

A Sermon.

It is rumored that the Rt. Rev. Dr. Macdonell, Bishop of Alexandria, will soon pay a visit to his Alma Mater. As it is the first appearance among us of this eminent ecclesiastic, it will be a notable event. Some of the college people who had the good fortune to share in the consecration ceremonies, still talk of the impressive sermon delivered on that occasion by the Ven. Archdeacon Casey, of Lindsay, Ont. Some have expressed a desire to see in print an authorized version of that scholarly effort. The *Review*, in acceding to the wish, considers that it is affording itself and its esteemed readers no slight profit and instruction.

Now, therefore, you are no more strangers, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints and domestics of God, built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

— Eph. II. 19 & 20.

On all sides we behold signs of great joy and gladness. Everything around us denotes the solemnity of the present occasion. The Cathedral and the altars are adorned for a most solemn ceremony. The presence of so many of the Bishops of Canada, and of the clergy from near and far, proclaims that the function we are witnessing is of the highest importance to the church in Canada and to the diocese of Alexandria in particular. For to-day, and in this Cathedral, and before the altar of God, there is consecrated for this diocese a Bishop, a successor of the Apostles, to whom it was given to continue the mission of Jesus Christ on earth, and on whom as on a foundation, Christ himself being the chief corner stone, the Church of God has been built. The Church is the immediate work of Christ. He instituted it to last unto the consummation of ages. It is built on the foundation of the Apostles, and that foundation will last as long as the Church itself. Hence the Apostles will remain, will continue their mission for all time, not in themselves personally but in their successors. This continuity of succession shall not fail forever. "Behold I am with you all days even unto the consummation of the world." (St. Matt. XXVIII. 20). Hence we not only find in Holy Scripture that the apostles themselves exercised the powers and authority of their apostolate, but that they also conferred them on others to perpetuate their mission. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that Matthias was chosen to succeed the fallen Judas in his Episcopate; that Paul and Barnabas were consecrated apostles to go forth to the Gentiles, St. Paul tells us that he consecrated Timothy and Titus to be bishops, who in their turn were to ordain and consecrate others, and thus perpetuate the Apostolic Mission. So it has ever continued in the church, and, to-day, we are witnessing the consecration,