

said the critic : " that's not the trouble. It never hurts a man to have his *head* in the clouds. But Mr. Emerson's *feet* are in the clouds. He has nothing to fix his feet on. If a man's feet are on the Rock, he can afford to have his head in the clouds ; but not otherwise."

It is a great blessing to have a character that shows itself to advantage in the feet themselves, as well as

in the walk and bearing of the whole man. There are such men. God help us to be like them ! " How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation ; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth ! " That beauty of feet it is for us to desire and to strive after. —*The Sunday School Times.*

ANNEXATION OF CANADA.

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AN old and valued friend of mine, Mr. Marco, a St. Paul lawyer, recently sent me a pamphlet which, from an American point of view, has so much of interest regarding the future of our great Canadian country that I would like you to quote parts of it, which seem to me to be specially applicable to the conditions which obtain on our side of the line.

The reasons which have called from him what seems to me an impartial review of the state of the case, are given in a quotation with which he heads his pamphlet ; and I feel sure that had he known as much of " Labby " as we do on this side of the line, he would have done what the St. Louis negro is said to have done, when a jackass kicked him, simply " considered where it came from," and found in that reflection a reason why he should pass it by in silence. The quotation as follows :

" On December 30th, 1891, *Truth*, Mr. Henry Labouchere's paper, published an article on Canada's Future, drawn out by the troubles in the Province of Quebec, which resulted in the ousting from office of Mr. Mercier, the Prime Minister of Quebec, and the members of his cabinet.

Truth says, that " It is the manifest destiny of the Dominion to become a new United States or to become attached to the great republic.

The change is inevitable and the sooner it occurs the better. * * * * Such a course would relieve Great Britain of the necessity of transatlantic squabbles in which she has no concern. It would, moreover, give the Canadians energy and enterprise, which no mere colonists can possess. * * * Canada 'once free, Australia would soon follow. Indeed, it is quite possible, that Australia will be the first to sever the bonds by which she is attached to Great Britain. The talk of Australian loyalty to the British Crown, is all buncombe."

Mr. Marco meets Mr. Labouchere's statement with a question which shows in it both the ability of a lawyer in stating a case, and the evidence of the Western American disposition to call a spade a spade, and not an agricultural implement ; and thank God he will hear in all Canada west of Ontario but one answer to the question, which he states as follows :

" Do the Canadian people wish to be a nation, self-sustaining, self-respecting, independent, in the full-