

diocese of Kingston. The priests of the diocese, too, have long ago learned to love him and to look up to him as a friend in need, as a counsellor in days of doubt, as a father in days of tribulation and trial. It was but natural, then, that the Clergy of Kingston should depart from the customary mode of procedure and initiate a precedent for this section, by sending to the Holy Father a unanimously signed memorial praying that Very Rev. Dean Gauthier be appointed to the see left vacant by the death of Archbishop Cleary.

The 27th of August, the official documents were received from Rome. The glad tidings of the selection of Dean Gauthier for such an exalted position were received with enthusiasm and joy by the clergy and people; and scarcely less joyously was the news received in other dioceses, especially in Ottawa where the new Archbishop has many personal friends. Clergy and laity at once made great preparations for the consecration ceremonies and to-day the choice of the Kingston clergy, the choice of Rome, the choice of the Holy Spirit that guides the Church of Rome, received episcopal consecration from the hands of Archbishop Duhamel assisted by Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg and Bishop O'Connor of Peterborough. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the eloquent Archbishop O'Brien of Halifax. From many representative bodies, fraternal and religious societies, municipal councils and from a host of friends throughout Canada and the United States came addresses and messages of congratulation. One address, that of the clergy of Kingston diocese, deserves particular mention as a beautiful work of art. Of one handsomely illuminated page of this address, the present number of the REVIEW, contains a fac-simile.

In the historic see over which Archbishop Gauthier presides there is a Catholic population of 37,000 souls to whose spiritual wants forty-four priests attend, and for whose accommodation there are fifty-nine churches and five chapels. Through the watchful care and guidance of the clergy, the laity are well united in religious and benefit societies and among the latter the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians have succeeded in uniting the greater