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HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 79.—THE SECOND BISHOP OF FREDERICTON.

BY the right of succession the Rt. Rev. Hollingworth Tully Kingdon became second Bishop of Fredericton upon the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Medley, Metropolitan of Canada, in September last. Dr. Kingdon is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took the degree of B.A. in 1858, of M.A. in 1861, and D.D. in 1881. He was ordained deacon in 1859 by the Bishop of Oxford, and priest in 1860 by the Bishop of Sarum. He was selected by Bishop Medley, in whose hands the Synod of Fredericton had left the choice, to be his co-adjutor and successor in 1881, and was consecrated in Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, on Sunday, July, 10, 1881, by the Metropolitan, Bishop Williams, of Quebec; Bishop Binney, of Nova Scotia, together with the Bishops of Albany and Maine assisting. Up to his election to this honourable position, he had been vicar of Good Easter, Essex, curate of St. Andrew's, Well Street, London, and vice-principal of the Theological College, Sarum. As a careful and systematic worker and ripe scholar he has shewn himself well qualified for the position of a bishop. To perform the work of such a diocese as Fredericton, great energy and powers of endurance are necessary. Long distances have to be travelled, and frequent journeys made, in all of which Dr. Kingdon has been energetic and faithful; and now that he is bishop of the Diocese, in absolute and full control, the way will be clear before

him to work upon his own designs and carry out his own plans.

St. John, the Liverpool of Canada, is the chief city of the diocese, but Fredericton, being the capital of New Brunswick, was very properly made the see city, though it is a much smaller place than St. John. The two places are about ninety miles apart.

The Enthronement of Bishop Kingdon, as successor to the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Medley, Bishop of the Diocese, took place at the Cathedral, Fredericton, on November 23rd last. The

Bishop of Maine, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Neeley, was present and took part in the proceedings, as also about fifty clergy of the diocese.

At the conclusion of the service the Bishop of Maine made a short address in which he said:—

"There are not many now who remember when the first Bishop of Fredericton came to that diocese; but there are some still living who remember some of the trials and difficulties he met with, and which, by God's grace he overcame. The condition of the clergy, the number of church edifices, and the position of the Church attained



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Second Bishop of Fredericton.

under his guidance, are all his monuments. It was a great grief to me not to be able to be present at the obsequies of the dear master. Another now stands in his place. No man fills the place of another. It is a great advantage to occupy the place of a worthy predecessor. It is sometimes said when a new man comes into a parish which has been occupied by a great and good man, 'he shines by a reflected light above.' Your bishop, in succeeding to his office, has had the advantage of eleven years acquaintance with the diocese and has already given evidence in every way of his devotion to his sacred duties."