

with "French" will be noticed. After alluding to the occupancy of new ground by the constantly multiplying population of the French, the writer says:—

"Not only does our race extend by taking possession of new territories, but it invades the Anglo-Saxon race itself. It pushes it back, and recovers from it, step by step, by a peaceable conquest, the soil of which the fate of arms had formerly deprived it, in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, where four or five counties, only a short time ago completely English, are already in the power of the Canadians. At Ottawa, where, fifteen years ago, there were but few French, these now form one-half of the population. In the Eastern Townships this irresistible encroachment is, perhaps, more striking than anywhere else. In the diocese of Sherbrooke, for instance, in a locality wholly English, there arrive one day some Canadian families from the old parishes. Soon they multiply. They induce their relatives and friends to settle near them. The nucleus grows and grows continually. The English, the day they feel themselves no longer masters, abandon the locality, and settle elsewhere. Their lands and houses pass into the hands of the newcomers; and there is not a year in which several of these parishes, which went to sleep the night before English and Protestant, do not wake up some fine morning Catholic and Canadian. Where, gentlemen, is this peaceful conquest going to end?"

In view of the possible effects of this increase, which Père Mothon understates rather than exaggerates, it may be well to add his counsels to his French readers: "Preserve with a jealous care, not only our religion, but that which is the life-blood of every nationality, our customs and our language."

What kind of a nationality will this language produce? I must here give, from Père Mothon, an anthropological myth which he learned from an old negro on the banks of the Mississippi. When the Creator had determined to make a certain number of men to form nations in the world, and had exhausted all the available earth, he found that two men had yet to be