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THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD,

JOHN,

LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO,

WHO, AS TEACHER, PASTOR, ARCHDEACON, AND BISHOP,

HAS, FOR HALF A CENTURY, BEEN

THE FOREMOST LABOURER IN LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS

AND BUILDING UP THE WALLS OF THE

CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CANADA,

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## PREFACE.

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THE title of this little Volume, as well as of the Series to which it belongs, sufficiently defines its object. The reader will not look for a general history of the Colony, in a manual which professes to do no more than supply an outline of its Ecclesiastical Annals. Books which treat of the geography and natural features, as well as of the trade, agriculture, and political institutions of Canada, abound. Little, therefore, will be found in the following pages but what has reference to the Church of England in that colony—its brief history, and its present state. As, however, this work may occasionally be consulted by Clergymen about to offer themselves as Missionaries, a few general facts, and some hints of more or less value, are here noted.

The temperature, it is well known, ranges much more widely than in this country, so that both the cold in winter and the heat in summer are far more intense than in England; yet the

climate of Canada is allowed on all hands to be healthy—more healthy and invigorating, in Sir Francis Head's opinion, than our own. A main cause of this, no doubt, is that the air is drier, and, notwithstanding the intensity of the winter cold, is considered more favourable to persons of delicate lungs than the atmosphere of Great Britain.

Though not without attractions of the noblest kind to the zealous and enterprising Missionary, a new country, it must be obvious, is not the proper sphere for Clergymen who estimate over highly the pleasures of society, or the refinements of a high civilization. Such men would find themselves quite out of place in the back-woods of Canada; and those only should go there who, together with a healthy and robust frame, possess a bold and manly spirit, and can be content with plain living, rough travelling, and the society of their own households. Many Clergymen undoubtedly are induced to emigrate by the same motives which operate upon others—namely, the hope of improving their worldly circumstances, and making provision for their children. Nor are they, on this account, to be charged with secularity; provided that, while seeking to better their estate, they do not abandon any part of their ministerial obligations. Still it is not