

## CONCLUSION OF "BEFORE THE LOYALISTS."

In our present number appears the last of the series of articles under the above title. It is generally a perilous thing for a magazine to admit a long serial, each number occupying half-a-dozen pages, on a subject remote as to place and time, and free from the sensational element. Yet so skilfully has our contributor wrought his materials together, that we hear on every hand expressions of warm interest in his sketches. For ourselves, we know not where we could find, within the same or a larger compass, so clear and comprehensive an account of the growth of religious liberty in England and the struggles through which it was acquired, of the first relations of church and state in New England, and of the early history of the church in the Maritime Provinces, as has thus been given in our pages from month to month. It deserves republication in a permanent volume.

We are happy to say that we shall not lose the assistance of Mr. Woodrow as a contributor to the *Independent*. He proposes to write for us sketches of some of the ancient Congregational Churches in New Brunswick.

We want such a writer in Canada, who will be at the pains to search out and collate the facts relative to the religious history of our own Province and our own churches. The time is fast passing when such a work will be possible. Who will undertake it?

## REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The publication of the proceedings of the Congregational Council held in Boston in June last, was committed by that body to the "American Congregational Association," whose rooms are at 22 Chauncy Street, Boston. The Official Report appears in the *Congregational Quarterly*, and is also published separately at 75 cents; American postage, 6 cents. The *Quarterly* says, "The phonographer's report now in the printers' hands, will contain all the proceedings, papers, speeches, remarks, &c., &c., of the Council, carefully edited—making one octavo volume, probably of 450 to 500 pages. Every minister, every family in every Congregational Church, ought to have this volume." This report was to have been ready "early in October." We do not know the price. It was to be published at the same address.

## DR. RALEIGH'S SPEECH AT BOSTON.

We copied, in our September number, the two addresses delivered by Dr. Vaughan to the National Congregational Council. We have now the pleasure of presenting Dr. Raleigh's opening address, for which we are indebted to the *Patriot*. That journal (Sept. 28) says: We have been repeatedly asked for a report of the speech delivered by Dr. Raleigh before the Boston Convention of Congregational churches, but until now we have not been able to comply with the wishes of our friends. The circumstances under which the address was delivered will be well remembered; Dr. Raleigh immediately followed Dr. Vaughan, whose address we reported a few weeks since. The following notes will, we believe, be found to represent accurately what Dr. Raleigh said:—

"Moderator,—I am perfectly well aware of the value of the time of this assembly, and I am, therefore, personally loath to present myself before you at all, and especially after my friend Dr. Vaughan has spoken so long and so well.