penalty. Not to remind our readers of the excellent object of the Y. M. A. scheme of entertainments, the concert and lecture themselves (may we say it without undue parochial self-laudation?) will be eminently worth hearing. A lecture on John Bright, with extracts from those unequalled models of oratory, should attract every one of our young men anxious to become public speakers. And may we gently hint that the elder members of our congregation should come to these entertainments as a part of congregational life, one of those lesser duties which give much benefit at little cost of sacrifice.

Till lately there has been a surfeit of lectures in our city. The Rector was reluctantly persuaded by the University authorities to give a course of Extension Lectures on English History, and in spite of many other tasks, and an attack of "grippe," has managed to keep his promise. It will be readily understood why no mention of these lectures has hitherto appeared in our columns. But we earnestly recommend our younger members to avail themselves of the advantages of the second course, shortly to commence. Deficient education is the weak point of our social system, and here is the remedy brought to our doors. Mr. Stockley's lectures on Chaucer should attract a large audience, and we can say the same thing for the other lecturers.

OUR readers will understand the reason for the altered contents of the present issue. But the other articles promised will appear in our next number. Our appeal for literary contributions from the congregation has been answered in a manner most gratifying to the editor at present, as to his readers later. The "Cricket Recollections" of an authority second to none in the Dominion will appear in our March number, together with an article upon "College life at Fredericton, and a study on Modern Poets," both written by members of our Church. The same number will contain the essay upon the Trial of Charles I, read by Mr. Thomas E. Millidge, Jr, during the course of History lectures.

WE have now to ask members of our congregation to enable the present year's issue of PARISH NOTES to be carried on without any pecuniary loss. The deficit upon the last year is somewhat larger than was at first estimated, owing to the fact that several persons who regularly received the magazine, had forgotten to pay for it, but this will easily be covered. The cost of printing each number is \$15, reduced to \$10 by advertisements, a department undertaken solely by our publisher. The cost of stamps, and other small incidental expenses, makes the total of twelve months about \$140. This would require 280 subscribers, and as this is beyond the number of families connected with our church, we can only hope that many will subscribe for more than one copy. We will only add that the cost of production was carefully tested by the original editor, and that if the congregation desires a parish magazine the labour necessary for its production will be given in the future as readily as in the past.

AMONG the events of the month the public meeting of the Rothesay Collegiate School was of much interest to all members of our congregation. A goodly number of visitors, including the Lieutenant Governor, were present, and were much pleased with the school and the appearance of the boys. Canon Partridge, the founder of the school, had come from Halifax to wish it prosperity, and to congratulate the present principal. Known now as a successful institution, identified with no party, but faithfully working on the simple lines of the Church of England, the Collegiate School should have a great future before it. Its situation is unrivalled, and its only need is for more accommodation. We know how eagerly our province was canvassed in the interests of a Girl's School in Nova Scotia, and it would seem that New Brunswickers might show their interest in an institution nearer home, in a similar manner. As a mere investment a good boarding school in such a situation should pay its way. And it may be hoped that there are many who could take a few shares in the fund, even without the object of profit, for the sake of helping a cause so important for the interests of education and religion.

A PRIZE is offered this year by the Editor of PARISH NOTES for the best fable of animal life, in prose or verse, to be competed for by members of our Sunday School. The fables are to be sent in on or before the 15th of March, and the best will be published in our columns.

OUR promised notice of events in other parts of the Diocese will be commenced next month. A very successful Choral Festival was held at Hampton on the 27th of January, Mr. Lloyd acting as conductor. We are glad to state that the venerable Metropolitan has escaped the prevailing epidemic, and takes regular share in the Cathedral services. The neighbouring parish of Simonds is still vacant. It would surely be an opportunity, not to be missed, to secure an able and faithful minister to carry on the work of Mr. Schofield. The possibility of residing in the city would be an inducement to many.

THE 'STONE CHURCH' IN 1847.

