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No. 84.—DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

YOUR readers will be glad, no doubt, to see a portrait of the second Bishop of Qu'Appelle, who was consecrated on Lady Day, March 25th, in Westminster Abbey. On the same day were consecrated, Dr. Perrin, as Bishop of British Columbia, to succeed Dr. Hills; Dr. Swaby, as Bishop of British Guiana, on the Northern coast of South America. The consecration sermon was preached by Bishop Burn's great friend, Canon Body, of Durham Cathedral, the two having often held parochial missions together.

The Bishop was first incumbent of St. Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, from 1881 to 1886. Here he did a remarkable work among the artisans, who work in Palmer's ship-building yard. There are many chemical works in this district which render the parish very unhealthy, and compelled Mr. Burn's resignation in 1886. After a rest in South Europe, he was presented to the living of Coniscliffe, near Darlington, where the work was much lighter; but in the same week in which he was called by the Archbishop of Canterbury to undertake the charge of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, he was appointed to Christ Church, Jarrow, the next parish to his first charge. The Bishop is married, but will come out at first alone. He is a man who naturally attracts people towards him—a most important characteristic, especially in a pioneer Diocese like Qu'Appelle, where so much depends upon the personality of the Bishop and clergy.

This Diocese, which is traversed by the

Canadian Pacific Railway, lies immediately to the west of Manitoba, with Calgary on the west and the United States on the south. There are two new railways beside the C. P. R., viz., the Soo Line, running parallel to the C. P. R., to the south, joining the latter near Moosejaw; and the Long Lake Line, extending from Regina to Prince Albert, near the junction of the South and North Saskatchewan.

In this Diocese there are two kinds of work going on. (1) Among the settlers; (2) among the Indians.

In June, 1885, there were three Priests and one Deacon. Now there are eighteen clergy, two of whom are working among the Indians in Touchwood Hills and further north, and one lay-reader is working at Fort Pelly.

There is a Church Farm at Qu'Appelle Station where young men are instructed in practical farming being kept at the same time under good influences. There is also a college for candidates for Ordination, and a first class school for settlers' sons.

Church people in the Diocese are doing more and more towards the support of the clergy, but for some few years, outside aid must be

asked for, especially to open up new districts. Aid is received from the S. P. G. and Special Fund in England, and from the D. and F. M. Society in Eastern Canada.

The church at Regina is self-supporting, and Moosomin soon will be. At the former are the headquarters of the North-West Mounted Police, among whose members so many people in Canada and England have friends and relations. Many more clergy are needed, but all the available funds are fully pledged.

The S. P. G. a few years ago made a special



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