

Worship's address praise and devotional exercises were engaged in and the benediction was pronounced.

The New Doctors of Divinity.

AN account of the career of any one of the new D.D.'s, that would be fairly full, would occupy as much space as can be here devoted to the six who have been honoured on the occasion of the jubilee. It is therefore necessary that these sketches should be confined each to a brief paragraph containing only the leading facts.

REV. GEORGE BRUCE, B.A., D.D.

Among the new D.D.'s there is none who will be more heartily congratulated than Rev. George Bruce, the successful minister of St. David's church, St. John, N.B. A Scotchman born, his youth was spent in Canada and his college course was taken at Toronto where he had a distinguished place, and obtained his B.A. degree. He studied theology at Knox College and engaged in mission work at Newmarket, and Aurora. Having been ordained in 1875 he accepted a call from First church, St. Catharines, from which pastorate he removed to St. John in 1883. He ministers to a large congregation and it was in his church that the last meeting of the General Assembly was held. Dr. Bruce is a faithful and successful pastor, an able preacher, scholarly in his tastes and thorough in his work. His services to the Church at large have been of a substantial character.

REV. R. M. THORNTON, B.A., D.D.

The stranger's privilege will be accorded to Rev. R. M. Thornton, whose present field of labour is Camden Road, London, England. The son of one of Canada's pioneer missionaries—the late R. H. Thornton, D.D.—Robert MacAlpine Thornton, B.A., was born in the manse of Oshawa, in October, 1841. He is a graduate of Toronto University where he obtained first-class honours in Hebrew, logic, ethics, and metaphysics, winning a silver medal in the last named subject. He studied theology in Knox College, in Edinburgh and Berlin, and was licensed to preach by the Edinburgh Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church. He was inducted to Knox church, Montreal, in 1871 and after four years ministry there, he accepted an unanimous call to Wellpark Free church, Glasgow. His work in that city was greatly blessed and his services to the Free Church in connection with Foreign Missions are gratefully remembered. In 1883 he removed to his present charge and soon became a marked power for good in the great metropolis, his energy, organizing power, and enthusiasm stamping him as a leader among the more active workers of the Church.

REV. JOHN SOMERVILLE, M.A., D.D.

Dr. Somerville, who is of Scotch descent, was born in the township of Vaughan, Ontario, in the year 1846. From the public school, where he received his early education, he went, at the age of seventeen, to the Brampton High School, of which Mr. John Scott, B.A., now High School Inspector for Ontario, was head master, from which he matriculated into the University of Toronto, in 1865. Taking the course in Classics, he graduated with honours in 1869. After graduation, he filled with eminent success the position of head master of the High Schools of St. Thomas and Weston, for four years; completing his course in Theology in Knox College in 1874. In 1875, he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Division Street, Owen Sound, of which he is still the honoured pastor. The congregation under his ministry has prospered greatly, having now a membership of over 500. In 1886, an elegant and commodious stone church, seating comfortably 1,000, was erected to provide necessary accommodation for the rapidly increasing attendance. In addition to his arduous pulpit and pastoral duties, Mr. Somerville has been for many years Clerk and Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Owen Sound Presbytery, in which positions he has rendered most effective service to the cause of Presbyterianism in the large district of which Owen Sound is the centre. He has also taken a leading part, as a citizen of the town, in educational matters and has been active in the promotion, in many ways, of the best interests of the community. A clear thinker, a ripe scholar, a skillful teacher, and an able preacher, there are few among the many distinguished graduates of Knox better entitled to the distinction conferred upon him, or who will wear it more worthily, than Dr. Somerville.