WE are indebted to Mr. J. R. Ruel for a number of the *New Brunswicker* for January 2, 1847, containing some correspondence between the parishioners of the (then) undivided parish of Trinity, and the Bishop. We reprint the correspondence below in full, and regret that space admits only of a brief notice of the other items in the newspaper. The leading article speaks in glowing terms of the prosperity of the city, and attributes them "to the enlightened opinions which are now prevailing among commercial men * * * received from that exalted statesman, Sir Robert Peel, which all the errors of system, and cupidity of men, cannot withstand. "New Brunswick, (the editor continues), "is verging on these principles, and we trust will continue to do so", a rather ambiguous phrase which leaves the modern reader in doubt whether the writer desired the principles to be accepted or only "verged on." The day's news includes reports of the Mexican war, and of the Irish famine, but the proportion of advertisements to other matter is rather overwhelming. Among advertisers we notice the firms Adams & Ketchum, Nicholson & Co., T. E. Millidge, Peters & Tilley, John Wishart, Allison & Spurr, and G. & T. Salter. There is but one demand for a servant. Means of communication are the "Accommodation Stage" to Fredericton, three times a week, and the sailing packet *Britannia*, announced to sail for London on the following day. Patent medicines were as copiously advertised then as now, although the names have now passed away. There is not a single advertisement of any public amusement. Literature is represented by two poems, and an extract from *Punch's Pocket book*, the arts by a notice of the St. John Daguerrian Gallery, belonging to Messrs Vining and Reed.

CHURCH MATTERS.

We subjoin the Memorial to His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton, from the Parishioners of St. John, relative to dividing the parish, with His Lordship's reply thereto, and also that of the Committee in receipt thereof:—

To the Right Rev. Father in God, John, by Divine permission, Lord Bishop of Fredericton:

The Memorial of the undersigned Parishioners of St. John most respectfully sheweth—

That the already large and increasing population on the Eastern side of the Harbour, imperatively requiring additional Church accommodation especially for the poor, who are now almost excluded from the House of God by the want of room is a subject which is known, has deeply engaged the serious attention of your Lordship. That since the erection of Saint John's Chapel in the year 1824, the population of this parish has been more than doubled; and that no churches have since that time been erected within it.

That, a state of spiritual destitution has therefore been felt in the very heart of this the principal city of the province; and in the opinion of your Memorialists can only be effectually remedied by dividing this parish into three or more distinct parishes and placing each division under its own Rector,—That this would not merely give temporary relief to our spiritual wants, but would permanently increase the number of Clergymen without resorting to the very objectionable expe-

dient of appointing additional Curates; each parish thus enjoying the personal care and supervision of its appropriate head appointed by your Lordship; and your Memorialists confidently hope that by such appointment, if in accordance with the wishes of the people, a tie so close and happily formed, would lead to reciprocal confidence and affection, and always command a suitable provision for the Pastor by his flock.

That your memorialists were unwilling prematurely, or without due consideration, to bring forward this important measure; but the necessity for it has been long felt and acknowledged; and they are impressed with the conviction that it can no longer be delayed without injury to the best interests of that Church in which they were baptized, and to whose doctrines and worship from their earliest years they have been firmly attached.

Your memorialists therefore intreat your Lordship's early consideration of this their earnest desire, and that your Lordship will be pleased to take such steps during the approaching session of the Legislature as will secure the happy results which are expected from the measure herein suggested.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) R. W. CROOKSHANK,
ALEX. BOYLE,
H. GILBERT,
DANIEL SCOVIL,
CHARLES WARD,
STEPHEN KENT FOSTER,

Committee.

To
The Right Rev. Father in God,
John, Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

Hermitage, December 19th, 1846.

GENTLEMEN.—In times of great difference of opinion, it is not always possible for a Bishop to assent to the memorials which are forwarded to him, nor can he properly disguise his sentiments should he unhappily differ from the views of the memorialists. I do not know, however, that I ever saw a memorial with the *manner* or *matter* of which I more heartily agreed than with that which you have been so good as to send me. It is founded, as I conceive, on the true principles of Church extension in fact, on the self-same principle which has given a Bishop to New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia. The separate interests of divided Parishes, where the doctrines and modes of worship are the same, so far from weakening the hands of the Church, promote her strength and unity—"the supply of every joint," as an inspired writer tells us, contributing to the safety and increase of the whole.

