

SERMON,

PREACHED IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON, ONT.,

ON

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AT THE CONSECRATION OF

VERY REV. I. HELLMUTH, D.D., DEAN OF HURON,

TO THE OFFICE OF COADJUTOR BISHOP,

—BY—

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1ST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY, 4TH CHAP. AND 16TH VERSE.

"Take heed to thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them, for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

These words are part of the charge given by St. Paul to his son Timothy, with respect to his conduct as Minister and Bishop in the Church of Ephesus. There is nothing more clearly laid down in the Scriptures than that God is pleased to use an appointed ministry in making known the riches of his grace, and in preparing men for another and a better world. Whether we look to our Lord's appointment of chosen witnesses—to his last solemn commission to his Apostles to "go into all the world, &c."—or whether we look at the history of the early Church, as given us in the Acts of the Apostles, or to the many apostolic directions given us in the Epistles, like the one in my text, we must come to the conclusion that God is pleased to use men as his ambassadors to a fallen world, and as his stewards to the household of faith; and we must further hold, that this treasure is placed in "earthen vessels," not only by

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