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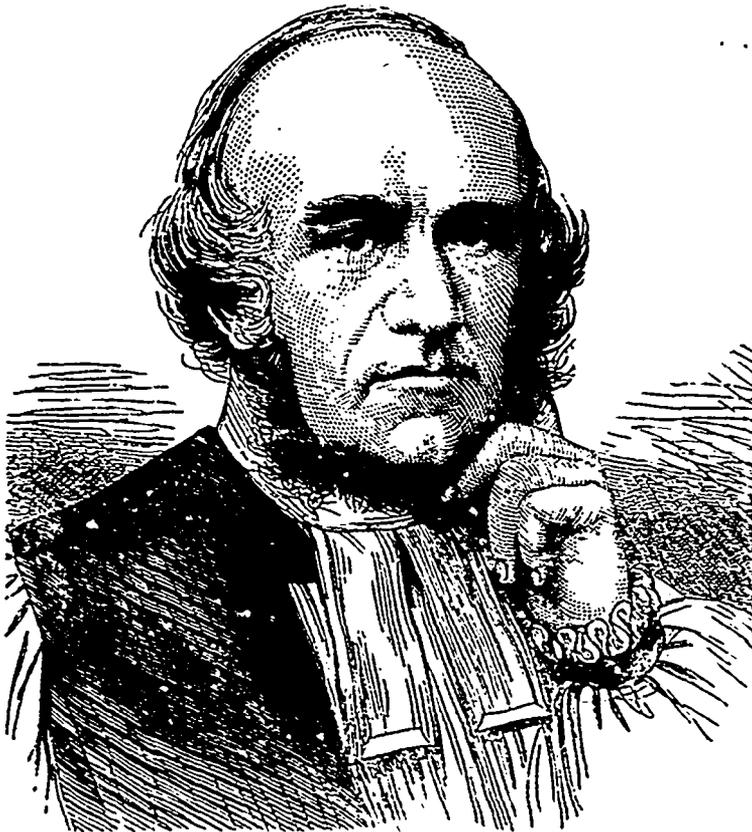
America. The Editor has been able to present to the readers of this journal a portrait of every bishop, past or present, in the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland on the first page of each monthly issue. The portrait of the late Bishop Binney was published before, at the time of his death; but it is now republished in order that it may have a place in the magazine similar to all the others. The Editor now proposes to give a rapid outline of the growth of the Episcopate in this country.

It has been the growth of a century, and, taking all things into consideration, it has not been a slow growth either.

It began in 1787, when Rev. Dr. Charles Inglis resigned the Rectory of Trinity Church, New York, through feelings of loyalty to the British Crown on the Declaration of Independence, and was consecrated the first Colonial Bishop with the title of the Bishop of Nova Scotia. And his was a

mighty diocese. From the tropical climate of Bermuda; through the fogs of Newfoundland, the early settlers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the snow banks of Quebec, the vast regions of Ontario, then a land of huge forests, lakes and rivers as yet almost unknown, the boundless prairies and frozen lands of the North-west, the great lone land of the fur trader and the Indian—to the lofty mountains and rugged scenery of

British Columbia, all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific along the track of the present Canadian Pacific Railway, with the British territory north and south of it and Newfoundland and Bermuda on the east—such was the diocese of the first Colonial Bishop. His Episcopal acts were confined chiefly, of course, to the region now known as the Maritime Provinces. He resided in Halifax as a rule, though he had a country residence in Aylsford, a place about forty miles from that city.



RT. REV. HIBBERT BINNEY, D.D.,
Fourth Bishop of Nova Scotia. Born Aug. 12th, 1819; died April 30th, 1887.

1793.—After six years' enjoyment of this vast territory as a diocese, he was relieved of a portion of it by the establishment of the Diocese of Quebec in 1793 and the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Jacob Mountain, D.D., who was sent out from England as its first Bishop. For forty-six years these continued to be the only dioceses of British North America—the Diocese of Nova Scotia in the east and Quebec in the west. Bishop Mountain,