You do me but justice when you say that "the subject of additional church accommodation, especially for the poor, has already engaged my thoughts." I have repeatedly called the attention of your Rector, and other influential inhabitants, to the necessity of such an undertaking, and have pointed out to them, that the provision for the poor and for strangers was so miserably scanty that they might without exaggeration be said to be shut out from participation in our services.

To invite to taste the good wine of the Gospel freely and without price, or to assemble large numbers of their children

for religious instruction, while we place an effectual bar against their attendance, seems to be so frightful an inconsistency, that we should not delay a moment to apply a remedy, when that remedy is in our power. I earnestly trust therefore, that both the Rector and the Corporation of Trinity Church will aid us in this laudable undertaking; and from the friendly feeling with which I have been met when I alluded to the subject, I hope that such will be the case.

I think, however, that it is only due to the Rector of the Parish, that he should be apprized of your Memorial to me, and invited to co-operate in the work of Church extension.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your faithful friend and Bishop,
(Signed) JOHN FREDERICTON.

THE DEBATING CLUB.

The audience which assembled at the meeting of the Debating Club on January 15th listened to an interesting and spirited debate on the respective merits of Imperial Federation, Independence and Annexation as applied to Canada. The debate was a little out of the regular form, there being three leaders, one appointed to support each proposition respectively and to condemn the other two. For Imperial Federation Mr. H. C. Tilley led with a carefully considered speech pointing out the glories of the British nation and the wealth and power with which Canadians should be proud to claim connection. As for Independence, that, he stated would simply mean annexation "a fate more horrible," the audience were left to infer, "than the agony which we now endure." He continued, showing the great advantages which must accrue from a policy of reciprocal trade between the mother country and the Colonies, and what mutual protection such a compact would afford.

But Mr. T. Shaw Hall would have none of it, "Canada for Canadians" was his cry. Let Canadians develop their own wonderful resources and protect themselves if need be.

England was about to become involved in a great struggle and instead of affording support to Canada, it would be Canada that would be called upon to furnish men and arms for English quarrels; "and further" he added ingenuously, "if we were independent we need not give it." This produced a sensation; "brother Tilley" indignantly waved the old flag and brilliant repartee became the order of the meeting. Then arose Mr. G. G. Ruel in support of the annexation question, reasoning that wealth was necessary to develop those resources, with which, according to Mr. Hall, the land of Canada abounded, and that wealth could only be acquired by giving American capitalists some interest in Canadian industries, and only sustained by providing a fair field for Canadian enterprise. Apparently he considered that the mere removal of customs and national barriers would bring about these results, but with this conclusion the next speaker could in no wise agree. Mr. McCready thought that for Canada there was a great future—a future which however was not to begin just yet. There were among

Canadians men of great abilities, and in Canada resources of vast extent. In a short time, when Canada would be able to hold her own among the nations of the world, she should become independent, and then would begin the dawn of possibly a Greater Britain. Mr. Milligan went further, and hoped, through annexation, to see an English speaking continent under one flag—the proudest nation of the world.

He asked at present for a market for Canadian industry, and for union with a people already bound to us by ties which to him seemed stronger than loyalty to a glorious past.

Mr. Sanford and Mr. Jenkins followed in support of Imperial Federation, the former rather marrying his otherwise strong arguments by urging that the impracticability of the scheme was no obstacle to its acceptance by the club.

Mr. Jenkins made a stirring speech, evidently carefully thought out, and at its close, amid general applause, completely enveloped himself in the folds of the old flag. The Club then adjourned, first resolving to continue the debate at the next meeting.

The audience were fully attentive and perhaps appreciated most the speech of Mr. Milligan, though the suggestions of loyalty for the Imperial Federation invariably evoked applause. The independence idea was it seemed best presented but which side will win ultimately no one can say. In the meantime the fate of Canada hangs in the balance, and we who have not the privilege of the franchise hold our breaths in suspense.

G. G. R.

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