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**HISTORY AND PRESENT STATE OF EDUCATION
IN LOWER-CANADA.**

Sir,

ONE of the most striking features of the present age is the increasing attention paid to the religious and moral instruction of youth. That spirit of innovation which was introduced by the French revolution, and which, guided by a relentless scepticism, sought to destroy our morals and religion, has been arrested in its bloody progress, and mankind are returning fast to common sense, and to the worship of their Creator. Sad experience has proved that he who has denied his God cannot be trusted by man; that he is the victim of unbridled passions, and insatiable appetites, which inflame and hurry him down the stream of wickedness, and at length plunge him into the gulph of despair. To doubt of the truths of religion, is no longer deemed a proof of acuteness and liberality; the veil which a false prophecy had thrown over the understanding of so great a portion of mankind, has been rent asunder by the horrible fruits which it has produced, and it has been found that the worst Christian is far superior in a moral point of view, to the hardened unbeliever. The former is checked in every act of disobedience to God; his conscience rises up against him; he sees the day of retribution, and feels the sentence of condemnation already imprinted on his heart. Finding, therefore, that vice offers no pleasure,