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THE LESSONS OF THE FENIAN RAID.

Just as we were going to press for June, our borders were again threatened—we can scarcely say invaded—by the murderous hordes of Irish-American fillibusters which have so long annoyed us, and kept this country in the attitude of defence. The agony was very brief, and the defeat of our enemies was so complete, that the attempt is not likely to be soon renewed. The Lord, who heard the prayer of David, and “turned the counsel of Ahithophel to foolishness,” so favoured our arms that while our enemies left a number of dead and wounded on the field, not a hair of the head of any of our brave volunteers perished!

The raid is over, but the lessons it has taught us must not be forgotten. To military men belongs the duty of looking after our defences, and to politicians the settling of the questions of international law and comity. But there is a religious aspect in which this Fenian business must be viewed, as well as the troubles in the young Province of Manitoba, which we should be derelict in duty were we to overlook. The Red River usurper, and the red-handed invaders of our soil, like “the two tails of the smoking firebrands” which came up against Judah, are inspired by one spirit, and that is Romanism. View the matter as we may, it is the feud of races, or of nations, only because it is the feud of *creeds*. The questions at issue are much more religious than political; in Manitoba, it is a struggle to plant a Roman Catholic colony, with a state-endowed church; in Ireland, it is a deadly hatred of everything distinctively Protestant. In both countries, while the Protestant population are, with scarcely an exception, loyal and true, the Romish population are, with about equal unanimity, disaffected. The disestablishment of the Irish Church, from which so much was expected by many, has utterly failed to appease them, and the Land Bill seems likely to prove equally unavailing. Their hatred of British