

this city, and escorted at once to the Russian Church, where, in accordance with the custom of his church, he conducted a service of thanksgiving for his safe arrival. A reception followed in the apartments of the rector of the church, where the bishop will reside during his brief stay in New York before going to his new field of labor. Here he received reports of the different nationalities belonging to his flock, including Servians, Arabians, Montenegrins and Russians.

Bishop Tikhon will start for San Francisco on Thursday, but he intends to visit New York and other orthodox parishes in the East again before long. Bishop Tikhon's secular name is Vasily Rellarin. He was born in 1865, and has attained his prominent position at an early age, even for a Russian ecclesiastic. He was graduated from the St. Petersburg Theological Academy in 1887, and immediately entered upon pedagogic work, at which he continued almost to the time of his elevation to his present ecclesiastical rank. He recently served as bishop of Lublin and vicar of Kholla, the Warsaw diocese. His new diocese is said to be the largest in the world, as it includes the whole of North America, and comprises about thirty parishes with as many churches and seventy chapels.

RUSSIAN BISHOP ARRIVES.

His Diocese Includes the Whole of North America.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Among the passengers arriving on the French line steamship La Champagne was Bishop Tikhon, newly appointed head of the Russian church in America, although nominally he is bishop of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. He was met at the pier by the Russian Consul-General and members of the Russian colony in