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A STUDY IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS.

HAVING a contemporaneous history on this continent, lying contiguous to one another from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, Canada and the United States naturally offer many points of comparison worthy of the close contemplation of students and statesmen. Their political systems, especially, afford many materials for reflection, which, studied in a scientific and an impartial spirit, may be made profitable to them both. The Canadian Dominion and the American Commonwealths trace most of the political institutions they possess to the great English mother of all free governments, though in the course of many years diversities have naturally grown up in the working out of those institutions, so that a mere ordinary observer is apt to forget their true origin and nature. But whatever divergencies there may be in the systems of the two countries, we can see after a little thought and study that they have arisen chiefly from the fact that Canada has remained a dependency of Great Britain, and consequently followed closely the constitutional practices of the parent state,