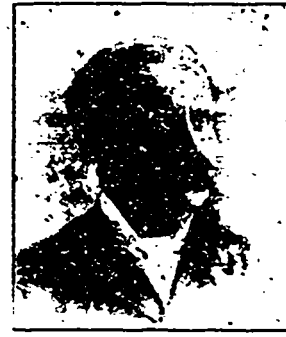
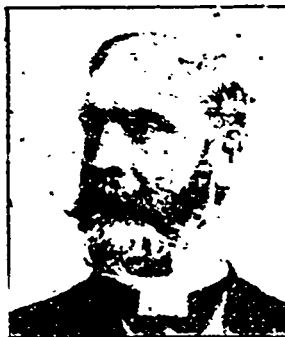
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One of the best known and best loved ministers in the Church, the minister of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, will adorn the degree conferred upon him. He was born at Wick, Caithnessshire, and while still a young lad, left Scotland with his family for Canada and settled at Kingston. He studied at Queen's College, graduated in 1862, the first man in his class, with honours in classics, mathematics, and science. For two years he attended the theological classes in Queen's and for one at Princeton. He was ordained to the ministry in 1868 and was, for a year and a half, pastor of Vanneck and Proof Line, a few miles

out of London. From there he was called to Detroit where he labored seven and a half years. He built a new church, and when he left for Canada the membership was more than double the number with which he began. In 1870 he was called to fill the historic pulpit of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto. He accepted and began with forty-eight members. There are now more than 600 and they worship in a fine new building standing on the corner of Jarvis and Carlton streets. He was the second president of the Toronto Ministerial Association and during his term the Association caught the impetus which has made it the power it has been for many years. He has been for a considerable time one of the active members of the Executive of the Foreign Mission Board, and has in various ways served the church in her home work. He has been repeatedly asked to lecture on Church history at Queen's, but the busy life of a city pastor prevented him from complying, but he did deliver a course of lectures to the theological classes of that college last winter on the "Book of Job." He is now a trustee of Queen's and a member of the Senate of Knox College. The columns of the religious, college, and secular press have often been enriched by contributions from his pen on philosophical, theological, and economic questions. It is a matter for gratification that after eighteen years labor here a college in this city, not his own alma mater, and of the standing of Knox College, should have marked him in its jubilee proceedings by the honor of the D.D. degree.

REV. E. FRASER TORRANCE, M.A., D.D.

Rev. Edward Fraser Torrance was born in Montreal, and received his early education in the schools of that city. He entered McGill University and graduated with honours in 1871, receiving the degree of B.A., and three years later the degree of M.A. His first year in Theology was taken in Free Church College, Edinburgh, and the remaining years in the Presbyterian College of Montreal, graduating



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in 1874. He was ordained and inducted to the charge of St. Paul's church, Peterboro, in July, 1876. In this pastorate he has shown great ability and efficiency. His sympathy and faithfulness as a pastor are only equalled in the growing power and excellence manifested in the pulpit. Notwithstanding the arduous and manifold obligations imposed by a large and increasing congregation, Mr. Torrance is an example to all his brethren, in daily and systematic study of the original Scriptures, combined with constant reading of the English Classics, and intelligent contact with advancing philosophic thought. It is a worthy recognition of these splendid qualities of mind and heart in a graduate of a sister college, that the Senate of Knox College have unsolicited, lauded Dr. Torrance with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

REV. ROBERT HAMILTON, D.D.

Dr. Hamilton's figure has been a familiar one in his Presbytery for an unusually long period, he having been minister of Motherwell for a very long time. He is one of the pioneer ministers whose services cannot be over-estimated, and to whom in a large sense the credit is due for the broad and deep foundations upon which Canadian Presbyterianism has been laid. Dr. Hamilton is a native of Scotland, and his work was begun in that country where he gained much experience as a city missionary. His services to the Canadian church have not only been long, but characterized with singular faithfulness, and beyond his immediate charge, his work on the Home Mission Committee of the Church is well known. His pen has never been idle, and periodicals and the secular press have drawn upon his ripe experience and wisdom. An able preacher and of scholarly habits he has made for himself a place in the hearts of his people and in the Church which well fits the position in which the senate of Knox College has placed him in its jubilee programme.