

of Massachusetts,—but Massachusetts gained her independence, and Mr. Hutchinson died in obscurity in London.

Our incentives counterbalance our losses. If we lose Mr. Howe—if we lose our leaders at home—we have indications that we may interest and are interesting equally good men abroad. We have had through the ready and fluent pen of Mr. Stiles at Washington for a long time the disinterested, earnest, intelligent, and argumentative advocacy of our cause. Several concisely argued and well written letters have been contributed to the *Acadian Recorder* by Mr. E. R. Wiswell, of New York. And a host of anonymous correspondents from all quarters have shewn their warmth in this subject by interesting and varied and valuable ability. It is known that the subject of Annexation is at this moment receiving the earnest attention of influential legislators and masterly minds at Washington, and evidence is not wanting of the pleasure the movement here is exciting at the Capitol.

Ever and anon, from the press of New Brunswick there comes the voice of incitement. This is particularly marked in the *St. John Globe*, the columns of which have been exhibiting tokens of the extremely liberal views of its editor, and have been freely opened to the advocates of “Annexation,”—while the publication of a pamphlet upon the subject by Mr. Munro,* formerly a supporter of “Confederation,” the change of base of some of the newspapers, whilom disposed to favor the Dominion, and the election of candidates now in every instance pledged to oppose the new order of things,—exemplify the marked change eighteen months have wrought in our sister over the bay.

In this city of Halifax, the evidence of a wonderful revulsion of feeling in favor of “Annexation” is being every day made more apparent. The *Acadian Recorder*, the oldest sheet of the day, maintains its character as of old, as the early *redette* of the coming army. There have been some sharp, sweeping, flaying cuts at the opponents of “Repeal,” and some spirited, cogent, rattling shots fired for “Annexation.”† If the *Morning Chronicle* is less sudden

* Annexation or Union with the United States is the Manifest Destiny of British North America. By Alex. Munro. St. John, N.B., Barnes & Co.

† See a very clever leader on “The ‘Loyalty’ of Nova Scotia” in the *Recorder* of January 8, 1869.