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HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

No. 32—ISAAC HELLMUTH, D. D., D. C. L.,
SECOND BISHOP OF HURON.

HHE Right Rev. Isaac Hellmuth, D. D., D. C. L., was born near Warsaw, Poland, on the 14th of December, 1817. He is of Jewish descent, and received his education at Bres-

lau University. He renounced the Jewish faith and became a Christian in 1841, and came to Canada in 1844, bringing with him highest commendations from the Most Reverend Dr. Sumner, Archbishop of Canterbury and other eminent men. In 1846 he was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Quebec, and was ordained priest also the same year. For the space of eight years he acted as Professor in the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke. Afterwards Dr. Hellmuth was appointed Gen-

eral Superintendent for the Colonial and Continental Church Society in British America. He then removed to London, Ontario, Canada, and was appointed Archdeacon of Huron, and was first Principal and Divinity Professor of Huron College. He was afterwards appointed Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral and Dean of Huron. In the year 1871 he was elected by the Synod as Co-adjutor Bishop

of the Diocese of Huron, with the title of Bishop of Norfolk, and was consecrated in London by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada, assisted by the Bishops of Toronto, Ontario, Ohio and Michigan. On the decease of Bishop Cronyn, that same year, he became Bishop of Huron, which position he held until 1883. He then resigned the see of Huron, and was appointed suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Ripon, England.

On the death of the Bishop of Ripon the office of suffragan ceased, and Bishop Hellmuth was subsequently appointed Rector of Bridlington, Yorkshire, England, which position he now holds. Among the literary works of Bishop Hellmuth are one on the Authenticity of the Pentateuch, and one on the Divine Dispensation, his crowning work being, however, a critical commentary on the Hebrew Scriptures. The labors of Bishop Hellmuth in the cause of higher education are well known. In conjunction with the first Bishop of Huron he established Huron College in 1863,

and was the first Principal and Divinity Professor thereof. In 1865 he established Hellmuth Boys' College, and in 1869 Hellmuth Ladies' College, one of the best schools to be found on either side of the Atlantic. In 1877 the Bishop, at the request of the alumni of Huron College, placed himself at the head of the movement to establish the western University of London, Ontario, and in



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