

an Apostolic Brief, dated February 17th, 1856. The first Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Farrell, of happy memory, was consecrated at Kingston on the 11th of May following, arriving in Hamilton and taking formal possession of the See on the 24th of May, 1856. The present year, 1906, therefore, marks the 50th anniversary, or golden jubilee of the Diocese, and it is fitting that it should be observed with all possible solemnity and sanctity, in accordance with the directions given of old by Almighty God to His chosen people, "and thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year, for it is the year of jubilee." (Levit. 25-10).

It seems also fitting that the beautiful month of May, the devotional month of Mary, associated as it is in the annals of Hamilton with the installation of the first, as well as of the present Bishop of the Diocese, should be selected as the month most appropriate for the Diocesan celebration. Accordingly Sunday next, the 20th inst., is the day appointed for the consecration of our Cathedral, which is to be solemnly dedicated on that day to the service of God, under the glorious patronage of His Immaculate Mother, and in the presence of His Excellency