

THOMAS HENRY WRIGHT, native of Wilmington and Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, graduate of the University of the South(A.B.,1925), and the Virginia Theological Seminary(B.D.,1930), holder of the degree of D.D. from three institutions, first served his church as Episcopal Student Chaplain at this institution. His subsequent career embraces rectorates at Lexington, Virginia, where he was chaplain for the Episcopal students at two institutions, at San Francisco, as Dean of Grace Cathedral, and at San Antonio, Texas.

Consecrated Bishop in 1945, he has risen to become a figure of influence in the affairs of his church not only in the state and region but on the national and international scene. He has served as committee member or chairman of the Church Society for College Work, the Forward Movement Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Overseas Department of the National Council of the Episcopal Church and its Division of Research and Field Study, as representative of the presiding bishop on the committee studying the Episcopal church in Brazil, and is currently chairman of a committee of the General Convention involving the whole international Anglican Communion.

Devoted servant of his church and his Lord, careful administrator, internationally recognized religious leader, Dr. Wright, by his statesmanship and dynamic energy has brought honor to his state as one of her most distinguished ecclesiastics.

In recognition of his attainments, the University of North Carolina is happy to bestow on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.