

with derision, expelled, this most abominable of all, PERSECUTION FOR OPINIONS, stuck the fastest; and after having tarnished the splendor of almost every Protestant Community, in its turn, was the latest, and with most difficulty shaken off.

Now, amongst the general *Wants* of new Colonies, composed of such kind of Men, RELIGION is rarely one. Of this our Colonists carried over a sound and ample Cargo; sufficient for themselves and their Posterity: and might therefore have been safely left to live upon their own stock.

So that had this been all, our important Mission had not stopped at the Door, but only taken advantage of its opening, to address ourselves directly to the *Gentiles*.

But though the zeal of the first Colonists, rekindled by this inforced and violent motion round the Globe, kept Religion alive and active, yet their Poverty disabled them from providing spiritual fuel to the vital flame; I mean, provision for A PREACHING MINISTRY. Inasmuch, that without the pious aid of their Mother-Country, this new Christian Common-wealth had been, as the Roman historian expresses it of the imperial City in it's Cradle, *Res unius Ætatis*.

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