

her aid, and offers them an equal interest in her career of progress. It is true that millions of British subjects have, in the past, unfortunately renounced their allegiance, and gone to swell the power of another nation ; but Canada hopes to repair this error by attracting to her shores the hardy Scandinavian and honest German, and thus soon to give to our beloved Queen, as Canadians, a full equivalent for the subjects she has lost." The German Emperor or the King of Sweden might say to Sir Alexander, " Is thy servant a dog, that it should be the best of deeds to induce as many of his liegemen as possible to renounce their allegiance to him and swell the power of the British crown ? " Emigration goes where it lists. In the case of the suffering millions, be they Continental, British, or Irish, it lists for the most part to go where the social system under which the suffering has been experienced is least likely to be found again. It takes a surgical operation to get into the mind of a person of quality or a loyal envoy from a dependency, the idea that the feelings of a peasant about our beloved Monarchy, our beloved peerage, our beloved squire, our beloved game-preserve, our beloved State Church, are not exactly the same as his own. Sir Alexander Galt contends that there can be no use in the Colonies, and that England must be held to have made a great mistake in founding them, if they are not to be peopled with English citizens. His own invitation to humanity at large to settle in Canada, which we have just quoted, is a sufficient reply.

If the British Government is to embark on a great scheme of emigration for a political object, it will require to be at least reassured as to the permanency of the political connection. On this subject, however, Sir Alexander refrains from pledging himself to anything beyond the present state of Canadian feeling, of which he gives, as he is in duty bound, the most orthodox account. His silence is significant, and its significance is enhanced by the incidents of his own distinguished career. No statesman, nor man of statesmanlike mind, will prematurely raise organic questions, do violence to existing sentiment, or