

towns and villages reflect how often some trifling accident of rain or storm keeps us from attendance in a Church within easy walking distance of our own doors ; and we shall see that the maintenance of a true and loving attachment to the Church under the circumstances I have described is often exceedingly difficult. Many of these very people also, come from England, where Churches abound, and where nothing is demanded for the support of religious worship, the greater and lesser tithes having all been commuted into fixed payments, forming a portion of the rent of the farm. Amongst very many people, not of the most ignorant class, but very little is known of the way in which the establishment is supported. They know that Church and State go together, and it is not unfrequent to find people believing that the Queen herself supports the Clergy. And if so in England, why not also in Canada, where we still acknowledge her sovereignty ? I believe I can without hesitation, appeal to the Clergy as to whether this picture is at all overdrawn in cases of persons of English origin. Amongst settlers of other origins, the Scotch have seldom any leaning to the English Church, and the Americans are mostly opposed to it ; the latter being descended from the Puritans, whose hostility to the Church is inbred. I call this state of things the "Childhood of the Church ;" and it is clear that in the first instance but little can be expected from the people themselves in the shape of money grants. Outside assistance is needed, otherwise no Clergy could live amongst them, and therefore the Church Society has wisely