

tainly not my intention to bring any improper reflection upon any one of my relations or friends, as I have sometimes remarked worse in several other families of respectable parents in Canada; and either by experience, reflection, and study, I have come to the conclusion that the greatest part of the misfortune and misery, both of body and mind, that generally prevails in our country—and probably in many other places—is due to the want of sound, moral, and social improvement in many families and in schools, which render the children unfit for the fulfilment of the different and several duties to themselves and others, in the course of this short and mortal life; and which defective education leaves them to the rule and power of their coarse passions and physical wants or selfishness. And if such children happen to be of naturally vicious dispositions, and come to occupy offices—whether in the Church or in the State—they are apt to do a great deal of wrong and injury to their contemporaries or fellow-creatures, and sometimes to become very unhappy themselves—for generally the impression on mind and heart remain for life, whether for evil or good. As for myself, I strived to reform myself by those same impressions from my parents at home; and I hope to retain the same character and habits the whole of my life. I remember, also, the principles of the Gospel, as stated by Christ himself, where He says, in answer to a certain question, “You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul and mind, and your neighbours as yourselves.” And again, in another verse, “That is all the law and the prophets.” And in the course of my life I have observed the same in practice, and inculcated the same in my family and others; and especially to our son, saying “Do no harm to any one, and do good whenever you can.” But as I am in a position which forces me to be brief, and whereas many particulars of my life and family are already written in the petition heretofore mentioned—and more may be said and written. But to avoid a repetition, I will give hereafter the substance of the said complaints, which were first written and intended to be presented to Sir Edmund Head; but since his absence from Canada, the same—with some additional complaints—have been presented to Sir William Eyre,