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HISTORY AND PRESENT STATE OF RELIGION IN UPPER-CANADA.
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IN a religious point of view, this Province exhibits to strangers a very melancholy picture.—If they come from a country where a regular establishment exists, where every Parish has its Church and Minister, and where those who neglect to attend the House of God, are held in abhorrence; they will be apt to blame the inhabitants of Upper-Canada for their coldness and indifference to the first of duties. But a reference to the cause which brought the first settlers into the colony, and their unhappy situation when they came upon the soil, as well as the many difficulties with which they had to struggle, will diminish their guilt, and present them as objects of compassion rather than of censure.

At the close of the American war, this Province was appointed the asylum of suffering loyalty.—Those brave men who had endeavoured to maintain the unity of the Empire, found themselves deprived of their former habitations, and obliged to seek a retreat in the pathless wildetness. The Parent State, grateful for their services, extended to them all the comforts of a temporal nature which their situation admitted, but those of a spiritual were not so easily supplied. Being soldiers during the war, they were separated from their families, and many acquired habits unfavourable to the calm pursuits of sober industry and regularity of conduct, by which their attachment to religion was greatly diminished.

Nor was this attachment likely to be revived, when scattered over a large space of country, without the means of