

AMONG the multifarious duties which fall to the officials in charge of this JOURNAL, is that of mentioning now and then the whereabouts of graduates and old students of Queen's. The majority of these alumni of the University remain in Canada, but a glance at both the current and past volumes of the JOURNAL will show that a considerable number of students after leaving college migrate to the United States to commence their business or professional careers. It is a very pertinent question for those who are in college at the present time to determine the significance of this fact or at least to discover whether it has any significance at all. The apparent ease with which many of the best students slip out of their allegiance to our own country and cross the boundary line makes it appear as if there were no real principles at stake. If, however, there are any sound reasons why people should not leave this country for another, it is right that these reasons should be understood, and that the tendency of graduates to pass out of Canada in pursuance of their professions should be emphatically disparaged.

The first consideration, no doubt, which determines the movements of the persons in question is that of immediate financial success. The existence of so many large cities within easy distance of our own borders is naturally a strong attraction for many of the cleverest students to commence their work where it will be most in demand, and where the immediate return will be the greatest. This consideration must always enter into any sane and reasonable calculation. With University men of the higher type, however, it is a question whe-

ther the matter of dollars and cents should be the only consideration to enter into the shaping of their movements. The meaning of university life in its highest sense is that bread and butter are by no means the be-all and the end-all of human activity. A university training, if fully appreciated, puts one into a just and proper relationship with his past; it enlarges the personality until one comes into contact with the higher aspects of human life as expressed in literature, art, philosophy and history. In short, without undervaluing the importance of the common affairs of every day, and without deprecating in the slightest the desire for material success, it exalts all the other higher considerations which go to make one a man, take him for all in all.

From such a point of view as this one of the most important and striking facts of our life at the present time is that we are Canadians and British subjects. The full significance of this fact of course cannot be stated in a phrase, but for cultured university men it hardly needs to be explained at all. We are British and Canadian born; our blood, our language, our traditions, our emotions, our books, our religion, our aspirations, are British and Canadian, and whatever steps are to be taken in mapping out our future conduct this fact is surely one which has to be reckoned with, else our loyalty on such occasions as the recent royal visit must be put down as empty vaporings.

It is quite true, however, that in stepping into the United States one does not necessarily cast aside his British or even Canadian traditions. In a larger sense than that which is marked by tariffs and forms of govern-