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VISIT OF THE PRINCE.

We hail with a delight that is shared by all the loyal inhabitants of these Provinces, the presence of the Prince of Wales. The signal blessings of civil and religious freedom enjoyed under the sway of our good Queen Victoria, the royal mother of the illustrious visitor, may well evoke the heartiest demonstrations of loyalty, and secure what we feel shall be of more value, a deep interest in the prayers of many a child of God for the future welfare and happiness of Albert Edward. There are two points on which however we confess to have felt somewhat solicitous. The first arises from the circumstances of honour and display in which the hierarchy of the church of Rome has been brought before the country. We fail to see that the post of honour was due in the levee at Quebec to the priests of the Romish Church. Their expressions of loyalty might have found a more appropriate place.

The true secret of England's greatness was brought out in an answer of our Queen to an African Prince who sent an embassy laden with costly presents to inquire the secret of England's greatness and England's glory. She did not recount the victories of her fleets and armies; the boundless resources of her trade, commerce and industry; the vast extent of her colonial empire; but handing him a beautiful copy of the Bible, she said: "Tell the Prince that this is the secret of England's greatness." This we most firmly believe is the true philosophy of Britain's power, and can we expect that greatness to remain unimpaired and that power unbroken if the adversaries of the Bible are exalted?

We feel that true Protestants are called to vigilance in the use of all Christian means to spread truth in the land, and thus weaken the power and destroy the assumptions of the "Man of Sin."

The second point of concern, springs out of the nature of some of the "rejoicings" to welcome the Prince. We fear they cannot be proved to have no connection with what the Apostle Paul calls the works of the flesh—"reveling and such like." The line of demarcation ought to be clear between the church and the world. Christians therefore while lawfully desirous of following out the spirit of the Divine injunctions "Fear God; Honour the King," require to follow such courses as maintain these two great duties in harmony and consistency—to render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's. The things of God do not embrace balls and convivialities such as we hear of. Hence the expulsive power of the new af-