

But says the preacher, "nature has not formed me to be so zealous as some and to have the feelings and weep like others." Very likely, but, if nature has not, grace should. Let the heart be in the work; and let the spirit of God, from Heaven, be infused into the soul, and there will be no complaint about the *dryness* of the preaching. But let our remarks be understood. We are not pleading for loud and boisterous pulpit efforts; this is often the very *driest* and most *barren* of all preaching. For if a man have not the love of God in him, and if he be destitute of all sympathy for perishing souls, and then attempt to make up the deficiency by an artificial zeal, and by taxing his voice to the utmost possible extent, he is at once, and in the fullest sense of the terms, as a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol. Preaching, whether loud or low, can be energetic, and accompanied by love, and sympathy; and when such is the *manner* of the preaching it will take effect.

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#### OUR COUNTRY.

**W**E have repeatedly spoken of the natural and other advantages of Canada as an agricultural country, and as a place of commerce and trade. It is capable of being made, in these respects, one of the finest sections of the new world. But with all its advantages and ample means for prosperity and wealth, it seems doomed to be a second Ireland. The people are divided upon every subject of interest and importance to the country, faction-

ists are busily engaged in stirring up strife and exciting to envy, and all that is mischievous and destructful of the interests of the province. And times and changes of government make little alteration for the better. Politicians, and some others, talk of some great changes which they fancy they see in the future history of our country, as though they would bring great and permanent prosperity, but, they may see themselves disappointed. Nothing with us is settled, (unless it be the 57 Rectories and the Clergy Reserve Question,) and so many factions now exist, that it is to be feared that the country never will assume a settled and quiet position.

But bad as matters are, unsettled and unsafe as everything is, we will not yet despair. The gospel, and education may yet accomplish the work, and secure for our beloved country, tranquility and great prosperity. The destruction of property, and the destruction of life even, sought by some, should be frowned upon by all well-wishers of the land; for let a work so nefarious once be set on foot in our country, and our ruin is sure to follow. Patriotism is a rare thing in our country. The greater portion of our population are emigrants from other lands, and hence, this is not their *home*. They seek their own interests, but the interests of their adopted country are overlooked,

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An inward sincerity will of course influence the outward deportment; but, where the one is wanting, there is great reason to suspect the absence of the other.