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## Editorial Topics.

We note with pleasure that a preliminary meeting for the formation of a new Canadian National Society was held in Toronto a few evenings ago, and that there is every likelihood that an association will shortly be organized, having for its main object the cultivation of

Canadian national sentiment. At the meeting one of the speakers had something to say about the growth of annexation sentiment among Canadian youth, remarking that he believed that a National Society would do much to discourage this feeling. We flatter ourselves that we know something about Canadian youth, and we do not allow for one moment that annexation is growing among them. It may be growing in one way, that is, growing less. And this, too, in spite of the fact that the country is flooded with American publications of all kinds, from the eminently respectable monthly review down to the grossest of sensational prints. Canada has just a little too much of things American in the way of newspapers and magazines. For our young men and maidens to view life constantly through an American medium is for them to form their scheme of existence somewhat after the American pattern, and so to retard the growth of a Canadian ideal and an individuality all our own.

IN the eyes of the English speaking world, says Mr. Blake Crofton, in his interesting study of our only humorist, Haliburton is the most prominent man of letters yet produced in any existing Province of British North America. Within the last few years three of his works have been republished by one London house (Geo. Routledge & Sons), and no less than six by another (Hurst & Blackett), and some new editions have also been issued in the United States. Yet in Canada, whose rights and interests he zealously maintained in his parliamentary speeches as well as in his books, he is not generally given his rightful place of honor. It is likely, however, that eventually Nova Scotia will accord him his proper place among her illustrious sons. Certainly there has been of late years a revival of local interest in Haliburton, as is evidenced by the formation of the Haliburton Club at Windsor, the seat of the fine old University of Kings, of which club Professor Charles E. D. Roberts, himself one of the most eminent of Canadian authors, is the President. The club was the outcome of a desire on the part of certain leading graduates and undergraduates, to further in some degree the development of a distinctive literature in Canada, and was appropriately named for one who was at the same time the most distinguished son of Kings and the most important figure in Canadian letters. It is proposed by the Society to issue a series of annual publications, and we can con-