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BISHOP OF HURON.

BISHOP HELLMUTH is the son of Polish parents, and was born near Warsaw, the former capital of Poland, on the 14th of December, 1817. He received his collegiate training at the famous University of Breslau, which was originally founded in 1702 as a Jesuit College. While in attendance at this seat of learning he became deeply interested upon the subject of religion, and after much self-communing, determined to follow the faith of his ancestors. In order to avoid the persecutions which would inevitably attend his conversion in consequence of his Catholic birth, he repaired to England in 1841, he made a public profession of his new faith. He embraced the doctrines of the Church of England, and entered upon a course of study with a view to taking holy orders. He won golden opinions from many eminent divines, and was highly esteemed for his great sincerity and earnestness. He was appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to go to Canada, and upon his journey he was distinguished by the willingness to act upon the advice which was furnished him with very great liberality as to his character and abilities. His testimonials were voluntarily given by many eminent persons, both in England and abroad; and in 1844 Mr. Hellmuth, in the 27th year, crossed the Atlantic, and resided for a while in this country. In 1845 he was made Dean of Huron, and later on, in 1846, he was

appointed Bishop of Huron. The first eight years of his life he devoted to the discharge of his duties as one of the professors in the University of Breslau, and as the pastor of the Father's Church, Sherbrooke. He was then appointed General Superintendent of the Colonial and Continental Church Society in the British North American Colonies. While occupying this position, he was chosen by the late Dr. George Murray of Huron to proceed to the United States for the establishment of a theological college. The establishment of such an institution was undertaken by the Society with a view to counteracting the mischief which was doing to Trinity College, Toronto. He then published on the subject that he openly formulated charges of false doctrine, which were tried before the assembled Canadian Bishops. Though the decision of the majority of his fellow-dignitaries was against him, Bishop Cronyn determined to do what he could to keep his own conscience free as possible from influence which he believed to be perverted. He conceived the idea of establishing a college, where candidates for the ministry might receive a liberal and thorough training. He then sailed for America, and after a short stay in New York, he returned to Huron, and