

would have grown and prospered in the rest of the colonies, and another and more powerful bond would have united them to the mother country. Their loyalty to the English crown might have prevented the loss of so large a territory.

Was God's hand in all this history? God heard the cry of His people for a shepherd. God brought home that cry to the English authorities. The politicians who held the power sought rather their own personal gain, and for the sake of peace with the dissenters sold the interest of their church. At length God's patience was exhausted. He snatched the American colonies from the grasp of England. The price for which the politicians sold the church was taken from their hands. But all reason for withholding the Episcopate was also taken away, and soon after the American revolution Parliament gave its consent, and Bishops were consecrated, both for America and for the colonies. The first colonial Bishop was sent here to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 1787, and from that day to this the work of the Society for the Propagation of