

P R E F A C E .

In presenting this small collection of old China to the Museum of King's College, Windsor, N. S., it is hoped it will be borne in mind that it must be valued not for its intrinsic worth, but as recollections of the early settlers in these Colonies, among which will be found several contributions from families of later arrival.

The original intention, however, of the collection was to save from destruction some specimens of the China brought to the country by the Loyalists, and to place them in the first College in British North America established by Royal Charter since their landing,— a fitting place of deposit for the relics of those leal and true subjects of the English Crown.

It is rather a remarkable fact, that in the hazardous departure of these Refugees, though obliged in many cases to leave their books, plate, and even clothing; still the bowl in which their children were baptized, or some valuable articles of glass or porcelain was always saved, and it is believed their descendants will place some value on these slight memorials of an ancestry worthy to be held in all honor.

A distinguished general Officer when in command of the troops in St. John, truly and beautifully remarked to the donor, "that the self-denying devotion of those Loyalists in their attachment to their Sovereign, exceeded anything on record in the pages of History."

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