

In the atmosphere breathed by the progeny of the Tithe Proctor, servility and adulation must have a preference, it is true ; but is it not your Excellency who is Governor General ? Are you not responsible to the Queen, our royal mistress, that " Canada be not lost or given away ? " You have not abdicated, I believe ; still less consented to be always conducted in leading strings by Mr. Drummond. Diaphonous as Mr. Drummond is, you must know that he owes his importance principally to his creed, but much also to his voice. It is without doubt susceptible of some modulation, for it combines the bray of a sucking donkey with the creaking of the door of a sepulchre. He alternately whines like an infant poodle, then roars like the ram's horns which blew down the walls of Jericho. His colleagues appreciate him thoroughly, if you do not ; but I must not disclose all I know.

Infirmities of temper and a disposition to yield to low caste, men your inferiors in moral worth and intellectual power, may all co-exist with manhood and magnanimity. Speaking as I do thus plainly, I cannot yet divest myself of my partiality for a scholar and a gentleman of the lion-hearted race to which you belong. Nor will you, I hope, ascribe to me the folly and the meanness of undervaluing it or you. Gentlemen never threaten ; and if I could forget myself, I should either excite your contempt or your animosity. On the contrary, it is because of my just appreciation of the merits and the rights of Englishmen that I desire to be held as one of them. Accident has fortunately assisted me, and if I dared to call myself an Englishman I should never be contradicted. You have cured me of a delusion under which I labored, it is true : yet I did once consider myself part and parcel of the great Empire. I fancied myself an inheritor of the glory achieved by the victors of Crecy, Agincourt, Blenheim and Waterloo,—and my bosom yet swells at the bare thought of the charge at Balaklava, and of the heroism displayed at Inkermann. The triumph of native valor excites me almost to delirium. What have Greece or Rome, in their most palmy days, ever exhibited more ennobling than those men riding proudly to destruction, than those soldiers without chiefs over-

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