

of Indians, with whom were many brethren across the line. A raid was made by this body on the prairie farmers, and although a vigorous resistance was offered, the latter were utterly defeated. The attack was attended by so much wanton cruelty and brutality that our neighbors could stand it no longer, and a cry went up from the whole Union for revenge. I would refer to Van Heutsler's account of the winter campaign as affording to the enquirer ample means to inform himself of the successes and reverses of the two armies, for, although the author is a naturalized citizen of the United States, he shares none of the prejudices of the people among whom he lives, and writes with an evident desire to state nothing but the truth.

It is needless to tell of the contemplated simultaneous attacks upon Toronto and Montreal; of the defeat of General Freeman and his picked Detroit and Chicago regiments; of the retreat of our troops at Lennoxville, and of the brave stand which they and the reinforcements made at St. Hyacinthe, whence the pursuit of the American columns was only stayed by the greatest snow-storm ever known in Canada. The author to whom I have referred pictures both of these in a masterly manner, and in reading of the latter especially, you seem to hear the roar of the cannon and to see the flakes drifting and whirling before the wind in all their whiteness, and changing, as if by magic, into crimson when they find at last the battle-field. All the old order of things was reversed in this great struggle, for neither army went into winter quarters, but spent the long inclement season either in the field or in the border towns, the Canadians being mainly on the defensive, but now and then distinguishing themselves by bold dashes upon the enemy, gaining thereby, it must be confessed, rather glory than profit.

Thus the winter passed, with great loss of life on both sides, but with no decided advantage to either, unless indeed the respect which the Americans were forced to entertain for the military organization and the heroic conduct of the Canadians may be considered an advantage.

During the latter part of April and for the whole of May, a