

ligent men he had met on the American continent." What makes the matter more curious is that one of these intelligent men was a professor, and all three were found in one spot—probably in the city of Toronto, though the fact is not specifically stated.

In nine letters contributed to the "English Review" during the months of November, December, and January last, and in the "Cambridge Review" of a later date, Mr. Dickinson has set forth his impressions, reflecting, as he says, the mood and the feeling of the moment rather than delivering judgments and recording final conclusions. The present intention is to reproduce this report in a summary form, though it should be read in the original text, if that complete humility of spirit is desired which is so good for our souls.

The reflections fall under ten heads, as follow: A Continent of Pioneers; In the Rockies; In the Adirondacks; Niagara; The Modern Pulpit; Red Blood and Mollycoddles; Advertisement; The Religion of Business; Art; Culture; Epilogue. Let us begin at the beginning.

SECTION I. "America is a continent of pioneers. Much that surprises or shocks Europeans in the American character is to be explained, I believe, by this fact. Among pioneers the individual is everything and the society nothing. Every man relies on himself and on his personal relations. He is a friend, and an enemy; he is never a citizen. Justice, order, respect for law, are to him mere abstract terms; what is real is intelligence and force, the service done or the injury inflicted, the direct emotional reaction to persons and deeds. And still, as it seems to the foreign observer, even in the long settled east, still more in the west, this attitude prevails. To the American politician or business man, that a thing is right or wrong, legal or illegal, seems a pale and irrelevant consideration. The real question is, will it pay? If it is illegal, will it be detected? If detected, will it be prosecuted? What are our resources for evading or defeating the law? And all this, with good temper and good conscience.