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"Beware lest thou forget the Lord which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."-Deut. vi., 12.

"Lest thou forget." This ancient warning, made the theme of Kipling's glorious "Recessional." is always in place after a period of abounding prosperity. Memory is a faculty vitally bound up with our personality. We are persons because we can remember. Lethe, the fabled river of forgetfulness, would be only another term for annihilation. All our inscriptions, monuments and records originated in man's instinctive effort to keep himself from forgetting. "The muse of history bears on her lips this watchword - forget not." Yet nations are often curiously unmindful of their own past, of the heroic deliverances from Egypt and divers houses of bondage. The grey stones of Westminster Abbey, the central shrine of the Anglo-Saxon race, Eround which cluster an ever-growing wealth of associations cry aloud of countless help to stand upon a highlyfavored land, but how few hear and heed the cry. We need the insistent repetition of the Lawgiver's words, "Beware, lest thou forget."

Three Things to Remember.

It is more than the nation's past that is to be remembered. Forget not the Lord, who has guided, moulded and de- belt is but touched, and already we feel livered. On a day of national thanksgiving we profess to remember these three things: (1) There is a personal God. We give thanks not to ourselves, to the country, to the Government, to year, as mixed farming, stock raising the laws of nature, but to the living and dairying are developed. Ontario God. (2) This God is the upholder and is not side-tracked, nor is it ever likeprovider of all good things. The har- ly to be. Such is the rich land, which vest and all blessings material and spir- is open to our people. A nation has itual come from Him. (3) There is a been defined as "the marriage between sense in which the nation is a unit. a land and a people." Are the people There is such a thing as national char- worthy of the land? We need not reacter, national thanksgiving. We come gret the comparatively slow increase as a nation to render united thanks to in population if we avoid the menace of the personal God who has vouchsafed huge unassimilated masses of foreignsuch abundant prosperity to the land.

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Should Know Our Heritage.

We ought to acquaint ourselves with the wide heritage God has brought upon us. On all sides are signs of new national life, as our people begin to appreciate their power and to make its possibilities real. We are set in a strategic position between the old world of Europe and the older world of Asia. We possess the fast great fertile and unsettled territory in the North Temperate Zone. On the ocean shores our fishermen gather a marvellous harvest of the deep. In east and west are limitless supplies of black coal, the land between possesses the new white coal of electric power, generated from a series of waterfalls, the mere enumeration of which is as marvellous as a fairy tale. The falls and rapids which we deemed a drawback to navigation turn out to be an untold source of power. We enter the new century as well equipped for industrial and manufacturing enterprise as any land on earth. We are the only part of the Empire which is becoming a manufacturing area. Our forests may by the application of scientific methods yield a yearly harvest as regular and as profitable as our fields. Great stretches of barren rock are found to be the covering of vast mineral deposits. The very mountains seem to bathe their feet in gold. The wheat that the Empire's food supply is measurably secured. Wheat is king, for in the last analysis hunger rules the world. The older provinces grow richer year by ers among us. In the main our people

are of the old stock, with common ideals and characteristics. Canada is a country well worth working for. The Lord our God has verily given us a goodly heritage. If it is His gift, we are responsible for faithful, worthy and intelligent use of it for the highest

Perils of the Future.

We ought to realize the dangers of the future and seek to counteract them by connecting God with the future, as with the present and the past. When a nation is in the making the privileges and the responsibilities of citizenship us have a noble ambition. The special interest of the Canadian situation today lies in what Canada may yet be and do. The dew of youth is upon us. Canada cannot stand still.

We are confronted by these, among other, dangers: (1) In all ages, and especially in ages of rapid material development, we are apt to become materialistic in thought, standards and worship. We may die "of things." Bigness is not necessarily greatness. Palestine, the home of our faith, was not big. Greece, the mother of arts and culture, was not big. The mother lands across the sea are not big. A nation's true life does not consist in the abundance of the things which it possesses. A nation may lose its soul to gain a world of

things. If we think and talk and do things material only we sink in the level of life. It is a nation's ideals that really make it great. "A sense of greatness keeps a nation great," but the greatness must primarily be the greatness of an election by God's will, of privilege by God's grace, of sacred charge to be of service to the world. 2. In Canada the danger of sectionalism faces us with special features. Will the west pull asunder from the east, or will the twain meet and mingle and labor for the common weal of the greater whole? Will the French-speaking people be divorced in thought, sentiment and ideals from the Englishspeaking? This is our most difficult problem-how can two people speaking different languages be made one? How can they ever understand each other's aims or point of view? All the patience, wisdom and generosity of which our statesmen are capable will be needed to overcome this danger of racial cleavage. Will capital and labor be antagonistic, or will they co-operate? Is the country's welfare to be greater than

that of the combine or the union? 3. In a democratic community with well-nigh universal suffrage, the voter has supreme power. One danger is that he may not have intelligence equal to his power. Political power must not be linked with political ignorance. Education in the broadest sense must be carried on by home and school, by press and church.

4. Amid the press of business and the pursuit of culture, upright citizens are tempted to renounce their political privileges and responsibilties. They do not realize that we get in the long run just the kind of government we desire and deserve. Even if there are some objectionable features in public life, no one ought to be so discouraged as to abandon the whole field of politics.

5. An acute observer has remarked that our current sins are not so gross and general as mental unreliability and lack of truth. Whether this is so or not, there is quite enough in public and private life to warrant the reiteration of the great commonplace that there is a difference between right and wrong, between truth and falsehood, and that we are eternally bound to do the right and speak the truth. No nation can live socially, politically, commercially or spiritually, on falseness and dishonesty. Pactum serva.

The Defence Against These Dangers.

That which above all counteracts these evils is pure and undefiled religion, the fear of God and the consequent respect for and service of mankind. The true basis of national life and greatness is religious and Christian. Character determines national as well as individual rank. What magnanimity have we displayed? How do we keep our pledges? Do righteousness, truth, purity, goodness, dwell among us and abound? What contribution are we making to the spiritual wealth of the world? These are the questions which go to the root of the matter. The truest wealth is noble life. That country is wealthy which breeds and nourishes good and happy human beings; that individual is wealthy whose personal character is being perfected and whose influence over others is wide and helpful. The highest character is created by remembering the Lord our God. A covenant with God is the surest ground of all covenants between man and man. The fear of the Lord deepens the sense of personal responsibility, frees from the baser fear of men and indicates the worth of the individual. Forget not the Lord who has redeemed. By the mercies of God in Christ let us present ourselves as living sacrifices to Him Then shall we be God-fearing and man-

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