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## HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

### No. 29—THE SECOND BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

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IT is always pleasant to give some historical facts regarding such a man as the second Bishop of Algoma, who has risen by gradual steps to such a high position in the Canadian Church. Edward Sullivan was born Aug. 18th, 1832, in Lurgan, Ireland, and after receiving his primary education at the endowed school of Bandon and Clomel, he entered Trinity College, Dublin, in 1852, and graduated in 1857, being third of the "Respondents" for that year. His attention being drawn by the late Dr. Fleury to the need of clergymen for Canada he came over to this country in 1858, and was ordained Deacon by the first Bishop of Huron, Dr. Cronyn, on Dec. 15th, the same year. On Trinity Sunday, 1859, he was advanced to the order of the priesthood. His first appointment was assistant to the Venerable Archdeacon Brough in mission of St. George, London township. Here he remained three years. During this period he visited Montreal as one of the delegates to the Provincial Synod, and was one of the few men asked to preach in St. George's Church, of that city. On this occasion his sermon was considered so thoughtful and eloquent, that on the retirement of the late gifted Venerable Archdeacon Leach from the incumbency of the church, and the appointment of the Rev. W. Bond (now Bishop of Montreal) to the same, he was invited to be the Assistant minister. He accepted the position. At

once he became a power for great good and drew large congregations, especially young men to hear him. He took an active part in the different charitable societies of the city, notably the Irish Protestant Benevolent. In behalf of the claims of this excellent organization, he made some of his most stirring and patriotic speeches. In the month of April, 1868, he was invited by the vestry of Trinity Church, Chicago, to become their rector. To the deep regret of the Church people of Montreal he accepted the invitation and



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removed to that great city of western life and activity. Not only in his new parish, but also in the diocese, he soon was recognized for his ability and advanced learning. He was twice elected a delegate to the General Convention, and was President of the Standing Committee for years. In the great fire of 1871, Trinity church was utterly destroyed, together with the places of business and residences of many of the members of the congregation. Yet as an evidence of the high esteem and warm affection entertained for Dr. Sullivan the people met for months and held the services in hired rooms, and began and erected in the meanwhile a

new church at the cost of \$132,000. In the work of relieving those who had suffered through the appalling calamity which had happened to the city, Dr. Sullivan took a very prominent part and won golden opinions for his many acts of self-sacrifice. In some instances he actually received into his own house, and sheltered for days poor creatures who had been deprived of their all.

In the year 1878 Dr. Sullivan was recalled to his old church, St. George's, as its rector. As he had never been able to overcome his love for