

have been expected, retired from it; but acting under the advice of the late Bishop of Toronto, he ultimately returned and occupied the chair of metaphysics and ethics down to the year 1871. The change from theology to philosophy was a keen disappointment to the Professor. All who ever came in contact with him bear testimony to his earnestness in the discharge of his duties, and to the deep interest he took in the welfare of all with whom he came in contact. After his separation from Toronto University and from University College, he continued to reside in Toronto, while he discharged clerical duties at Doncaster, and was a Canon of St. James's Cathedral.

His services in the Diocesan and Provincial Synods are well known to very many; but, perhaps now that he has been taken from us, the teaching of his example in these assemblies of the Church, will be more fully and thoughtfully laid to heart. We may gratefully recollect how much he contributed to elevate and solemnize the tone of our discussion: how guiltless he ever was of aught which might provoke unseemly vehemence or bitterness in debate. The high esteem in which he was held throughout the ecclesiastical province is strongly proved by the fact that he was unanimously elected Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Provincial Synod at its first session in 1861, and that he was elected unanimously to the same office in the sessions of 1862, '65, and '68. In the session of 1871 he was unable to attend in consequence of family affliction; and in December, 1872, when he attended for the last time, he declined, in consequence of greatly impaired strength, to be put in nomination for the office. He still, however, struggled to the last to serve the Church by ministering to a congregation at Port Whitby, encountering for this purpose great personal discomfort, and foregoing the repose he might have enjoyed elsewhere. Serious illness, however, soon rendered the continuance of his labors impossible; and he withdrew, first to St. Catharines, and, for the last eighteen months of his life, to Niagara.

Before leaving England for Canada, Dr. Beaven had contributed many excellent articles to the *British Magazine*. He was also the author of an *Account of the Life and Writings of St. Irineus*; of the *Doctrine of Holy Scripture and of the Primitive Church on Religious Celibacy*; of a *Treatise on Intercourse with the Eastern Churches*, and other books. Among his smaller writings may be mentioned his very valuable book on the *Church Catechism*, a *Catechism on the Thirty-nine articles*, *Questions on Scripture History*, and a *Manual for Visiting the Sick*.

It is surely well that we should thankfully confess and humbly endeavor ourselves to follow the excellencies of those whose example and whose labours we have been permitted to witness; and, in the instance of him who has been so lately taken from us, all must allow that we have had presented to us a signal pattern of probity and sincerity, of constant singleness of purpose, of humble and thankful acquiescence in the appointments of Divine Providence, and of steady unflinching dedication of the powers of mind and body to the service of God and of His Church.

The St. George's Society of this city, at its last monthly meeting, passed the following resolution:—

"That this Society has learned with extreme regret of the death of the Rev. Canon Beaven, D.D., one of the earliest members and for many years a chaplain of this Society. His services on behalf of the Society, his learning, piety, and benevolence, entitled his memory to be regarded with respect and affection by all Englishmen; and that the Secretary communicate this resolution to his family."

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

### APPOINTMENTS.

REV. ALEXANDER DIXON, B.A., Rector of Guelph, and Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, has been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, Examining Chaplain for that Diocese.

J. B. PLUMB, Esq., M.P., of Niagara, and F. J. C. CHADWICK, Esq., Guelph, have been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Niagara members of the Council of Trinity College to represent the New Sec.