

and best loved Clergymen; The Honorable Judge Irvine, Chancellor of the Diocese and one of our Honorary Counsel; Cornelius Judge, John Hurstall, William Rae, all three Life Members of our Church Society, and the first a continual and energetic worker in the great cause; Mr. J. J. Foote, proprietor of the *Quebec Morning Chronicle*, who was always ready to help us in any way in his power, and last, but not least, Armine Drummond Nicolls, the refined, gentle, much loved Bursar of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; all these and many more, have been taken from us to the mysterious Land of Rest; and we have to lament the removal of Miss Forsyth, of Mrs. Henry Roe and of Miss Roe, happy, earnest Christian women, all of them, with many others, fellow labourers with us in the common work. And besides all these, who were so near and dear to us, we mourn our great, revered and beloved Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Benson, who did so much in his day and generation for the English Church. Oh! what gaps these are, my Brethren!

Oh! How we long for the touch of the vanished hand,
And for the sound of the voice, that is still!

And, besides these sad bereavements, there is one loss which, although we rejoice in it because it is the great gain of our Ecclesiastical Province and, indeed, of the whole Canadian Church, is yet a loss which we shall feel acutely for many a long day,—I refer, of course, to the removal of our friend and fellow Priest in God's Service, the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, D.D., D.C.L., who has been chosen and consecrated to be the third Missionary Bishop of Algoma. Step by step and year by year, Canon Thorneloe had come to be a very central figure amongst the Clergy of the Eastern Townships, and consequently, in the nature of the case, there must be, for a long time, a very wide gap, a gap which it will be really hard in all respects to fill. Our great encouragement must be the knowledge that the great God is pleased in His wondrous condescension to use for the carrying out of His purposes the men that He has made; that He is by no means dependent upon any one, but always, when one is removed, raises up another to fulfil His holy ends.

You will be asked to vote certain sums for the Diocese of Algoma, and I am sure you will do so with a new readiness, yea, with a gladness that is born of love.

Last Fall I had the great privilege of making a trip right across this great Continent to Victoria, B.C., and by pausing a little here and there on the way, and by keeping my eyes and ears open all the time, I hope and believe that I learnt much which will be of use to me for the rest of my life. And, at any rate, I can say with absolute truth, that while I rejoice in the development of the great North-West and far Western Territo-