

ness of manhood and national autonomy; making their own laws; managing their own affairs; or do they aspire to nothing more than to be an inferior part of some other nation; content to lose their name and their institutions; to have their history, their traditions and all their national characteristics wiped out of existence; forgotten, and the people themselves merged into another nationality; who would receive them only as an integral part of the great whole, in which their voice would scarcely be heard?"

Plain words these for Canadians, to whom far-off pastures may seem green; and it seems to me that it makes the word "Annexation," as far as we are concerned, a misnomer. Call it rather Canadian Annihilation, and the word better expresses the condition which would obtain when five millions of Canadians hauled down the Union Jack and joined fortunes with the eight million Negroes of the United States, in making up the citizenship of the republic. It is however, Mr. Marco's views and not my own that I have asked space for; and he follows his question with this apt illustration:

"Let us use a little illustration, and suppose the case of two neighboring farmers, located on lands equal in fertility, and endowed with similar advantages of every kind. What would we think if one of them should go to his neighbor and say, my friend, I believe I am lacking in the energy, manhood and intelligence required to cultivate my farm successfully, and I have concluded to place myself, my family, my property and all my resources at your disposal and under your control. To think of such a thing would cause the hot blush of shame to rush to our face, as we considered the degradation of the poor faint-hearted, weak minded fellow who thus acknowledged his incapacity to

take care of himself. We would look upon him with feelings of combined pity and contempt. Yet is not this precisely what Canada would do if she should burn up her national flags, pull down her national institutions, and hat in hand, humbly ask to be received as a lackey in the household of another nation. You may say this term lackey is an uncalled for and unbecoming expression; then let us say, the Cinderella, or at best, the youngest and least influential member of the family. For Canadians must not for a moment suppose, that if they should enter the republic of the United States, that they could exert any particular influence upon the thought, the legislation, or the institutions of the republic. On the contrary, owing to the comparative smallness of the population of Canada, her people would be merged, and submerged, into the vast majority to which they would have submitted, just as the little stream empties itself into the great river, and is no more seen or thought of. So the people of Canada, upon entering the republic of the United States, would have to abandon all of their national aspirations, their prejudices, and their plans for the future. Instead of building up a great empire they would only be dependent commonwealths of secondary importance. Instead of leading, they would follow."

AGAIN MR. MARCO ASKS A QUESTION:

"When Canadians speak of annexation to the United States, do they fully understand what it means? Do they realize the true condition of the people with whom they propose to unite? I can hardly think so.

A little reflection upon the political economy of the United States, and a few moments consideration of the financial condition of the people, cannot fail to throw a great deal of light upon this subject.