

tries constitute the best element of stability, and which relieves the contrast between the great wealth of a few individuals on the one side and the grinding poverty and wretched condition of the masses on the other, is being almost crushed out of existence in the United States. Dollars are the sole standard of social position and public influence. A man who is worth little financially is considered to be worth little in any other respect, and education, character, integrity and intellectual parts count for nothing as compared with a man's rating in Bradstreet's. Even the churches seem to have caught the infection of Mammon worship, and are more earnest in vieing with each other in the costliness and magnificence of their buildings, the richness of their music and the elaborateness of their ritual, than in holding forth the light of truth and bringing men's hearts and lives into conformity with the teaching and mind of Christ. The great negro population is another grave national problem that is every year becoming more acute. The coloured population is increasing by leaps and bounds, and the present policy of insult, injustice and oppression is only aggravating the evil and making the solution more difficult.



Troubles  
Ahead.

WE must not enlarge upon the subject, but we confess that it seems to us that in the United States there are grave elements of danger that almost amount to a threatening of national degeneracy and disaster. The present time is a season of extraordinary prosperity, but the next cycle of bad times, dullness of trade and scarcity of employment will be a serious crisis in American history. Meanwhile the horrible lynching of negroes in the South, the supremacy of Tammany Hall in New York, the general discontent of the farmers in the West, are all symptoms of deep-seated mischief in the body politic, and looking at the present position

of the two countries, and the prospect for the future of their citizens, we do not hesitate in expressing our opinion that a man who leaves Canada for the States makes a change for the worse, and that our lads, as Canadian citizens and subjects of the British Empire, enjoy a greater degree of personal liberty, are governed by better laws, are living under cleaner, healthier, brighter conditions, and are more likely to do well for themselves as they grow up than by transferring their allegiance to the Stars and Stripes.



The Death  
of the  
American  
President.

SINCE the foregoing was written the world has been shocked and appalled by the assassination of President McKinley, and every feeling is subordinated to one of deep and respectful sympathy with the American people in this terrible calamity. The perpetrator of the foul deed, Czolgosz, a young man of Polish origin, but born in the State of Michigan, and a citizen of the United States, was a member of one of those societies of Anarchists that are at once a blot on civilization and at the same time a problem that has hitherto baffled its resources. That such dangerous and pestilential human vermin should be allowed to exist as a constant menace to the most valuable and noble lives is a horrible anomaly; but there seems, unhappily, no effectual means of stamping out the evil and depriving these despicable creatures of the power they at present possess of wreaking their crazy vengeance against society by such crimes as the present. As for the martyred President, it would be hard to conceive a public man less deserving of such a fate. A man of singular kindness of disposition, charm of manner and broad sympathies, the elected chief magistrate of a self-governing people, his principal fault as an administrator was the tendency to follow too submissively the popular inclinations instead