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No. 35—MAURICE SCOLLARD BALDWIN, D. D.,
THIRD BISHOP OF HURON.

HHE second Bishop of Huron, Dr. Hellmuth, resigned his see in June, 1883, in his address to the Synod assembled at that date in the city of London, the see city of the Diocese. The Synod assembled on October 17th of the same year for the purpose of elect-

ing his successor. The first ballot showed a large majority of both clerical and lay voters in favor of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Sullivan, who at the time was in the old country pushing the claims of his missionary diocese of Algoma. The Synod adjourned to the following day to receive the bishop's decision. On reassembling that decision was received and announced as follows:—

"Most grateful to Synod, but duty to Algoma compels me to decline."

The Synod then proceeded to ballot afresh, and on the third ballot (or the fourth, including that which elected Dr. Sullivan) the Very Rev. M. S. Baldwin, D. D., Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, and Dean of the Diocese, was elected by a clerical vote of 57 to 51 and a lay vote of 91 to 22. The Dean accepted the position by telegraphing the words, "I gratefully accept the election of the Diocese of Huron, as the special indication of God's will."

The consecration of Dr. Baldwin to the episcopate took place in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, on Friday, the 30th of November, 1883, being St. Andrew's day. The consecrator was the

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lewis, Bishop of Ontario. The sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Du Moulin, M. A., Rector of St. James Cathedral, Toronto. Before concluding his sermon the eloquent Canon thus spoke of the Bishop elect:—

"Such exceeding great and precious promises belong of right to him who will now be consecrated to the highest order in the ministry. After a quarter of a century of life and work in the ranks of that ministry, he goes back to assume the oversight of the diocese where he received Holy Orders and

first preached the Word of Life, and there are hearts here to-day that, 'with recollection and deep affection,' go back to the same time and place, praying fervently as they do so that the blessing of the Most High may fall without measure on the third Bishop of Huron. To speak of him here, where he is so well known and loved, would indeed be superfluous and most contrary to the rule of his life and ministry to preach not himself but Christ Jesus the Lord. His first sermon as Rector of this Cathedral was preached many years ago from the text, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself—that I might finish my



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Third Bishop of Huron, Ontario.

course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." There are those here to-day who heard that sermon, who have ever since observed and enjoyed that ministry, and their consciences will gladly testify that it has been an earnest, honest struggle to follow out the sacred text. An unflagging zeal, often outstripping his strength, a whole-hearted devotion to duty, a heart as wide and as loving as the Catholic Church, gifts and powers that God has bestowed only on a few,