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HIS GRACE, THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

THE MOST REV. JOHN WALSH, Archbishop of Toronto, was born in the parish of Mooneain, county of Kilkenny Ireland on May 24th, 1830. From an early age he felt a great desire to enter the sacred ministry. Accordingly, after having completed an extensive preliminary course of science and classics he entered St. John's College, Waterford, where he studied philosophy and a portion of his theology with great success and distinction.

In the fall of 1852, Bishop Walsh carried out his intention of serving on a foreign mission, and left home and friends and native land. Arriving in Canada, he entered the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal where he finished his course. He received the tonsure at the hands of Archbishop Baillargeon, of Quebec, who also in later years, consecrated him Bishop. On the 1st November, 1851, he was ordained priest by Bishop de Charbonnel. Brock was his first mission, in which he spent two years. In 1857 he was appointed to the pastorate of St. Mary's, Toronto, and for a short time he discharged the same office at St. Paul's. After the consecration of Bishop Lynch he was appointed Rector of the cathedral and was again reinstated as pastor of St. Mary's, where he remained until 1867, when he surrendered his charge

upon his nomination to the See of London. Father Walsh enjoyed the reputation among the clergy of being a sound and deeply read theologian, well versed in the sacred scriptures and canon law, an eloquent and flowery speaker, and *au courant* in general literature. His amiable character, polished manners, and great force and decision of character, won him general esteem. He was very much beloved by his confreres in the vicinity and gained the respect and good will of all with

whom he came in contact. His priestly life and character ratified the choice of the hierarchy of Canada, and its confirmation by the Holy See. During his twenty-two years' administration of the diocese of London the number of clergy was trebled, the number of churches quadrupled, and more than \$1,000,000 spent for ecclesiastical purposes. In November, 1879, Bishop Walsh celebrated the silver jubilee of his elevation to the priesthood, which was attended by leading ecclesiastics from all parts of the Dominion. On 23rd

May, 1881, was laid the corner stone of the magnificent new cathedral of London, the ceremony being attended by all the bishops of the Province, and on the 29th June, 1885 the stately edifice was solemnly consecrated in the presence of bishops and priests from all parts of Canada and the United States.

On the 9th September 1889 the Apostolic Brief was received at London appointing Dr. Walsh to the Metropolitan See of Toronto in succession to the late Archbishop Lynch, and on the 27th of November the new Archbishop took formal possession of the Archiepiscopal See of Toronto. The ceremonies and congratulations which attended his coming are still fresh in all memories; and need not be recounted here.



HIS GRACE, ARCHBISHOP WALSH

Although Dr. Walsh has scarcely more than entered upon the term of his administration, yet already new life has been infused into every artery of Catholic activity. That much is apparent in whatever direction we look of the Church's endeavours. His reputation as a pulpit orator had preceded him, and the simple announcement that he is to preach is sufficient to fill to the utmost of its capacity St. Michael's Cathedral. His sermons are marked by all the charm of true oratory, the dignity of thought and diction of the scholar, a wealth of illustration and argument, marshalled too in the most effective, finished, manner

