

deeply sensible of the great honour done me by the unanimous election, I feel unable to accept the important and sacred Office of Coadjutor Bishop of Ontario. The consideration, which has chiefly led me to the decision at which I have arrived, is the conviction, which has been growing stronger ever since I received the first telegram announcing my election that I have taken up a work here in this Cathedral which I dare not yet lay down. This conviction I cannot but regard as the voice of conscience. I believe it to have been God's will that I should enter upon this work. I have been here just one year; and, having met with unusual willingness on the part of the Congregation to sink differences and personal preferences and to co-operate for the welfare of the Church, I feel in honour bound to remain until the work thus happily begun is on a more solid basis."

This letter calls for no remark, except that the Dean's fellow-Churchmen in the Diocese of Quebec, both Clerical and Lay, are heartily glad, first, that motives so high and noble rule in the administration of affairs in this Diocese, and next, that they are to retain, as their Dean and Rector of the first Church in the Diocese, one who has proved himself worthy to be their late revered Bishop's son.

Instances of *Nolo Episcopari* are rare, and when they do occur are usually grounded on motives so evidently of a mixed nature that there remains little ground for boasting. In this instance, however, the refusal of the Episcopal throne, both as regards the motives which ruled in the decision finally arrived at, and as regards the result, viz., that we are not to lose our Dean, is matter of unmixed satisfaction.

But all this time we are forgetting our fellow-Churchmen of Ontario. They have been for years, owing to Arch-bishop Lewis's long failure of health,

as if they had no Bishop, and we could heartily rejoice if our Diocese had been so rich in such men as Dean Williams that we could, without injury to the great cause entrusted to us, have yielded him to them without more serious injury to ourselves. As it is, we can but trust and pray that the Synod of Ontario may be guided to the choice of such a godly, wise and well-learned man to be their Bishop as may make it plain that their failure to secure our Dean as their Bishop has been God's choice of a Father-in-God for them much more to the good of His Church than would be even the gentle-hearted Dean of Quebec, who says so kindly and in such convincing words *Nolo Episcopari*.

Quebec, 23rd June, 1900.

Ordination in the Cathedral.

It generally happens that there is an Ordination Service in the Diocese early in July. For, with the close of our University year, there are usually some men who have completed their training in Divinity, and, owing to changes in the Diocese and the expansion of the Church, there are generally vacant positions waiting to be filled. This year, besides the need of a second Missionary on the Labrador, the Mission of Kinnear's Mills was vacant, and also the position of Travelling Missionary to the Lake S. John and Nicolet Districts, recently filled by the Rev. J. Almond. Thus three men were required, and three men had just completed their course at Lennoxville. Of these, Mr. F. G. Le Gallais was ordained Deacon by our Bishop at Gaspé Basin, on Sunday, June 17th, for the Labrador work, and Messrs. Philip Callis and J. C. Tannar, who had been accepted by our Bishop for the other two positions, were ordained Deacons in the Cathedral on July 1st by the Lord Bishop of Ottawa, acting under commission from our own Bishop, who