

also received the deed of resignation by the Bishop of Toronto of so much of his See as would be included in the new diocese, and the proper form of consent from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I now transmit to you the Letters Patent for the separation of the new See from that of Toronto, and the further Letters Patent for the creation of the new See of Ontario, and the appointment of Dr. Lewis to be the first Bishop.

I regret that various causes have concurred to delay the preparation and completion of these instruments, but I have now under my consideration certain alterations in the existing procedure, which I hope will obviate this inconvenience in future. I have, &c.,

(Signed,) NEWCASTLE.

CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST BISHOP OF ONTARIO.

The twenty-fifth day of March, the Feast of the Annunciation, 1862, will be long remembered by the Canadian Church as one of the most interesting and important in her annals. For then for the first time her spiritual fathers, assembled under their Metropolitan, admitted one of her own children into their apostolic order, and the consecration of the first Bishop of a newly formed diocese, which had been endowed by the liberality of the people, gave a convincing token of her maturity and vigour, and proved that at last her independence and power of self-perpetuation were fully assured.

The new Bishop of Ontario is a native of Cork, Ireland, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated with high honours, and was gold medallist. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Chester in 1848, and priest by the Bishop of Down and Connor. After serving the cure of Newtown Butler, in the diocese of Clogher, for some time, he came out to Canada under the auspices of the S. P. G., where he was appointed to the mission of Hawkesbury, and subsequently to the rectory of Brockville, which he held until his election to that high and holy office in the Church of God, into which he has just been admitted. He is the youngest member of the entire Anglican episcopacy, being now in his 37th year. Having thus early in life "purchased for himself a good degree," he is all the better fitted to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and to support that heavy and responsible burden, the care of all the churches.

The consecration took place in St. George's Church, Kingston, the Cathedral of the new diocese. The church itself is a massive and well-built Grecian edifice, with a lofty portico and pillars. Internally it has the aspect of a commodious parish church, of the style prevailing about 40 years ago. A few changes, however, had been made in the arrangements to adapt it the better to its new dignity, and an episcopal throne had been erected on the south side of the chancel. Admission was by ticket, and the whole building was filled to its utmost capacity. Including the clergy nearly 1200 persons must have been present. The greatest order and attention prevailed throughout this great congrega-