

## IN MEMORIAM.

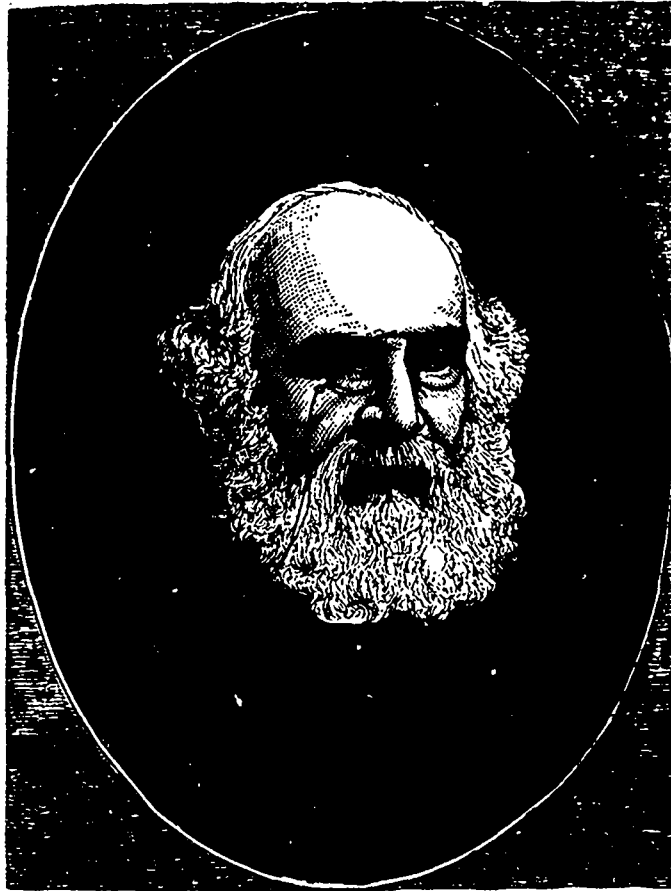
**W**ITH profound regret we are called upon to chronicle the death of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, which occurred in his see city on April 20th. He was called away unexpectedly through an attack of inflammation of the lungs, while yet quite able to fulfil the duties of his office. On St. Barnabas' day, in the year 1888, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration was celebrated with much enthusiasm at Quebec, when, in his answer to the address of the Synod, he spoke of "the unwelcome conviction obtruding upon him that his faculties for sustained exertion were growing less," and he then expressed the hope that "the failure of his strength to work and his strength to live might come together." And this hope has been realized within five years of its expression. Born in 1825 in England, he was but sixty-seven years old at his death. His father's cousin, the saintly Isaac Williams, was one of his god fathers. He was educated at Crewkerne School, Somerset, and, at seventeen, went to New Zealand, where he met Bishop Selwyn, whose noble character and work made a deep impression upon him.

Returning from New Zealand he went to Oxford, where he graduated and was ordained to the diaconate in 1852 at the age of twenty-seven. In 1854 he married Anna Maria Waldron, of Wikilismcombe, Somersetshire. Two sons were born to them one of whom survives, the Rev. L. W. Williams, rector of St. Mathew's, Quebec. Few persons have ever been more beloved than Mrs. Williams, now the widow of him who for many years shared this love with her.

Mr. Williams came to Canada in 1857 and was appointed to resuscitate Lennoxville Gram-

mar School which had been closed for three years, with a result that in 1861 a large handsome new school had to be erected to accommodate the ever increasing number of pupils. In January, 1863, Bishop G. J. Mountain, the third Bishop of Quebec, died, and Mr. Williams was called by the clerical and lay votes of the diocese to be its chief officer, and the condition in which now he leaves the diocese shews that the choice made then was a good one, for circumstances have never been favourable for Church work in the Diocese of Quebec, where the French and Romanism are constantly on the

increase, even to the gradual expulsion of Anglican population and principles. But notwithstanding this the financial and spiritual condition of the diocese is sound and good. Bishop Williams was ever faithful to his post, and many long, wearisome and perilous trips were taken by him by land and water, in the discharge of his duties, and he leaves behind him a work of which no man need be ashamed. Had he lived to next year he would have seen the centennial of the establishment of the Diocese of Quebec, for it was in 1793 that the first Bishop Mountain took up his abode in the ancient capital. The funeral was one of the most im-



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pressive sights ever witnessed in Quebec. It was attended by thousands of people of all classes of society, from the aide-de-camp of the Governor-General (sent to represent him), the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, the judges, the bar, the clergy of all creeds and denominations, to the children of the high school. Bishop's college, Lennoxville, was present in full force to pay loving respects to him who had done so much for it. And thus, with every mark of high honour, were laid to rest in Mount Hermon cemetery, the remains of the fourth Bishop of Quebec.