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An interesting little pamphlet, entitled *The Future of Canada*, by Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, has come to our notice. Mr. Longley gives a strong plea for the growing importance of this question and the demand which it makes upon the Canadian people for thoughtful and thorough consideration. His purpose is merely to clear the way for a free discussion of Canada's best interests. Fearlessly and reasonably he asserts the right of every Canadian to discuss those questions which are of vital importance to him. In framing the destiny of our country four alternatives are laid down, the choice of which is left to the intelligence of our citizens :

*First.*—Remaining as we are—a colonial possession of the empire.

*Second.*—A direct political alliance with the empire, involving representation in the nominal councils and a share in the responsibilities and achievements of the whole nation.

*Third.*—Political union with the great English nation lying beside us on this continent, with whom we are intimately associated and connected by geography, race, language, laws and civilization.

*Fourth.*—An independent nationality with our own flag and our own national responsibilities. As these seem to embrace all the alternatives within the range of practical politics they form a basis of consideration for the present and future generations. Mr. Longley severally discusses these propositions to some length, fairly pointing out the merits and demerits of each. In the decision of these momentous investigations he strongly pleads for free Canadian thought and unbiased judgment. Throughout the whole careful and wise precaution is taken to evade anything which would tend to evince party interest or arouse personal antagonism. Merely a presentation of the situation as it really exists is made, without even definitely expressing his own opinions, for the time to decide is not fully ripe, yet fast approaching, and when it comes Canada should be first.

In the whole Mr. Longley presents in a free and easy style questions over which every Canadian citizen must ponder, and he cannot do better than make the honorable gentleman's words his own : " In reaching a decision in this overshadowing question, whether my moral instincts be right or wrong, I propose to be guided safely by my conceptions of the best interests of Canada. I put this first and make it supreme."

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