

REV. PRINCIPAL G. J. MOUNTAIN.

The Rev. Principal Mountain, whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the present number, must be ranked among the most eminent Canadians of his day. Not only did he excel as a scholar and preacher, but he possessed powers of action which enabled him to preside successfully over a large, half-organized diocese. Of his many titles to honourable remembrance, three may be named. He was Bishop of Montreal, first Principal of McGill and founder of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Dr. Mountain belonged to a distinguished family. His father, Jacob Mountain, was a close friend of Dr. Tomline, who began his career as tutor of the younger Pitt, and who, after becoming Dean of St. Paul's and Bishop of Lincoln, would have been raised to the Primacy but for the determined opposition of George III. His younger brother, Armine Mountain, became adjutant-general of the Queen's forces in India, and so far won the good opinion of Miss Edgeworth that she wrote, "If you were to cut Armine Mountain into a hundred pieces, every one of them would be a gentleman." It was through the influence of Dr. Tomline that Jacob Mountain came to this country. Pitt had already given him livings in Lincolnshire and Huntingdonshire, besides a prebend's stall in Lincoln Cathedral, when a diocese was created in Canada. Once more Dr. Tomline suggested the name of Jacob Mountain, and in 1793 he was appointed first Anglican Bishop of Quebec.

At the time when his father left England, G. J. Mountain was four years of age. He received his early education in Quebec, but con-