

doubt not that there are yet for him many years of official usefulness.

Bethune, Right Rev. Alexander Neil, D.D., D.C.L.—The late Mr Bethune, second Bishop of Toronto, was born in Williamstown, in the County of Glengarry, in August, 1800. His father was the Rev. John Bethune, the first Presbyterian minister of Canada, and our distinguished subject was the fifth son of a family of six sons and three daughters. The Bethune family was of Scottish origin, and settled in Canada with the devoted band of U. E. loyalists in 1783. Young Bethune received his early educational training at the Cornwall Grammar school, where he studied under Dr. Strachan; but the war of 1812 broke up this school, and the student returned to Montreal, where he joined his family, resuming his studies. It appears that Dr. Strachan had taken a strong liking to the lad Bethune, and was resolved not to lose sight of him; so when, upon the invitation of General Brock, the doctor removed to York to take charge of the school there, he invited Mr. Bethune to assist him as classical tutor. To this duty the young man applied himself with diligence, and he likewise began the study of divinity under his aforetime master. He was admitted to deacon's order, in 1823, and the following year was ordained priest by Bishop Mountain of Quebec. Spending a few years at Grimsby, he was appointed rector of Cobourg, then known as Hamilton, this being the chief town in the Newcastle district. The settlement at this period was only in its dawn, and laborious and trying were the duties that fell upon the shoulders of the young missionary; but Mr. Bethune was a man whom obstacles could not thwart, and he threw his whole energy into his work. For forty years did he labour in this charge, illustrious for his ability, his zeal, and his industry. In 1847, he was appointed archdeacon of York, but still retained his Cobourg charge. After twenty years had elapsed the advanced age of Bishop Strachan made it necessary that he should have episcopal assistance, and in 1867, Dr. Bethune was consecrated coadjutor bishop, in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, by the bishops of Toronto, Huron, Ontario, Western New York and Michigan. Upon his consecration it was provided that the succession should fall to him upon the death of Dr. Strachan. The pious and zealous bishop died at Toronto, in February, 1879. This statement we find in a work at our hand: "Those who only saw Bishop Bethune during his declining years can form little concep-

tion of his earlier labours. When at Cobourg, in addition to his periodical and archdiaconal work, he lectured on theology, and also conducted a church newspaper, without in the slightest degree neglecting the duties he owed to the flock committed to his charge. Bishop Bethune wrote a number of works chiefly upon theological and devotional subjects; and his most noteworthy production was one of more general character entitled, 'Memoir of the Right Reverend John Strachan, D.D., LL.D., first Bishop of Toronto.' Dr. Bethune married a daughter of the Honourable James Crooks, by whom he had ten children, five of whom survive. Of these may be mentioned the Rev. Charles James Stewart Bethune, M.A., head master of the Trinity college school, Port Hope, (*vide* biographical sketch), who has gained more than a Canadian reputation through his ability as an entomologist. We make the following extract from a sermon preached in St. Peter's church, Cobourg, on the 9th February, 1879, by the venerable John Wilson, M.A., after the funeral of Bishop Bethune. "The younger clergy, who now complain of privation and suffering, little know what was patiently endured by their elder brethren, when most of this country was a wilderness, and the difficulties of travelling from place to place almost insuperable. And yet all was patiently borne, if so be they might be instrumental in carrying the glad tidings of salvation to their poor and destitute brethren. I have accompanied our dear departed friend, while he was rector of this parish, in many a toilsome journey, and shared with him in many an act of self-denial, and I never heard one impatient or complaining word escape his lips, but all was borne with the most exemplary patience and fortitude. But why need I dwell on these things? His unceasing labours are well known to you all. For some forty years he went in and out among you, visiting the sick, comforting the mourners, and administering the consolations of religion as they were needed. In a word, he was a *model parish priest*; and the result of his faithful labours is still manifest and deeply cherished by many a devout and faithful christian heart throughout this community."

MacCabe, John Alexander, M.A., Principal of the Normal School, Ottawa, was born in the County of Cavan, Ireland, on the 9th of January, 1842. Mr. MacCabe was educated chiefly in the Irish National schools, and at the Normal School, Dublin, Ireland. His career as a master has been