

ilton's episcopate, the spirit of controversy was rampant. Toronto was a storm centre; and as the city of Hamilton was well within the cyclonic zone, the Bishop's lot was not at all times the happiest, or the most peaceful. Holding firmly, however, to the fact that the interests of the Church were paramount, he went on his way, disregarding the personal equation and winning love from most, and respect from all, until that day, in the month of March, nineteen years ago, when, to the sincere regret of all, he announced his possible transference to the newly created Diocese of Ottawa. A month later, the ties that bound him to the Diocese of Niagara were definitely severed. As Chief Pastor he had accomplished much for the future stability of the Diocese; and I venture upon the liberty of saying that his trials and self sacrifices, so patiently borne, have been abundantly blessed in the progressive life of this Diocese. When the future historian unrolls the Episcopal records of the whole Canadian Church, Archbishop Hamilton's Niagara Episcopate will, as a complete record of faithful work, bear comparison with any other eleven years that may be selected. At its close Bishop Hamilton wrote with a full heart: "It is a severe wrench for me to be severed from so many clergymen and laymen and from so many interests of the Church, which have filled a very large place in my life and in my heart during the last eleven years. I cannot easily forget you and yours. Trials and difficulties have at times beset me as your Bishop, but the joys which have attended my ministrations of the Word and Sacraments, and my life among you, have been so satisfying that eleven years seem but a few months."

The Diocese of Niagara would leave itself open to the charge of gross ingratitude, if it should ever forget the splendid service rendered by Archbishop Hamilton.

The transference of the Archbishop to the Diocese of Ottawa resulted immediately afterwards in the election of Canon DuMoulin to the vacant See. As rector of St. James' Church in the City of Toronto, Canon DuMoulin had established a considerable reputation as a preacher. If the Diocesan finances had become somewhat entangled