

aid for their moral and intellectual culture. Let ministers and lay readers, therefore, help us to have a large increase in the circulation of both the *Guardian* and the *METHODIST MAGAZINE*, which, taken jointly, are the best value for \$3 50 that we know of anywhere.

#### INTERNATIONAL [DIS]COURTESY.

The loyal enthusiasm with which our new Governor-General and the daughter of our beloved Queen have been received in Canada, has strangely provoked the atrabilious wrath of the eloquent editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*. It seems that the presence of these inoffensive persons is an infringement on the sovereign rights of the American citizen. Indeed, they should beg pardon for existing at all on the soil of this North American continent, the sacred preserve of the Monroe doctrine. We thought in our innocence, that this Western world was free to every comer, from a Russian Grand Duke to a heathen Chinese. It seems we were mistaken. There is one exception—the daughter of the Queen of England. There is, in her coming, eminent danger to the legitimate development of republican institutions.

We do not see how the matter can be mended, however. The Princess cannot help being the Queen's daughter, and the Marquis and his royal consort are not likely to pack up and abandon the continent to the Monroe doctrine at the dictation of a New York editor.

Seriously, however, we consider it a piece of extraordinary assurance for that editor to interfere in the internal economy of a foreign country. He might just as well dictate to his neighbour across the street whom he should employ as steward of his estate. Canadians prefer to manage their own affairs in their own way; and they certainly have no reason to be so in love with American institutions as to desire political union. With Fenianism, Tweed Rings, the Louisiana Scandal, Ben Butlerism, and the Mor-

mon cancer, the model Republic does not offer any special attractions to detach us from our filial relations to the most stable throne and most revered sovereign on earth. We appreciate too well our free institutions. We are too democratic, as Lord Dufferin assured his Chicago hosts, to submit to the perils of stuffed ballot-boxes, caucus conventions, and a practically irresponsible Cabinet and President. At all events, we are likely, as a result of our present system, to have as our chief ruler a statesman, a gentleman, and a scholar—a Durham, an Elgin, a Dufferin,—and not an Andrew Jackson, a "Zack" Taylor, or an "Andy" Johnson. The less said about the "antics" of the Canadians in welcoming the representatives of their Queen the better. We have heard of some remarkable antics played in New York over a "Japanese Tommy" or a Sandwich Island King Kalakana.

Has not the United States, in its extensive territory stretching from ocean to ocean and from the Gulf to the Lakes, ample room and verge enough without coveting the vineyard of the Canadian Naboth? Is it generous? is it just? is it common courtesy for this able editor to dip his pen in gall and write his acrid gibes against a friendly neighbour? "We have no use for royalty on this side of the Atlantic," forsooth. "European monarchs must not come this way." "If Disraeli expects us to let his plans alone, he must not interfere"—mark the word—"with matters on this side of the sea."

If this sort of rhodomontade had appeared in a fifth-rate political sheet, fishing in very muddy waters for the Fenian vote, we should have treated it with contempt. But its appearance in the foremost religious paper in the Union, or in the world, excites our sorrow and surprise. We rejoice to believe that it does not represent the general sentiment of the American nation, nor of its chief magistrate, nor of its executive officers, nor of its leading minds, towards its northern neighbour. A letter now before us, from