

so far from home, to know of the existence of such societies as this, and to have the assurance that they have brethren here who feel towards them as the hearts of Englishmen ought to feel; and, without doubt, there is no good man in England, be he rich or poor, who will not be disposed to augur all the more favorably of a people among whom there are those that carry out the friendliest designs towards their countrymen with becoming spirit and earnestness of purpose.

So long as Canada remains a part of the Colonial Empire of the United Kingdom, the objects contemplated and so far actually accomplished by the charitable National Societies have an irresistible claim upon the inhabitants of the country. The claim is founded not only upon the "respect" of community of origin, but on the loyalty which is found here in the most remarkable manner to draw into one the rudest and roughest natures as well as the most cultivated. I do not say they would not exercise their functions under any circumstances, but certainly, on the supposition of a separation between the Colonies and the Mother Country, he would be a hardy prophet that should predict that the poorer classes from England would enter Canada, a generation hence, with the manly and just confidence characteristic of those who feel they have the right, and be at the same time received and welcomed as they now are, being citizens of the same empire.

Since the question of separation is closely connected with the circumstances of the poorer classes that may