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Rotary's mission in strengthening international friendship between Great Britain and the United States, was the message conveyed to the members of the Kingston Rotary club, and a large number of guests at a special meeting held in the British-American Hotel on Friday evening, by Rev. Robert J. Drysdale, Rochester, N.Y., in an inspiring address.

The Kingston Rotary Club has performed an important part in the city's social life since its organization one year ago by bringing into contact citizens of different classes and forming a common brotherhood, by creating a community of interest that eliminates every consideration fostering narrow-mindedness and self-interest. Rotary knows no political, national or religious barriers, but creates an atmosphere favorable to the exercise of the best human sentiments, and is definitely committed to the propagation of the spirit expressed in the "brotherhood of man."

President J. J. Stewart occupied the chair and after the dinner, the roll call took place and he introduced a delegation of Rotarians from Belleville, also members of the Kingston Kiwanis Club who sang the "Lion's Roar" in a manner that reflected the highest honor on their club. Many prominent citizens were the guests of Rotarians.

Leman A. Guild, chairman of the speakers' committee, introduced Rotarian Drysdale whom he described as a Canadian who has attained prominence in the United States, the land of his adoption and whose reputation as a speaker was widely known. He congratulated the club upon his visit to Kingston in the interest of Rotary whose spirit he is peculiarly qualified to interpret in its application international relationships. He welcomed him as a citizen of the United States and as a Rotarian who had influenced the consummation of the happy relationship that existed between that country and Great Britain during the late war, a relationship that we all so earnestly desire to see perpetuated. (Applause.)

Dr. Drysdale, in opening his address, referred to his former residence in Canada, and expressed his pleasure to visit the old limestone city as the guest of the Rotary Club, which was destined to perform an important part as a bond of union between Canada and the United States. It was peculiarly fitted to bring about "mental disarmament" by creating cordial relationship between members and thereby establish the spirit of fellowship so essential in social intercourse. "Don't you dare judge the people of the United States as a whole by the utterances of some individuals such as those who say 'we won the war' or employ similar slogans. The chances are that these never contributed other in service or sacrifice toward the achievements of the war, for those who actually did know better than to give utterance to such statements. The real sentiments of our people were shown in action and in comradeship during the war; and the 27th Brigade actually went into action under the Union Jack (Applause), as Canadians! (Applause). Rotary has much to do and has done something to cement the Anglo-Saxon strains. Other organizations of similar kinds in Canada and the United States are also beginning to catch the vision. But you have many in Canada, and so have we, who are narrow-minded and lack the international vision. Rotary helped to bring sentiments favorable to unity up to the pitch manifested during the war. Some are apt to forget the great difficulties of the task to crystallize national sentiment at that time and some of the greatest defenders were among those whose names suggested a German strain and others who were slung. But it was the influence of the Rotary clubs that paved the way and we drew on Canada for speakers and also those from Great Britain. The Rotary clubs above all these did much to bring the United States into the war."

I ask you to think of the great value of conferences and of the estimate Lloyd George placed upon conference when he met the arguments against the Economic Conference, by reminding those who made them of the conference of over 10,000,000 men that had created world-wide destruction. Some people dislike the term "League" because the League of Nations was not favorably received for political reasons. If we cannot have conferences or leagues then I would suggest a "General Assembly." (Laughter) Rotary has met a universal want—it is international and has created "mental" disarmament. I know that here men of different types and creeds are able to get together and we find that they are brothers under the skin. You are going to meet men of other clubs, and the intercourse thus fostered is going to break down hatred and falsehood. Quoting Lloyd George again on the value of conferences the speaker declared his conviction that his example ought to be followed everywhere. He always remembered the words of Joseph Howe, a great Canadian statesman, who in a notable address at Detroit, pointed out the bonds of unity that cement us together. These, said he, were our "common ancestry, language, heritage. And what if the river is divided? It comes down from the same mountain sides and flows on undisturbed to the sea or is lifted up in common form and is seen in the rainbow and the clouds." Each nation has its own destiny to work out but we can live in harmony which we be- lood today in the symbol of the shamrock. We can live as separate nations in co-operation and we must not be influenced because some one may give utterance to disturbing slogans.

