

and the begging mission to the United States not been paralyzed by Mr. Mackenzie's interference, it is not at all beyond the range of probability that it would have been represented that the affection of the Canadians towards the United States was so great that they were already rushing into the brotherly embraces of the great Republic. Hence a direct argument for annexation has been shattered to pieces. We are not seeking any change of political connexion.

Not long subsequent to the transactions in the Synod, and elsewhere, the leader in them came forward as the apostle of Canadian independence, or separation from the mother country. The very proposal is a piece of characteristic audacity. But it is practising too strongly upon the credulity of the country to impose upon it the idea that such a proposal does not mean annexation. It is beyond my purpose to discuss a political question, but, as a "party of the future" has been announced, and simultaneously there are rumors of a Union League being formed in the city of Montreal, it is only too likely that the difficulties of our position in the Church, only too great already, will be seriously complicated. Annexationists (at least openly such) are not numerous in the Church, but there are some such; and there are others who subscribe to Church funds in various parts of the country, and who may be counted upon to give or not to give according to the subserviency of the Church to their ideas. Hints have been pretty freely thrown out. Many of these persons are wealthy, and not unconscious of the influence of money among a money-getting and money-loving people. For the most part this influence is associated with latitudinarianism in religion, which, in the cities, is found in the more polished form of Unitarianism, and, in the country, in the coarser and rougher form of Universalism. I have lived too long in the Eastern Townships to be in any doubt of the existence of an influence such as I have described, and it is one by which our Church is seriously affected in her operations. It meets us at almost