

# ENTHRONEMENT WAS IMPRESSIVE AFFAIR

**Rt. Rev. Reginald Heber Weller Takes Episcopal Throne at St. Paul's Cathedral--A Beautiful and Solemn Ceremonial**

**PEOPLE THROG CATHEDRAL FOR THE SERVICE**

**Archdeacons Rogers, of Fond du Lac. and Campbell Install Successor to Bishop Grafton--An Able Sermon is Delivered**

The installing and enthroning of The Rt. Rev. Reginald Heber Weller, D. D., as Bishop of Fond du Lac, took place with an impressive ceremonial previous to the office of the Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The service of installation, though brief, was featured by a beautiful and impressive ceremony. As the tolling of the chimes in the Cathedral ceased at 10:30 o'clock, Bishop Weller, accompanied by Rev. Fr. Walters of Menasha and Rev. Fr. Thorne of Oneida, as chaplains and Canon Frank A. Sanborn of this city as master of ceremonies, left the Episcopal residence at the corner of Division and Sophia streets and walked to the main entrance of the Cathedral.

At the same time the Cathedral choir, acolytes, thurifers, cross bearers, lay members of the Cathedral chapter, members of the standing committee of the diocese, the Cathedral clergy and preacher marched from the robing room across the front of the nave to the west aisle and thence to the back of the nave, where the procession halted.

#### Applies for Admission.

It was then that Bishop Weller, robed in his Episcopal habit and attended by his chaplains approached the doors leading into the Cathedral.

Upon reaching the doors, which were closed, Bishop Weller raised his crozier and rapped three times upon the door. Archdeacon B. Talbot Rogers who with Archdeacon Campbell of Oconto, was waiting on the inside of the Cathedral, called out: "Who comes here."

Bishop Weller responded: "The Bishop of Fond du Lac," whereupon Archdeacon Rogers opened the doors and bade the bishop enter.

#### March to the Chancel.

The entire procession began the march to the chancel and sanctuary the choir singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Upon arrival at the sanctuary the archdeacons conducted the bishop and his chaplains to the altar, where all knelt in silent prayer.

#### Offers His Letters.

Bishop Weller then arose and turning to the archdeacons proffered to them his "letters," or credentials, saying:

"Venerable Sirs, We present unto you these our letters." The Archdeacon of Oconto then read the letters, one of which was from the Chapter of the Cathedral and in confirmation of Bishop Weller's consecration and the other of a similar nature from the Episcopal bishops present at the consecration.

Archdeacon Rogers then said: "We receive these letters with great wil-

lingness and will show our regard to them upon your making the Declaration of Fidelity customary in this behalf."

Bishop Weller then replied: "In the Name of God, Amen, I, Reginald Bishop of the Church in Fond du Lac, do promise conformity and obedience to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church in the United States of America and the constitution of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. So help me God, through Jesus Christ."

#### Is Conducted to Throne.

After this declaration the most solemn act of the service took place, when the archdeacons conducted Bishop Weller to the Episcopal throne and after seeing him seated took him by the hands.

#### The Enthronement.

The Archdeacon of Fond du Lac then said: "The Lord preserve thy coming in and thy going out from this time for ever more. In the name of God, Amen. We, the Archdeacons of this Cathedral church, do, by the authority to us committed, install and enthrone you, Right Reverend Father, into the Chair and Episcopal See of this Cathedral church, and we do effectually induct you into the real, actual and corporal possession of the same, and we place you in this seat in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

Following this act of enthronement, Bishop Weller recited the Lord's prayer, and then bestowed his blessing upon the people. The singing of Syke's Te Deum Laudamus completed the enthroning ceremony.

Bishop Weller, accompanied by the two archdeacons left the sanctuary while the Introit was being sung, returning after a few minutes' absence to begin the office of the Holy Eucharist. Bishop Weller acted as celebrant of the mass with Archdeacon Rogers as deacon and Archdeacon Campbell as sub-deacon.

#### Enthronement Sermon Given.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Howard B. St. George, B. A., professor of Ecclesiastical history at Nashotah house. Father St. George is a graduate of Trinity college, Dublin, and a learned scholar and brilliant speaker. His sermon which appears on another page was listened to with marked interest by the large congregation.

The Cathedral choir sang King Hall's mass during the office of the Holy Eucharist. In addition several hymns and anthems were given. The members of the Cathedral chapter who participated in the service were Benjamin Wild, Carroll R. Burnton, Matthew Mitchell and H. R. Potter. The members of the standing committee present were J. B. Perry and E. R. Herren.



RT. REV. REGINALD H. WELLER.  
Enthroned Bishop of Fond du Lac on Sunday.