



CITY OF HAMILTON, SEE CITY OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

town of Hawesbury, not far from Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario. He is the brother of the late Hon. John Hamilton, and of Robert Hamilton, Esq., of Quebec, nearly all branches of the family being possessed of comparative wealth. The subject of our sketch was sent to Oxford, where, at University College, he took the degree of B. A. in 1856, and afterwards that of M.A. in 1859. He was admitted to the Diaconate by Bishop George G. Mountain, the third Bishop of Quebec and was ordained priest by the same prelate in 1858. His first post was that of curate of the Cathedral, Quebec, to which he was appointed in

1857. From 1858 to 1864 he was incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Quebec, when he was appointed rector of St. Matthew's Church, of the same city. For many years he was Clerical Secretary of the Provincial Synod, of which body he subsequently became Prolocutor or Chairman. On his consecration as Bishop of Niagara, in the year 1885, as described above, he received the degree of D. D. from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and that of D. C. L. from Trinity College, Toronto. Bishop Hamilton is possessed of undoubted zeal and unwearying capacity for work, while his Christian deportment and winning manners are admired by all who come in contact with him.

In a speech delivered at an annual meeting of the Turkish Missions Aid Society in London, the Rev. Dr. Bliss told the following anecdote:—

“He knew an American clergyman, who, in visiting Syria, met a friend of his, the Rev. Mr. Washburn, one of the American missionaries. The clergyman remarked to Mr. Washburn that he did not think it was worth while for missionaries to be employed in Syria, as they did not seem to be accomplishing anything. Mr. Washburn said to him: ‘Did you hear Mr. Thomson preach this morning?’ ‘No,’ was the reply, ‘I did not know that there was any service.’ ‘O! yes, there was,’ said Mr. Washburn; ‘he preached in English this morning.’ ‘Indeed!’ said the clergyman, ‘I should like to have heard him.’ The conversation was concluded as follows: ‘Did you hear Dr. Vandyke preach in Arabic this after-

noon?’ ‘No. You don't mean to say he has preached in Arabic?’ ‘Yes, and he has a congregation of two hundred persons every morning. Did you visit any of the schools at Beirut?’ ‘Schools! Do you mean to say that you have got schools here? I am glad to hear that you are going on so well.’ ‘Did you see the printing press?’ ‘Printing press! Have you got one?’ ‘O yes; we have a printing press in which as many as twenty persons are employed.’ Thus, but for the conversation, that clergyman might, when he got back to America, have told people there that the missionaries had never done anything.”