Rotarians are under obligation to help cement international unity. If we don't do it we allow liberty, so dearly won, to be defeated and lost in the moment of victory. Dr. Drysdale concluded by a stirring appeal to his hearers for the attitude of mental disarmament and the fostering of those sentiments that promote mutual understanding and good-will, that should exist wherever the English language is spoken.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Rev. Taylor Dale who emphasized the importance of the opportunities provided by the Rotary clubs everywhere and which should be utilized to propagate the spirit of unity among the people of both countries. It was inconceivable that any other condition could exist after more than a century of practical disarmament here. He congratulated the gathering upon the privilege to listen to Dr. Drysdale's inspiring address.

During the evening Rotarian songs were heartily sung. "Good Roads" Allen, of Belleville, sang some very entertaining songs, and the Rotary Sextette composed of Messrs. Rex Snelgrove, Howard Kelly, H. Braithwaite, Charles Anglin, H. Singleton, and G. M. Stanton gave several very fine selections. A fencing bout was put on by Messrs Brookfield and Jones.

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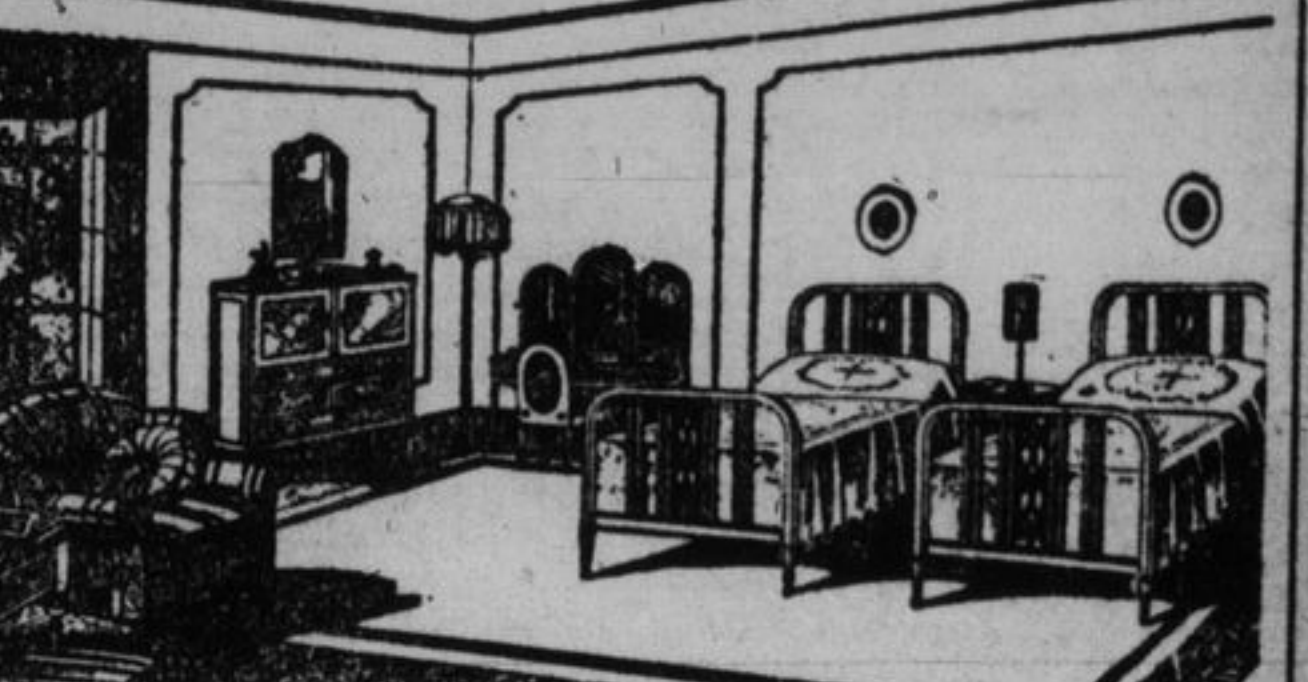
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