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Editorial.

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IT is seldom that a burning mountain begins its work of destruction without giving some warning that near at hand is the awful catastrophe. Just as seldom has there ever been any terrible upheaval of Society without signs and warnings,—'ear enough to be understood by discerning minds,—of what was coming. The low, rumbling noise of the threatening volcano is kindly ordered by Providence to warn men to flee from places of peril; but the signs of coming social and political trouble are meant, not simply as signals for flight (as in the destruction of Jerusalem), but, often, as a loud call to be up and doing, to avert the threatening calamity.

The sad and ominous events that make July, 1877, a memorable month in the annals of North America (we refer to the Montreal party riots, and the United States railway and trade riots) are not, by any means, signals calling on men to save themselves from coming social ruin by *flight*. We believe and hope better things for the free laws and Christian institutions of North America. The mysterious underground noise, and the violent temporary eruptions that have resulted in plunging a dozen cities in bloodshed and death, more appalling than the carnage of the open battle-field,—these significant signs are not so much a call to *flee* the dangers as to *face* them.

Very different indeed in character and history are the forces at work in the party strife between orange and green in our Dominion, and in the strife between capital and labor in the United States: but