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NO. 24.—THE FIFTH BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MUCH attention has been given to the Diocese of Nova Scotia for some time past owing to the centennial celebration last summer of the establishment of the see, the first colonial bishopric,

and to the lamented death of Bishop Binney at the very time when the celebration was to take place, and as well to the subsequent meetings of Synod, ending in failure to secure a successor to the departed prelate and to their final success in securing Rev. Dr. Courtney, rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, as their diocesan. We are glad that herewith we are enabled to give a portrait of the new bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Frederick Courtney, S. T. D., fifth Bishop of Nova Scotia, was consecrated at St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, on St. Mark's Day (25th April) 1888.

The Bishop was born in England in the year 1837, and having graduated at London University was duly ordained and held an English living. In the year 1876 he accepted a warm and urgent call

to the post of Assistant Minister in the beautiful Church of St. Thomas, New York. From St. Thomas, New York, he proceeded to the rectorship of St. James', Chicago, and from thence to St. Paul's, Boston, and while there he was called by the unanimous voice of the Synod to preside over the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

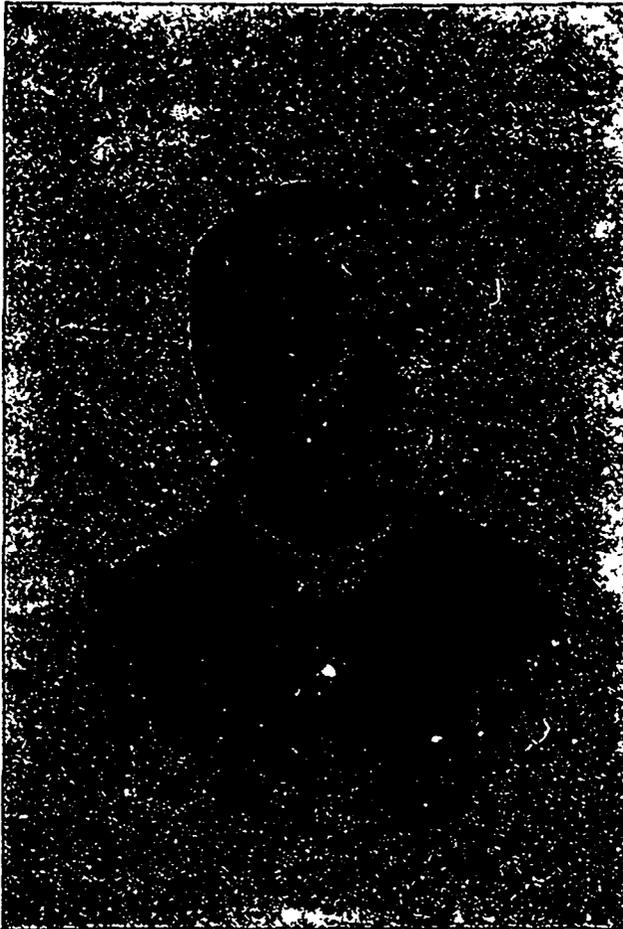
The subject of this sketch is one of great interest to the Canadian Church, whether we consider the man, the diocese, the nature of his call thereto, or the sacred occasion of his consecration.

Dr. Courtney is no ordinary man. To a stately presence, a fine physique, and a well cut intellectual countenance, he joins noble qualities of head and heart. A sympathetic nature, and a ready utterance make him at once "a good minister of

Jesus Christ," and a preacher with demonstration and power. These qualities, which have shone in him so brilliantly, and have wielded so great an influence in New York, Chicago and Boston, will be of priceless value to the Church in Nova Scotia, and indeed to the Church in the whole Dominion.

If we remember that the Diocese to which he has been called is the first that was created in British North America, and further that after much difficulty and delay the call from that Diocese to its present Bishop was both cordial and unanimous, we have enough to assure us that the occasion of his consecration was one of intense interest.

St. Mark's day, 1888, in Halifax, was one of sunlight and beauty. By ten o'clock the streets leading to St. Luke's



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were thronged with those anxious to participate in the solemnities of the day. There was but one cause of regret; the capacity of St. Luke's was not equal to the demand, and many had to retire disappointed. When the procession was formed it was a very dignified and imposing sight. It was composed of the clergy of Nova Scotia and of