



A VIEW IN THE CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO.

[Richmond Street, looking south.]

progress was made for lack of funds, but the property, about four acres, is still held by the chapter, solely for that purpose. It is, however, impossible now to carry out the original plans of which the Chapter House is a part, as the Western Ontario Pacific Railway has appropriated a portion of the ground upon which a cathedral at some future time might have been erected.

The Diocese of Huron was set apart from the Diocese of Toronto in the year 1856, and the Rev. Benjamin Cronyn was elected the first bishop. This was the first episcopal election in Canada, and on it all subsequent elections, to a great extent, have been modelled. The choice lay between Dr. Cronyn and the Venerable Archdeacon Bethune, afterwards bishop of Toronto. The election took place in St. Paul's Church, London, the clergy and laity voting separately, and the result was the choice of Dr. Cronyn as first bishop of Huron. He was consecrated at Lambeth by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by other bishops.

Of his administrative ability and strong advocacy of the cause of his new diocese at the settlement and adjustment of the various endowments to be participated in with the older diocese of Toronto, we now realize the benefit. During the fourteen years of his episcopacy, the growth and extension of the church was remarkable, and the seed sown

by him in faith will continue to yield fruit for many generations. In 1863, aided by Dean Hellmuth, who acted as the bishop's commissary in England for the collection of funds, he was enabled to establish and endow Huron College, which has already furnished more than sixty heralds of the gospel, who are laboring in every part of the Dominion of Canada. London is but a type of the church progress which is to be marked everywhere in the diocese of Huron; the mother church of St. Paul's is now surrounded by a numerous family of six children, all flourishing, and in their turn aiding to no small extent in carrying on the mission work of the diocese.

In penning this short sketch, it is impossible not to refer to the warmth of the affection in which the memory of Bishop Cronyn is held by all who knew him, particularly his clergy; to them, especially the younger, he was in the highest and noblest sense a Right Reverend Father in God. Kind and sympathizing, all felt him to be a friend; possessed of long experience, all would look to him for sound counsel; hospitable and generous, even to a fault, his rectory was a home where was always a welcome. On Sept. 2nd, 1871, the reverend and beloved bishop was called to his rest. The "Memorial Church" was erected by the family to his memory, a tender father, a loving friend, a good man.