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THE LORD BISHOP OF QUEBEC'S CHARGE.

THE present age seems particularly impressed with the necessity of propagating the Gospel, and many Societies have sprung up for the purpose of sending it among the Heathen. That most of them proceed upon erroneous principles is deeply to be lamented, not only because it retards the accomplishment of the object for which they are contending, but renders the situation of the Missionaries themselves more difficult and hazardous. To neglect discipline and order is to neglect to lay the foundation stone, for all things must be done decently and in order. Those Societies, therefore, which adopt no form of Church Government, or a form not sanctioned by the primitive times, cannot secure lasting success. Their converts have no bond of union, no common principles of action, no subordination, and consequently can have no permanency as a Christian Society.

It is pleasing to remark, that the Church of England takes the lead in the dissemination of Christian knowledge, and proceeds with advantages which no other Christian denomination possesses. Her Government claims, and most justly claims a Divine origin. It is sanctioned by the practice of the Apostles, which is the law of Christ. Nor was it ever doubted that the Episcopal Government established in their time, and by their means, was of the appointment of God, till after it had flourished fifteen centuries, when Calvin raised doubts concerning it from interested motives, and at length established a Church, founded on an apparent equality of Presbyters.

The vigilance of the Bishops, animated by zeal and regulated by discretion, produces the greatest benefits—their clergy are roused from their slumbers, they feel the