
THOUGHTS ON "ANNEXATION," &c, &c.

"Prove all things : hold fast that which is good."

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

I have latterly—so far, at least, as the Clergy are concerned—had occasion to trouble you rather more frequently than I was wont to do, with communications, of one sort or other, in print, and would forbear now from any addition to the number—much more from such an addition as is here before you, were I not prompted to the task by a crisis in the affairs of the Colony of no ordinary kind, and one in which the Church is very deeply interested and the principles which she upholds, and which it is the duty of her Ministers to uphold also, within the sphere of their influence, are very seriously involved. I refer (as you will readily have anticipated) to the open proclamation, on the part of certain inhabitants of the Colony, supported by a portion of the periodical Press, of a desire to be released from their allegiance to the British Crown, and constituted a portion of the neighboring Republic. And, in this movement, they are men born in the British Isles, or thence deriving their origin, who stand among the foremost to sound the trumpet of separation and to take up towards the House of Brunswick, whom God has set over us, the tone of the revolting Israelites, (although softened, indeed, by the proposal of asking our Sovereign to let us quietly dissolve our connection with her, as a little matter of mutual accommodation,) *What portion have we in David ? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse : every man to your tents, O Israel, and now, David, see to thine own house.* And there are actually found among our own Churchmen, those who re-echo such a cry.