

able to divert public attention from their own misconduct and burning national questions. Our politicians are not reduced to that extremity yet, for when asked to explain what became of a railway subsidy or appropriation, they can at once wave the old flag, shout treason and damn the Yankees. Of course if you throw enough dust in the air you will be sure to blind some one, more particularly where there is more or less sediment or body in the dust, and this fair-minded audience will admit that the people of the United States and its politicians have not reached that degree of excellence which may be deemed perfection.

Perhaps you do not wish for my opinion on the matter, but I cannot help taking advantage of this opportunity to say that the United States would stand higher in the opinion of Canada and the civilized world if she would refund to Great Britain the unused and unclaimed portion of the "Alabama Award." I may not be possessed of all the facts, but I know the retention of that money has been used to the detriment of this republic on many occasions.

The abandonment of the alien labor law, at least in so far as Canada is concerned, would go a long way to promote a better feeling on the Canadian half of this continent. It would at least remove every excuse for a hostile feeling and strengthen the hands of the friends and advocates of union.

We have been laying down the doctrine that forms, governments and institutions were made for men, and not men for them. We hold that if that Divine institution, the Sabbath, was made for man, surely such purely human institutions as flags and governments were also made for our convenience and advantage, to be changed from time to time to suit our purposes.

I have told you something about the ultra loyalists of our country. I am not here to pass judgment upon my parents; I am sure they taught me to the best of their ability; I am forced, however, to say that although I was naturally liberal in my views, I could not help thinking that my heavenly Father made a mistake when He made such a disparity between the monarchical, the aristocratic and the plebeian portions of the Universe, for I never thought for one moment to question the divine right of Her Most Gracious Majesty to call me her subject, my mother taught me that error from my infancy; however, thank God, there arose a power which knew not Victoria, I might say two powers, one was the school master, the other was William Lyon Mackenzie. The former taught me to read, and I soon found out the devices of Kings and Kingcraft, and the latter took up arms against the tyrannical, oppressive government of 1837. My father, bless his memory, took up arms with Mackenzie for liberty or death; it resulted in a great measure of liberty for Canada and exile for my unhappy father, who had to seek the hospitable shores of this free country to find a birthplace for his children; but "there is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we may." I thus became qualified for the presidency of the United States. I was taken from Oswego, N.Y., my birthplace, in my mother's arms, and I have never seen my native city since, although I feel an affection for her that I cannot put into words. I have seen her harbor lights as I have passed up and down the great lake, but I will make ample amends for my unfilial conduct in the near future.

What you want to hear about, however, is not myself, but Canada; I will resume and promise not to digress again unless my affairs or history become an integral and indispensable part of the subject.

Limited monarchy is an unnatural, hybrid system of government, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol. The history of the British Monarchy is a history of a thousand years of oppression, the people contending against the landed aristocracy for their liberty and lives, and the boasted result is a mongrel production satisfactory to no one.

The British Empire is in name only, governed by the Queen, but let the Queen even make a mere suggestion and she is firmly but respectfully informed by Mr. Gladstone that she is there to reign and he is there to rule, in her name but by the power and might of the democracy of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Gladstone and his cabinet are termed the advisors of the Queen. Advisors is a veiled word, as they are the commanders of Her Majesty. Even in this country you will find men who exalt the altar above Him who sitteth between the cherubims, and with the illiterate, unlearned and unthinking of our country it is the same; the Queen, who is merely the overpaid servant of the State, is exalted above the State itself.

The system I have partially explained, prevails in Great Britain and in all self-governing colonies, it is called.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Allow me to explain the term and its origin: it requires a great deal of explanation, as these two words, when used in the narrow sense in which we use them, have a special meaning. Responsible government does not mean responsible to the people it means responsible to the peoples' alleged representatives; It is a device of the landed aristocracy whereby a small wealthy minority can control and rob the nation, in the name of, and with the seeming consent of the majority.

Responsible government is the greatest and most invidious and most deceptive curse ever inflicted upon a noble, generous and patient people. True it has a grandiloquent sound as it rolls off the politician's tongue, but if we did not know its history we would imagine that it was designed to facilitate robbery on a great national scale.

In the time of Walpole, the only way that the people of the United Kingdom could secure liberty was to force the King to accept a set of advisors elected by, or at least possessing the confidence of the peoples' representatives, and compel him to act upon their advice; this was accomplished by the House refusing to vote money or supplies until the King was advised as the Commons thought proper, and you can readily imagine what kind of a figure a King would cut without money. There was a much shorter way out of the difficulty, and in a former epoch that Divinely appointed agent of Heaven, Oliver Cromwell, adopted it. He took the expeditious method of cutting off the King's head; but in order to do that Walpole would have had to fight and perhaps abolish the power of the landed aristocracy, and the peoples' leaders always looked forward to a place for themselves in that sacred and charmed circle. So the compromise of responsible government was agreed upon, whereby the King was compelled to act upon the advice of men possessing the confidence of the peoples' representatives, and this doctrine has been crystallised into short, catchy election by-words or phrases such as, "The Queen reigns, and the people rule," and "The Queen can do no wrong"; the latter is literally true, for if the Queen be governed by the advice of ministers responsible to parliament, she of course can do no wrong, for the wrong, if any, lies with the administration and the house.

I have noticed that the President of the United States selects his cabinet, having regard only to