

we appeal in vain to reason to lead the forlorn hope or mount the imminent deadly breach ; but at the first trumpet blast, passion, enthusiasm, youth, step proudly to the front, and press forward with resistless eager pace. The political machine must have a motive power ; where shall we seek that power if not in the national character ? A proper organization of those high qualities which form character commends itself, therefore, as the elementary work of those with whom the education of the people rests. " You have sent your young men to guard your frontier," said D'Arcy McGee. " You want a principle to guard your young men, and thus only your frontier. When I can hear your young men say as proudly, *our* federation, or *our* country, or *our* kingdom, as the young men of other countries do speaking of their own, I shall then have less apprehension for the result of whatever trials the future may have in store for us." The safety of Troy depended upon the possession of the Palladium. Every people has its Palladium. Are we to be the sole exception ? stumbling forward we know not where ! groping for we know not what ! only too glad to live on sufferance ! fully satisfied so long as we are permitted to garner the weekly wage of toil ! Do Canadians lack in love of country ? Search them out where you will—and there is hardly a nook on the continent left unvisited by their adventurous steps—and you find that change of scene has neither obliterated nor tarnished the memories which ever cling to the land of one's birth. Should danger threaten, we know that the thoughts of many a wanderer would turn towards his Northern home, and we know too, that no intervening distance, no fetter of self-interest, would keep from our side, in the hour of trial, the loyal and true sons of our common country.

Let but our statesmen do their duty, with the consciousness that