



The Most Rev. William Alexander, Protestant Bishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Date

1890

Primary Maker

Henry Harris Brown

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

91.5 x 71.1 cm

Description

This is a half-length portrait painting of a protestant archbishop, the Most Rev. William Alexander, wearing a

hat and holding a stick in his right hand. His body is turned towards the left as he looks out at the viewer. William Alexander (b. 1824), Protestant archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, was born at Londonderry on the 13th of April 1824 and educated at Tonbridge Grammar School and Brasenose College, Oxford. After holding several livings in the north of Ireland he was made bishop of Derry and Raphoe in 1867, and was elevated to the primacy in 1896. He was Bampton lecturer in 1876. An eloquent preacher and the author of numerous theological works, he is best known to literature as a master of dignified and animated verse. His poems were collected in 1887 under the title of *St Augustine's Holiday, and other Poems*.