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ON THE

INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN IDEAS, ETC.

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THE object of the present publication is to place another way-mark in the progress of our ecclesiastical history, as it proceeds in the settlement of the Anglican Church in this country. A new element has recently made its appearance in the Canadian Church, one which will be variously estimated, but one whose course will need to be watched rather closely, with an eye to its influence on the future.

The number of pamphlets which have lately appeared, discussing sundry matters connected with the late Episcopal election, the affairs of Christ Church vestry, and the dismissal of Canon Loosemore, seems to render an apology necessary for the appearance of another pamphlet, having only a secondary reference to those painful matters. Apart from the offensive and personal part of this literature, however, there are certain things of more than passing value which ought not to be lost sight of, furnishing, as they do, some important *data* for future guidance. Really valuable contributions to the literature of the recent controversy have appeared, and should be kept in mind. Mr. Sanborn's pamphlet, and "A Short History of the Canon for the election of a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of Canada, by a Lay Delegate," are both valuable.

It is as a further contribution to the history of the subject that I decided on re-publishing, in this pamphlet, a Letter which