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ONE of the leading English journals, in a recent article, strongly advocates the ceding of Canada to the United States. It takes the ground that, far from being a disadvantage to England, the change would be for her greatest good, as well as for that of Canada; that the addition of five million citizens to the United States, strongly loyal to England in feeling, and at the same time joined to America by every tie of interest and commerce, would have an enormous influence in cementing the bond between the two great English-speaking nations.

The future separation of Canada from England seems to be a foregone conclusion, just as the separation in time of the American colonies was. England's shortsightedness only hastened that change, it did not cause it. The real cause was the growth of the young nation, for nations have their childhood and their coming of age; and now Canada in turn is fast getting beyond the apron-string period. England has been noted for planting colonies in every quarter of the globe; many of these are growing rapidly, and there is bound finally to come a time to each of them when the dominion of the mother country is no longer advantageous to the colony, or to England herself. Then the separation is pretty sure to come. Our separation was violent, and the effects were long felt on both sides; but prejudice and bad feeling are rapidly dying out, and we are beginning to remember that England is our mother after all. England and America are not naturally antagonistic. They are united by ties of language, race, and common interest; and it seems as if the Canada question were the grand opportunity for destroying the last traces of the old quarrel, and uniting in closer friendship the two great powers which have so much of mutual advantage to offer each other.

The idea of forming a society of miners originated with Mr. Leonard, and has been very successfully carried out. In the society, records of the school affairs are kept, examination papers are filed, the members prepare together for examinations, and discuss matters of general interest to the department. Such an organization tends to ally the students more closely, and can, by the records which it keeps, be of great benefit both to its present and future members. To illustrate: New phenomena and new methods of conducting experiments are being constantly discovered in our laboratories, and the work upon the theses is always in the form of original investigation. Mr. Prentiss, of the class of '78, conducted a series of experiments upon the combustion of fuel; and Mr. J. C. Hoadley, a