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## "A CANADIAN SONG."

[In Reply to a New York Paper.]

BY MAJOR GRANT,

"Stars and Stripes" above us wave!  
Eagle, spread his vulture pinion!  
Never, while the free and brave  
Hold us theirs the new Dominion.  
Know; in Union lies our strength,  
Ever speed the great alliance;  
Band them one and all, at length;  
Tis thine your answer, in defiance.  
Brother mine, whate'er the hue,  
Factions only can retard it;  
"Tri-color," "The Green," and "Blue,"  
Blend in one, for ALL must guard it.

Battle-flag your fathers bore,  
Fearless sirens of ancient story—  
Give it to the breeze once more,  
"Union Jack"—old England's glory,  
"Stony Creek," and "Lundy's Lane,"  
"Chatenuguay," in memory keeping  
When they point to "Lake Champlain,"  
Bid them look where Brock lies sleeping.  
Brother mine, whate'er the hue,  
Factions only can retard it:  
"Tri-color," "The Green," and "Blue,"  
Blend in one, for ALL must guard it.

Conquest sure, 'twas doom'd of old—  
Ill it fared with Yankee rader—  
Arms as strong, and hearts as bold,  
Still are left to greet invader.  
Spurn his council, who can see  
Hand of God, in mob's dictation;  
Equal rights, for all must be  
Such, the safeguard of "a Nation."  
Brother mine, whate'er the hue,  
Factions only can retard it;  
"Tri-color," "The Green," and "Blue,"  
Blend in one, for ALL must guard it.

Selfish aim no longer heed;  
Party feeling—oh, discard it,  
Favoring neither class nor creed;  
Just to all, let justice guard it.  
Statesmen, vot'ers to frame the law,  
And, if wrong exists, amend it,  
Brothers, or 'tis the sword to draw  
In their cause and God defend it.

**DEFENDERS IN POLAND.**—It is asserted that the military authorities in Russian Poland have been ordered to prepare for putting the fortresses in a state of defence. The Kingdom of Poland has just been officially mentioned for the first time as part of the Russian empire. In a recent ukase of the Czar there occurs the phrase, "In the kingdom and the other parts of the State." To practically follow up this view, the Russian government is about to ask the Powers to replace their diplomatic representatives at Warsaw by commercial consuls.

From the New Dominion Monthly.

## THE TWINS.

BY AN EX-GARRISON CHAPLAIN.

(Concluded.)

And the young man went to the window to hush the scalding tears and repress the sobs, which shook his frame in his agony.

Deeply moved by his distress, Captain Selbright, after a pause, said:

"You take this matter too much to heart and most certainly paint the soldier's life in the blackest possible colors; but I assure you, after ten years of experience, the well conducted, steady soldier, if he has received even a tolerable education, so that he can read, write, and keep accounts correctly, is sure of promotion; and the condition of a sergeant, to look no higher, is far better than that of a laborer, or even of a farmer, in a small way, who struggles on from year to year, scarcely able to make both ends meet."

"I feel, sir, that you speak in kindness," replied Robert, "and I must tell you the truth. My brother is as noble minded, good hearted a fellow as you could find; but he has one fault—the most dangerous for him as a soldier. He is easily led: he cannot resist the temptation of going into company, where song and dance, and drink, drive him beside himself. Alas! alas! is not his present position proof enough of this? And if he has acted so when among friends and relatives who cared for him, what will he do when removed from the restraints of home!"

"I'll tell you what you should do, Maher," said the officer: "come with me. I feel deeply interested in your case. You are evidently talented, and educated far above your class in life. From the way you speak of a soldier's dangers, you will know how to avoid them, and be the means of keeping your brother from them also. Enlist now, and I promise you the stripes shall soon be on your arm. The colonel is my warm friend, and my interest with him shall be freely given for you: but it will only necessary for him to know your case, for he is always ready to promote deserving men. He will find employment for you in writing up the books of the regiment in the orderly room; and all your leisure time by day and night, you can spend with your brother."

Robert's face flushed, and his breast heaved at the sudden proposal. He leaned his head on his hands for a minute or two in deep thought, and then starting to his feet, said:

"I declare before Heaven, and you, sir, I thank God for that suggestion! Wonder-

ful it never occurred to me, but I have been so overwhelmed that I have been incapable of reflection, or thinking what was to be under the circumstances in which I have been so unexpectedly placed. Allow me to see to-day those who have brought us up, and if they do not absolutely forbid it, which I cannot think they will, before night I will come to you and enlist, provided I may always remain in your troop with my brother, for indeed, indeed I cannot live apart from him. One word more, is it impossible to get him free?"

"It is at present quite out of the question; you must have seen by the newspapers that England is very likely to be soon at war, and that all her regiments are ordered to get a full complement of men as speedily as possible, and in such a case money or interest would be employed in vain; but I seriously advise you to follow the course I have pointed out, and assure you that you will always find me a willing friend. Consult your friends, putting the case of yourself and brother calmly and clearly before them, and if they are people of sense they will give the same advice as I have; and now I must insist on your eating something with me,—no, no, make no excuses, it is perhaps the only meal we may eat together till you are made a cornet,—as privates or non-commissioned officers—one of whom I hope soon to see you—do not eat in company with their superiors in rank. Cheer up, look at the silver lining of the cloud, or rather, look to the cloud's."

"I can never forget your kindness," said Robert, as he sat with the captain, "and am almost perfectly certain to enlist with you, not with the hope of preferment you hold out, but in order to be with my brother; and that, too, under your command."

## CHAPTER IV.

Amidst all their grief at parting with The Twins, who had grown up to manhood amongst them, and were loved with all the warmth of unsophisticated, affectionate Irish hearts, their relations agreed that as one must go, the other must go with him; and so Robert Maher, having packed a trunk with their best clothing, and visited the grave of his parents for, as he supposed, the last time, left his native place, escorted for a long distance by a crowd of sorrowing friends. The shades of evening were fast darkening as he bade them farewell, to enter into a new sphere of life; and although much depressed by the sudden disruption of ties which had been strengthening for twenty years, his spirit, buoyant with youth, and full of brotherly love, soared above his troubles; and, before he reached the end of his journey and grasped his brother's hand,