

home, and send out an experienced officer to report upon the situation. The officer did not report any army in sight, but reported that, if they did come, Canada was in a very poor condition to receive them; and it was resolved to build some further fortifications at Quebec, and there has been some talk about places further westward, but no action has been taken. But what do we see on the other hand? I passed down the Penobscot a few weeks ago, and what did I see there? A great frowning fort of the most approved pattern, looking as new and pretty as if it had just come from the mint. At Portland also, I observed some extensive fortifications. But I have no faith in fortifications. I do not rely on military defences.

Our country needs no bulwarks,  
No towers along the steep,  
Our march is o'er the mountain wave.

"And our homes are in the mart, on the mountain, and the prairie, wherever there is good work to be done, and God's gifts to be appropriated. I have faith in our common brotherhood—in such meetings as this—in such social gatherings as we all enjoyed so much last night. I sincerely hope that all thought of forcing annexation upon the people of Canada will be abandoned, and, if not, that you will seek a more pleasant sort of annexation for your children and children's children. It was a novel mode of attaching them that the people of Detroit adapted in lashing a fleet of their steamers together, and getting up such a grand entertainment, and there was no