

bishop thereof, were then read; from which it appeared that the new diocese, formed out of the Eastern part of the diocese of Toronto will consist of the following counties: Prescott, Glengarry, Russell, Stormont, Dundas, Carleton, Grenville, Leeds, Lancaster, Renfrew, Frontenac, Lennox, Addington, Hastings and Prince Edward. The Metropolitan's Chancellor then administered the oath of the Queen's Supremacy, and also that of due obedience to the Metropolitan of Canada. The Metropolitan then proceeded with the service for the Consecration of Bishops as laid down in the Prayer Book. The Bishop of Quebec read the Litany with the special clause of intercession for the Bishop elect. The Metropolitan, next, seated in his chair, put the questions prescribed in the Ritual, "to the end that the Congregation present may have a trial and bear witness how you be minded to behave yourself in the Church of God." A second anthem "How beautiful upon the mountains," was sung, while the Bishop elect put on the rest of his Episcopal robes. Then returning he knelt down at the rails, while the Hymn "Veni Creator," and the prayer immediately preceding the Consecration were being said. The solemn moment of the Consecration itself at last arrived. The Metropolitan and the other Bishops approached the Candidate and laid their hands upon his head. A most profound silence and stillness prevailed throughout the Church, as the Metropolitan repeated the solemn words by which the Episcopal commission is conveyed. The Bible was next presented to the new Bishop by the Metropolitan, with the admonition to be faithful in reading, exhortation and doctrine, as in the Prayer Book, and he then took his place with the other Bishops within the rails. We must not forget specially to notice that Bishop McCaskry of Michigan joined in the laying on of hands, and thus the American Episcopal succession which branched off from the parent stem in 1784, was again blended with that directly derived from the same source, in the person of the new Bishop of Ontario.

The remainder of the service requires no lengthened notice. The offertory, which amounted to about \$180 was devoted to the cause of missions within the diocese of Ontario. After the Prayer for the Church Militant, the non-communicants withdrew, many of the laity however remaining to partake. The Bishop of Ontario read the address, the Bishop of Michigan, the sentences, *Ter Sanctus* and Confession, and the Metropolitan consecrated the elements, which were afterwards distributed first by him to the Bishops and by them to the clergy and Laity. The Gloria in Excelsis was sung by the choir, and the Metropolitan concluded the service with the Blessing.

So ended a ceremony which none who were present can ever forget. Nothing seemed wanting to inspire confidence and hope for the future of our beloved church in British North America. The great gathering of clergy from all parts of the Province, without distinction of party; the presence of all our Bishops and of an American brother: the subdued deep earnestness that prevailed, the excellence of the arrangements, and the very beauty and brightness of the weather combined to inspire a cheerful confidence and trust that God is with us of a truth, and we are