

'Fight on! Fight on!' And dying exclaims: 'I have fought for Queen and Faith, like a valiant man and true; I have only done my duty, as a man is bound to do.'

We in British Columbia are earnestly working in this matter, and no question engaged our more serious attention during the splendid meetings of our grand lodge just closed. You can count on the brethren of British Columbia solid. We are preparing a monster petition and in every way we are at work. With greetings to our champion in the cause.

I felt inclined when I read that, to ask what is all this whirloo about? Did that man really understand what he was talking about?

Some hon. MEMBERS. No.

Mr. KENNEDY. I am not personally acquainted with him but I know a great many of his followers, and I know that there are a great many very decent men among them. I think too a good deal of the Orange order. I know something of its principles. And I say that the man who can issue such a manifesto as that, without knowing the facts of the case, is hardly fit to be at the head of that order. But this is not the only appeal of the kind. A very short time ago, the Loyal Orange Lodge, number something or other of another place—I am not going to mention any names—held a mass meeting at which we are told great enthusiasm was exhibited. At this meeting the Grand Master and several other gentlemen—a good many of whom I know—were present, and the following resolution was unanimously passed amid cheers given for the Grand Master:

That King Edward L. O. L., No. 1819, heartily approves of the resolutions passed by sister lodges respecting the Autonomy Bill, and the controversy between the Hon. Mr. Rogers and the pope's representative at Ottawa, published in the Vancouver papers.

Be it further resolved, that we endorse the action of our grand master in the above matter.

And be it further resolved, that all loyal subjects should be warned against the insidious and jesuitical statements and arguments made and used by those opposed to the course the Orangemen are taking in the present great crisis; that if the truth were known most of such Laurier champions are seeking office or selfish gain.

Mr. SPROULE. Hear, hear.

Mr. KENNEDY. (reading)—

And are not worthy of the confidence of Orangemen; and, further, that if there are any members of the order who are not prepared to openly and manfully follow our grand master in upholding the obligation taken by them and unite with us in our great and tremendous fight against the school clauses of the Autonomy Bill and Romish aggression, such members should be given an opportunity to withdraw from our glorious Orange order; as their presence is inimical and dangerous to the good of the order and to the cause we have so much at heart.

Mr. KENNEDY.

Be it further resolved, that we keep up the fight against the separate school clauses of the Autonomy Bill and against Papal interference in Canadian affairs in the most aggressive manner, believing that the time has come when every true Protestant should buckle on his armour and have emblazoned on his shield the good old watchword:

No Surrender—Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but, as for me, give me liberty or give me death.

Liberty is one of these things to which these people lay the strongest claim, which they are always prating about, and yet they do not give their members the liberty to think for themselves but to tell them that they must follow the Grand Master or leave the order. That is liberty for you. Now, these men are forgetting the principles of the order to which they belong—the principles of charity and friendship and I do know not what the others are, for I forget the words. But they seem to forget their cardinal principle of charity altogether. No doubt I shall hear about this when I get back to my constituency.

Mr. SPROULE. Hear, hear.

Mr. KENNEDY. I have a lot of good friends in the Orange order, who, I am confident, will not allow themselves to be led by men who do not know what they are talking about, and I am convinced that if there should be an election in my constituency to-morrow, I would have a good solid support from these very men.

With regard to religious teaching in the public schools such as is provided for in these Bills, I believe that even if this measure be a little infringement in that respect on the autonomy of the provinces, they still should pass in their present form as they will give peace to these new provinces—peace, such as some of the older provinces did not know about some years ago and which some of them are in danger of losing now. Why did these gentlemen send out these circulars and petitions? Why did they not instruct the people so that they would know intelligently what they were doing and not require them to sign what they did not understand. I do not think that was exactly a square thing to do, as I think these gentlemen will find out to their cost later on.

I just wish to make a few remarks on some of the observations I have heard from some of the other speakers. Our hon. friend from Leeds (Mr. Taylor) must be a mind reader or a prophet or he must have some secret spies in his pay among the cabinet ministers. In what other way could he have secured all the information which he gave us the other day? He seemed to be able to tell us everything that was said and done in the secret cabinet councils and in the interviews between cabinet ministers