

ARCHBISHOP SWEATMAN.

To the Church in Canada, over which the late Archbishop Sweatman so ably presided, his death, on Sunday afternoon, the 24th instant, has caused deep and unfeigned regret. Called to the Primacy through the lamented death of Archbishop Bond, Dr. Sweatman brought to that distinguished position the ripe experience and thorough knowledge of the affairs of our branch of the Church gained by long years of patient and laborious service in her ministry as clergyman and Bishop—gained, too, at a period in the history of the Canadian Church when it was slowly but surely moving towards a stage of extraordinary development. In succeeding the late Dr. Bethune as Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto Dr. Sweatman gave that diocese the benefit not only of the theological knowledge and sound scholarship derived from his preparation for the ministry and his college course at Cambridge, but a mastery of detail and habits of methodical work derived from long experience as an instructor of boys and headmaster of a large and influential private school. With Old World solidity of scholarship the late Dr. Sweatman brought to Canada many of those excellent and estimable qualities which have so materially helped through the sons of the Old World to reproduce in the New those religious, moral, social and personal traits that have exalted and ennobled the British name and race. "The English Church," says Emerson, "has many certificates to show of humble, effective service in humanizing the people, in cheering and refining men, feeding, healing, educating. It has the seal of the martyrs and confessors; the noblest books; a sublime architecture; a ritual marked by the same secular merits—nothing cheap or purchasable." And again, says the same philosophic thinker: "If religion be the doing of all good, and for its sake the suffering of all evil . . . that Divine secret has existed in England from the days of Alfred to those of Romilly, of Clarkson, and of Florence Nightingale, and in thousands who have no fame." Well may we say that the noble, gentle, devout and self-sacrificing life which

passed from the nital light of earth with the calm enquiry "Is this death?" to the un fading light beyond the grave, expended itself with heroic fortitude in inculcating those splendid traditions, and in striving to the bitter end with humility, patience, and the unspeakable fortitude of his race to do "all good," and to suffer "all evil." To those who are at all familiar with the history of the Church in the Diocese of Toronto for the past thirty years it seems almost

Sweatman's accession to office to the condition of concord and progress of to-day. There can be no doubt that the habitual exercise of gentle forbearance and wise toleration on the part of the spiritual leader of the diocese mainly contributed to this commendable result. Dr. Sweatman was the son of the late Dr. John Sweatman, of Middlesex Hospital, London, England. He was born in London on November 19, 1834, and was educated by private tutors and at University College School, London. He then entered Christ's College, Cambridge, where in 1859 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with honours in mathematics, and in 1862 that of Master of Arts. He was ordained by Bishop Tait, and became curate of Holy Trinity Church, Islington. He was afterwards a master in the Islington Proprietary School, and later curate of St. Stephen's Church, Canonbury. While at Islington he became the founder of the Islington Youths' Institute. In 1865 he came to Canada as head master of Hellmuth Boys' College, London, and afterwards accepted the position of mathematical master in Upper Canada in 1871, and subsequently was appointed rector of Grace Church, Brantford. About two years thereafter he returned to Hellmuth College. In 1875 he was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral at London, and afterwards Archdeacon of Brant. In 1876 he became assistant minister and acting rector of Woodstock. In 1872 the Bishop of Huron made him his examining chaplain, and in the same year he was elected clerical secretary of that diocese, and served in that capacity till 1879. While the Bishop was absent he acted as administrator, and on the death of Bishop Bethune was elected to succeed him as the third Bishop of Toronto, and was consecrated on May 1, 1879, in St. James' Cathedral,



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unnecessary to recount even the leading events that have taken place since the consecration of Dr. Sweatman as Bishop. The story has been fully told in the pages of the "Churchman" as in time it was gradually unfolded. And in the journals of the Synod of that diocese will be found the record of progress along the varied lines of Church activity from the period of strife between opposing parties in the diocese at Dr.

dral, at the hands of Bishops Williams, of Quebec; Hellmuth, of Huron; Fuller, of Niagara; Bond, of Montreal, and Fauquier, of Algoma. His Bishopric comprised nine counties in the centre of the Province of Ontario. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity (jure dignitatis) from Cambridge University in the year 1879, and that of Doctor of Common Law from Trinity University, Toronto in 1882. The