

Thomas Hughes, by founding an English Colony in Tennessee, shows that he feels the influence of the moral reunion ; yet, with a sincerity which no one doubts, he deprecates Annexation. Supposing we had even said that the tide of feeling was turning, does change imply hypocrisy ? Was not Sir Francis Hincks once a Radical, and is he not now a Conservative lecturing "revolutionists" with the horrified solemnity of a Tory Duke ! Between these two extreme points of a distinguished career there must have been a time when his sentiments were on the turn, but when it would, nevertheless, have been as absurd to accuse him of hypocrisy as it would have been to accuse him of corruption.

Our critic has a keen and practised eye for motive. In one page we claim a fair hearing for the result of Sir John Macdonald's proposed negotiations respecting the Pacific Railway, in the next we defend Mr. Blake against an attack made on him by Sir John Macdonald. This shows, it seems, that we "have two strings to our bow," and that if our concealed, and presumably nefarious, object cannot be obtained by paying "homage" to Sir John Macdonald we hope to obtain it by paying homage to Mr. Blake. It matters not that we have often avowed our dissent from the particular line taken by one of those statesmen, and from the general policy of the other. These, no doubt, are blinds to cover a crafty approach. We shall be glad to hear what it is that is to be compassed by flattering at the same time the leaders of two opposite parties ; but pending this disclosure, we take the liberty of assuring our critic that we neither owe nor pay homage to any man in the Dominion.

Scarcely had this journal appeared, when Sir Francis Hincks tried to stop its sale by proclaiming through the reporter of an American paper that it was brought out for the purpose of advocating Annexation. We condole with him on the result of his generous effort. The BYSTANDER was brought out for the purpose of reviewing Current Events, Canadian and general ; the Canadian Events in the interest of the whole Canadian people, and in that interest alone. Of such mental labour as has been