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THE IMMIGRANTS AND THE CHURCHES.

For many years it has been our complaint and lamentation, that the bulk of the Congregational emigration from Britain found its way to Australia rather than to Canada. Of late, however, the tide has been turning in our favour, and we have had the pleasure of welcoming not a few of our people to this fair Dominion. The occasion seems opportune for saying a few words to our readers who have been settled here before, and to the new comers, upon their mutual relations and duties.

And first, to those who are already Canadians by birth or adoption. We pride ourselves upon the fact, that hospitality is one of the characteristic virtues of the people of these Provinces. It is natural that it should be so. "Ye know the heart of a stranger, for ye yourselves were strangers in the land." In the older countries where it is so common to live and die upon the same spot, and where the same neighbours are around us from the cradle to the grave, the incoming of a stranger is an event. But here, we are all strangers together, and like people accidentally thrown into each other's company upon shipboard, we easily become acquainted, dispensing with rigid etiquette, and learn to be mutually helpful. In the "good old times" of the primitive backwoodsmen, a traveller could go to almost any house, and find hearty entertainment for himself and his horse. The same spirit animates our people still, and it is very pleasing to hear this acknowledged by our new arrivals, as we frequently do. We would urge our friends to cherish this disposition and habit. Never let the spirit of "Nativism," or "Know-Nothingism" find a place among us! Never let the cry be heard, "Canada for the Canadians!" As we claim a share in all the glories of England's history and in the security of her protection, so let it be our corresponding ambition to furnish a true "home" for her migrating children.

Then let it not be left to the harpies who always hover round the footsteps of the pilgrim and the stranger, or to the officials of the Government, to give the only welcome to these shores. Among those who are forward to offer sympathy, counsel and help, let Christians be found in the front rank. In giving informa-