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ARCHBISHOP HAMILTON ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

THE "Canadian Churchman" regrets to learn that the Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, Archbishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of the

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, has given notice to the House of Bishops that owing to his advanced years he desires to retire on June 22nd next.

His Grace sent the following letter to the clergy and members of the diocese of Ottawa, which was read from their pulpits last Sunday,

England in the Diocese of Ottawa.

'My Dear Brethren: I am not willing that you should learn from others that I have sent my resignation as Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and Archbishop of Ottawa to the House of Bishops to take effect, if their judgment approves, on June 22nd next.

"I have chosen this date in order that I may complete with the Synod the Church's work in the diocese for the current year, and leave, as I humbly hope, all things in readiness for my successor.

"I desire to add that I am moved o withdraw from the active duties of a Bishop because the Church is entitled to the best work and judg-







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ment which any man in his fullest strength can render. In my 81st year my powers are no longer ad/ancing, they are on the decline.

"I have had 20 years of happy service as a Bishop-eighteen of them in Ottawa. I can fairly say, that though I have had at times my burdens of anxiety and care, yet my days have been full of peace and happiness. My years of service have been a joy to me, and though the prospect of rest is we'come, I am really sorry that my active ministry amongst you is about to cease.

"I pray God to send His blessing upon you one and all and to give you grace to serve Him faithfully and joyfully all your days.

"Believe me your faithful friend and Archbishop. (Sgd.) CHARLES OTTAWA.'

Since 1909 Dr. Hamilton has been Archbishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. He was the first Bishon of Ottawa, being appointed in 1896.

His Grace is a Canadian by birth, having been born at Hawkesbury, Ont., January 6, 1834, so that he is now in his 81st year. His father was Lieut.-Col. Hon. George H. Hamilton. He received his education at Montreal High School and University College, Oxford, England. His ordination as a deacon in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, took place on September 21st, 1857. The next year he took Priest's Orders. Subsequently he was appointed Rector of St. Matthew's. His next promotion came in 1885 when he was consecrated as Bishop of the d'ocese of Niagara, with residence in Hamilton. He remained as such until 1896 when he went to Ottawa. Busy man as the Archbishop is in the Church, he finds time to lend his influence and support to a long list of charitable organizations. He is a member of the advisory committee of the Victorian Order of Nurses: director of the Ottawa Society for the Prevention of Tube culosis; president of the Anglican Church Sunday School Association, etc.