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## HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 34—ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D. D., D. C. L.,  
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ON the death of the venerable Dr. Bethune, the second Bishop of Toronto, which took place in that city on the 3rd of February, 1879, the diocese seemed to have severed the last tie which connected it with the Church of the early Colonial days in Canada. Dr. Bethune had been the pupil and constant companion and helper of the pioneer Bishop, Dr. Strachan, and was, therefore, closely connected with all the struggles through which the Church of early days was obliged to go. But on his death a new era seemed to open up for the diocese. The greater part of Ontario, known then as Upper Canada, had become a rich and prosperous Province, divided into five different dioceses and well provided with thriving cities and towns. Toronto itself had become a large and flourishing city, and those who could remember the "muddy little York" of old were very few. Brilliant prospects also of a much larger growth were beginning to open up before her.

As to the Church it became at once evident that a struggle was at hand. The two parties, "high"

and "low" seemed keen to make the vacant episcopate the opportunity for a great contest. The Church Association was a thoroughly organized body of laymen, together with a few of the clergy, the great bulk of whom, however, seemed to be opposed to it. Committee meetings of both sides were held long before the time appointed for the election, and active preparations were made.

On the assembling of the Synod under the presidency of the late Dean Grasset, balloting was at once proceeded with and resulted in a large clerical vote for the late Archdeacon Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College and a large lay vote for Rev. Dr. Sullivan, the present Bishop of Algoma, then on the move from the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Chicago, to that of St. George's, Montreal. The result was no election, owing to the want of concurrence between the two orders of the house. Ballot after ballot was then taken with the same result. Days were spent with little or no variation. The Synod remained

in Toronto over Sunday and resumed the balloting in the same form. At length the name of the late Dr. Loble was substituted for that of Archdeacon Whitaker, but still with substantially the same result. Then a conference was proposed. A committee of equal number on both sides was appointed to agree upon some clergyman who would be acceptable to the Synod. The result of



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