

demand a hearing, to plead our wishes,—they may well be ignorant of that, we lisp not above our breath—we must stir, not as partizans, not violently, passionately, and without thought, but kindly, calmly, steadily, as men undertaking a lofty task, confident in their mission and themselves. The mean and the pitiful, the bargaining merchandizing spirit, that weighs every object by its specie value, must be far from us ; once, this caution was not needed, but the last few years have made it too bitterly true to blot.

The powers of this hemisphere have risen to the stations they occupy, by a process unknown to history ; doubtless the earlier ages of the human family might furnish us a parallel, but the night of time has settled too darkly on the first migrations of our race, to permit us to read its record ; whatever therefore of experience we might have gathered from that past, had it been our lot to preserve it, is but idle conjecture now. Only by a survey of the organic laws of society—only by a reference to the motives that influence masses at all times, can we obtain a correct guide, as it is, for our present or future conduct. Coterminous, on a long and extended line, with a people speaking the same language, but of a widely different organization, in whose system of rule exists (as a vital principle) an unjust and irrepressible spirit of expansion, that from day to day (as the road to eminence within become overcrowded) tends towards external domination and military distinction, we must, it is obvious, to preserve an independent existence, to remain attached to the empire, foster by every method the distinctive principle of our order. Our doom is written already—to the one or to the other we must be allied—we cannot *now* stand alone ; hereafter when our forests have fallen before the axe, when the shores of our inland seas are densely peopled, it will indeed be otherwise ; but the fortune of that future is to be determined now,—if we remain until then, influenced by our existing institutions, a new empire will arise here—a giant copy of our island monarchy—a home in which the roll of our greatness may be deposited, and a form to which its awful mantle may be fitly bequeathed. Alliance, intimate alliance, pervading, percolating, through all, can alone effect this, and Colonial Representation is that alliance ; nor must it be delayed—it must be done quickly—we march fast, our decennial increase is equal to 35 per cent. ; in a few years we shall be a nation in fact, if not in name ; now, and now only, can the great work be achieved. Our internal communications perfected, a connection with Halifax carried through, increased steam facilities with Europe afforded, we shall become a homogenous people ; democratic dreams will die away, and the miserable struggles that have distracted, visit us no more. Proud as the British people are, and may well be, that brotherhood we offer is no little gift—we present them