



TOWN OF PARIS, COUNTY OF BRANT, ONT.

this conference was an agreement to elect a clergyman of Evangelical views on condition that the Church Association should be disbanded. The name of the Venerable Archdeacon Sweatman, of the Diocese of Huron was then agreed upon by the Committee and submitted to the Synod with the result of an election on the first ballot by a vote that was almost unanimous. Strange to say one ballot was steadily cast for him from the beginning of the contest, and the voter, whoever he was, had the satisfaction of seeing his modest judgment finally approved of by the Synod. Shortly afterwards the Church Association was disbanded and the new bishop entered upon his work free from the worry of party organizations.

The Right Rev. Arthur Sweatman, D. D., Bishop of Toronto, was born in London, England, in 1834. He is a son of the late Dr. John Sweatman, of Middlesex Hospital, an eminent London physician. From his youth he was destined for the Church, and his education was conducted with a special view to that end. His primary education was obtained in private schools. He was next a pupil in London University College, where he spent several years. In 1855 he entered as a student at Christ's College, Cambridge, an institution noted for the education of eminent divines. In 1856 Mr. Sweatman obtained a scholarship. His course at the university was marked by practical Christian work. He was for some years Superintendent of the Gownsmen's Sunday School, in Jesus Lane, Cambridge. Mr. Sweatman graduated in 1859, with mathematical honors, as Senior Optime. He was ordained in the same year by Bishop Tait, of London, and became curate of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Islington. While there he founded the Islington Youths' Institute, an evening club for boys, which has since become well known. In 1862 he took his degree of M. A., and was shortly after appointed Curate of St. Stephen's, Canonbury, and Master of the Modern Department of the Islington Proprietary School. Mr. Sweatman came out to Canada in 1865, on the invitation of Bishop Hellmuth to be first Head Master of the London Collegiate Institute. In 1871, he became Mathematical and Science Master in Upper Canada College. In 1872 he was appointed Rector of Grace Church, Brantford, and

examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Huron. From 1873 to 1879, he acted as clerical Secretary to the Synod of Huron, and Secretary to the House of Bishops. In 1874 he became Head Master of Hellmuth College. He was appointed Assistant Rector of Woodstock and Archdeacon of Brant in 1876 and was Bishop's Commissary

from June, 1878, to February, 1879. He was consecrated in St. James' Cathedral Bishop of Toronto, on May 1st, 1879. In the same year he received the degree of D. D., from the University of Cambridge, and in 1882 that of D. C. L., from the University of Trinity College, Toronto.

The Mission Fund of the Diocese was heavily in debt at the time of his entering upon his work but largely through plans devised by himself and carried out in the various parishes the debt speedily disappeared, but of late years a fresh debt was incurred owing to a falling off in contributions for its aid. Last year, however, the Bishop was able to state to his Synod that the contributions to the Diocesan Mission Fund, which had never before exceeded \$13,500, had that year reached the sum of \$15,055, and the overdraft which the year previous had been \$4,820, has been reduced to \$1,473. In this connection the Bishop spoke as follows:—

"The experience of the year furnishes a striking and convincing corroboration of the truth which people find it so difficult to believe, that the more largely they give to outside missionary work the more they will be disposed and able to give to the work at home. An increase of \$2,498 in the gifts of the Diocese to domestic and foreign missions has not crippled the Diocesan Mission Fund, but has been marked, may I not say rewarded, by an increase of \$1,777. An apprehension has been frequently expressed that the Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions in the month of January would injure the regular collection for our own fund in the same month. What is the result? The Epiphany collection was this year \$1,340, against \$979 last year, while the January collection was \$1,592, as against \$1,146. The most satisfactory consideration which results from an examination of the accounts is, that the improvement in which we rejoice is not due to any unusual effort or exceptional benefaction, much less that it begins to exhaust the giving power of the diocese. On the contrary it will be found that the contributions from the country show a slight falling off, and there are more defaulting congregations who have failed to make their collections than ever. The increase has been wholly in the city contributions, and I feel satisfied that it is attributable to the awaken-