

flew like wild-fire, and in a few days almost every township in Massachusetts had declared for the constitution drawn up by the Pilgrims in the Mayflower. In a short time all the colonies, from Acadia to the Chesapeake, had proclaimed William and Mary the protestant sovereigns, king and queen, with rejoicings such as had never before been witnessed in America; and even the Mohawks caught the war spirit and planned a descent upon the French fortifications in Canada.

Thus closed the series of terrible persecutions that had peopled the new world with some of the best and noblest of the sons and daughters of the father-land, and a tolerant monarch filled the throne of the Stuarts. But William the Third was unable to obtain consent to his free principles of government. Still the nation set forward on a career of advancement, drawing nearer and nearer to the standard raised by Vane, Sidney, and Cromwell, in the days of the Commonwealth.

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## Trans-Atlantic Retrospect.

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DR. VAUGHAN writes to the *Patriot* (March 27,) "It is true, as stated in a recent issue of your paper, that the Committee of the Congregational Union has asked me to think of being one of a deputation to visit our Churches in Canada. I am indebted to the Committee for this expression of confidence; but I think it right to inform my friends that *there is no probability of my crossing the Atlantic* for the purpose mentioned, or for any other."

This seems to settle the matter, as far as Dr. Vaughan is concerned. But as Dr. Smith and Mr. Poore may (D. V.) confidently be expected, we trust that ample and effective arrangements will be made for their visitation of every part of the field in British North America, the cities, villages and country alike. It is true that a flying visit, in holiday circumstances, will not enable these brethren to see Canada through our every-day spectacles, but even such a visit, with proper management, may be the means of furnishing them with much information concerning our condition and wants, and on the other hand, of stirring up our own people to new zeal in the missionary work. The season of the year is not the most favourable, in some respects, as the dwellers in cities will be scattered to summer resorts, while farmers will be working from dawn to dark. But this we must make the best of, hoping that the officers and members of all our churches will make any effort required to have full conference with the deputation, at the present crisis of our relations with the Colonial Missionary Society. Important consequences, to the future of Congregationalism in Canada, depend on this visit.

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THE JUDGMENT IN THE COLENSO CASE.—At length the oracle has spoken, and all the suitors are confounded. Lord Westbury, the Lord Chancellor, on behalf of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, has decided that the deprivation of his bishopric pronounced against Dr. Colenso by Dr. Gray, Bishop of Capetown and Metropolitan, was null and void; not because Colenso's teaching was in accordance with, or not opposed to, the Prayer Book—that would not have surprised us after the *Essays and Reviews* judgments; but, because the very patent by which the Queen created Dr.