

Scotta made a capital address, highly laudatory of Dr. Thorneloe, and referred to the work of the House of Bishops, to which he welcomed the new Bishop. He spoke also of the perfect unity and good will which prevailed in the House. Nor did he conclude before saying some very kind words about Bishop Sullivan, the new Bishop's predecessor. When Bishop Thorneloe was called to speak he appeared deeply affected, and only spoke slowly and with difficulty. First he expressed his thanks to all who had contributed to the brightness of the services and then he likewise extended his gratitude to all who had spoken so kindly and encouragingly to him since his appointment. He was fully aware of how much they had overestimated his ability and good qualities, but they did so fully believing in their estimate. The Bishop took a kindly farewell of his audience and hastily left the platform. At the conclusion of the speeches the doxology was sung, and then most of those who were present partook of light refreshments in the Guild room, and it was 11.30 p.m. before all had dispersed. Thus was brought to a close a most happy as well as a most solemn day—a day which will always be memorable in the annals of the Diocese of Algoma, and in a lesser degree in the history of the Diocese of Quebec and of the Ancient Capital.

Deo Optimo Maximo.

The following letter from the pen of a friend of Algoma and Algoma's Bishop is published because (1) it gives facts which we are glad to be possessed of, and which are of lasting value in connection with any sketch of the career of our new Bishop; and (2) because it gives emphasis to the words uttered by Bishop Sullivan at the reception in Quebec, in which he expressed his gladness that the day had gone when it was commonly taken for granted that anyone and anything was good enough for Algoma. We hope it will soon be very difficult to find a relic of so great a misconception of missionary work and enterprise. Our correspondent's words are welcome. He says:

After several years in business in the city of Montreal, George Thorneloe entered Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Que., where he remained five years—three in arts and two in divinity. While there he won many prizes, including the Prince of Wales' medal for classics, and on his departure carried away the love and esteem of all who knew him. Among other prizes, he won the S.P.G. Jubilee scholarship in 1872, the General Nicholls' scholarship for mathematics in 1871, the Mackie prize (English essay) in 1870,

and again in 1872, Prince of Wales' Medal for Classics in 1872, and others. He graduated with honours in the same year (1872).

He is the first graduate of Bishop's College who has yet attained to the high dignity of a Bishop in the Church of God.

He was ordained deacon by the Right Rev. J. W. Williams, D.D., then Bishop of Quebec, in 1874, and priest in the following year. After his ordination to the diaconate (1874) he married Miss Mary E. Fuller, of Lennoxville, Quebec, to whom no small part of his success in his past parish work is due.

His first parish was Stanstead, Quebec, where he laboured incessantly for eleven years with marked results, and after gaining the love and esteem of his people there was, in 1885, called to succeed the Rev. Isaac Brock as rector of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke, Quebec, which position he faithfully and nobly filled—the results of his labours are to be seen on every hand—till, by the grace of God, he was unanimously called, through the voice of the Anglican Synod, held at Montreal, in November, 1896, to be the third Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. He was made a canon of the Quebec Cathedral in 1889, and his *alma mater*, in recognition of his ability, conferred upon him in 1895 the degree of D.C.L. He goes forth from our midst, to face the difficulties and worries of his new charge, with our love and prayers, and I feel sure I but voice the feelings of each and every one of his former parishioners when I say that, although grieved inexpressibly at his separation from us, yet we glory in the honour done him, than whom none more worthy follower of our Lord Jesus Christ could have been found.

A FORMER PARISHIONER.

Twice before has Dr. Thorneloe nearly been elected to theiscopate, first, as the choice of a successor to the late Rev. Bishop of Quebec, J. W. Williams, D.D.; and, secondly, on the death of Bishop Sillitoe, to the Diocese of New Westminster in 1894.

Our New Bishop Honoured with the Degree of D.D. by His "Alma Mater."

On Wednesday, the 10th of December, at 3 p.m., a special Convocation was held in the Bishop Williams Hall of the University of Bishop's College to confer the degree of D.D. upon the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, M.A., D.C.L., Bishop-elect of Algoma. There were present upon the

platform, besides the Chancellor, the Bishop of the diocese, the Principal (Dr. Adams) of the University, and the staff of professors, and others, including the Bishop-elect.

The Convocation was opened by the Chancellor, who in a brief but hearty manner referred to the merits of the Bishop-elect. Then the Principal (Dr. Adams) presented the Bishop-elect to the Chancellor. In conferring the degree the Chancellor made a very complimentary speech concerning the recipient of the degree. Following him the Principal referred to the career of Canon Thorneloe, his college life and honours won therein, and his ministerial work up to his election as Bishop, and alluded to the different ways in which he had, at various times, served the college.

The Bishop of the diocese also referred in the same manner as the Principal had done to the Bishop-elect's career.

The Bishop-elect then rose and spoke as follows: Mr. Chancellor, my Lord Bishop, Members of the University, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is no wonder if, after so many complimentary references to myself, my ears should tingle and my cheeks burn, and I should seem a little overwhelmed. I thank you, one and all, for your kindness, and this is a proud and happy day for me, for I have received from the University, because I am Bishop-elect of Algoma, the great honour of the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In the name of Algoma, of the Provincial Synod which elected me, and of my humble self, I thank the University. As I go about my work in the great diocese which is henceforth to be my care, this hour will remind me, among other things, of the sympathy which, like red heart blood, throbs in the veins of you all for the work of missions. I take this gracious act which the University has done to-day as a happy augury of the close relations of mutual helpfulness which are to exist hereafter between this college and the missionary work of the Church of Canada. I hope that some day I shall come back with confidence to tell you of the simple story of my domgs. And now, as for myself, if I may be pardoned another word, I can only say that the words "thank you" give very inadequate expression to the feelings in my heart. I have ever loved my *alma mater*, but after to-day she will have a still warmer place in my affections; and I shall esteem it, not only a duty, but a privilege to show my devotion in every possible way, and how can I do this better than by simply trying to do what she has always taught me—my duty? This lesson of duty was impressed upon me, since I first entered college in 1862, by the lives and examples of the men who were charged with our training—the sainted Dr. Nicholls at their head. This is the lesson she sent me forth to practise in my sacred calling; this is the lesson which has brought me whatever measure of success has attended my efforts; this is the lesson which, if taught and practised by her rulers and sons, will