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No 58—THE FIRST DEAN OF QUEBEC.



HE Very Rev. Richard Whitmore Norman, M.A., D.C.L., D.D., Dean and Rector of Quebec, was born at Southborough, Kent, England, on April 24th, 1829. His father was Richard Norman, Esq., Merchant, of London, son of George Norman, Esq., a large landed proprietor of Bromley, Kent, England; and his mother, Emma Stone, was a daughter of George Stone, Esq., of Chiselhurst, Kent, head of the oldest private banking house in London, now Martin & Co., 68 Lombard Street. Dean Norman was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, and was ordained deacon in 1852 and priest in 1853 by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. He was Curate of St. Thomas', Oxford, in 1852; fellow of Radley College, 1853; fellow and head master of St. Michael's College, Tenbury, 1857; and warden of Radley College, from 1861 to 1866. In consequence of hard work his health became impaired, and he left England

in 1866, in the hope that a short sojourn in Canada would be productive of benefit. Such proved to be the case, and this circumstance, conjointly with family reasons, prompted him to make Canada his home. Previous to taking up his residence in this country he had had but slight experience of strictly ministerial work, his principal labours in England having been connected with higher education. Since his

arrival in Canada he has thrown himself into pastoral work, without entirely abandoning the cause of education. In 1868 he was appointed assistant at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Montreal; assistant at St. James the Apostle's Church, 1872; Rector of St. Matthias' Church, 1883; Canon Assistant of Christ Church Cathedral, 1886; Rector of Quebec Cathedral, Christmas, 1887; and created the first Dean of Quebec in 1888 by the present Bishop of the Diocese. Dean Norman was elected in 1878 to be member



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of the Educational Council and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bishop's College, which offices he still holds; a member of the Montreal Protestant School Board in 1879, and chairman of the same in 1880; Vice-president of the Montreal Art Association in 1882, and president in 1887. Vice President of the Montreal Philharmonic Society in 1879. These last offices he was compelled to resign consequent on his leaving Montreal. In 1880 Dr. Norman was elected hon. clerical Secretary of the Anglican Provincial Synod; in the following year he was elected to a Fellowship at McGill College, and in 1883 he was

elected a member of the Protestant Committee of Public Instruction. These three offices he still retains. In 1888 he was chosen as President of the Central Board of Examiners for Teachers' Diplomas in the Province of Quebec. He proposes to continue in Quebec and further church work in the diocese, and in the Province. Dean Norman has published some volumes of sermons and various pamphlets, which have