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SWEDENBORGIANISM.

The North American continent, peopled from all quarters of the old world, and by men trained in every atmosphere of religious thought, has been, from the beginning, a refuge for many wandering stars, whose light has been disowned or but feebly acknowledged in the land of their birth. In the United States the region of New England in particular, has been a hotbed for the fostering of all noxious and monstrous germs of unbelief. Every contemptible and blasphemous attempt at originality of thought has been honoured as an *ism*, with its attendant priests and dupes as *ists* and *ites*, till the task of numbering the variations of a so-called Protestantism might well provoke the Frenchman's sneer—"America has produced two hundred different religions, and one new soup." "Meats for the belly and the belly for meats, but God shall destroy both it and them:" the category under which these religions fall is not a more durable one than that embracing the objects of a taste, which is also of the earth earthy.

There is, undoubtedly, a difference between the American and the Canadian. There is a greater stability of character and strength of religious principle among us than among our neighbors, such as one would naturally expect to find in a population composed of more homogeneous elements. Yet in spite of this difference of character, the influence of a great nation lying upon our borders, continually keeping up a friendly