

what we see to-day, an imposing and venerable pile. In the same year—1820—Mr. Macaulay was appointed chaplain of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, in succession to the Reverend John Strachan, who resigned the chaplaincy on being made a member of the same Council. Mr. Macaulay filled the incumbency with great acceptance to the congregation till 1827. Then he was succeeded by the Rev. Alexander Neil Bethune. It would be impossible to say too much in praise of Mr. Bethune. He was an ideal Church of England clergyman; high minded; of lofty character; unobtrusive. Holding firmly to the tenets of his own church, and contending earnestly for what he considered its rights he yet was tolerant to a degree of the opinions and beliefs of others; he guided and controlled his congregation with a tact which was never at fault; his piety called forth the deepest veneration from his people, and the highest respect and good-will from all other denominations in the community. His incumbency was a long and very useful one, and his influence for good in the town and surrounding country was such as even the present generation should be thankful for. Not only was Mr. Bethune a good man—he had natural abilities of a high order and was a ripe scholar. Both as a school-boy and as a student of Divinity he had been under the tutelage of the Reverend Mr. Strachan, was the life-long friend and admirer of that eminent divine, was one of his most valuable and trusted assistants in his great work of building up the church in Upper Canada, was elected his Episcopal Coadjutor in 1866, when years and toil had robbed the aged Bishop of his strength and energy, and on his death in the following year succeeded him in the Bishopric. "The Church" newspaper was instituted in May, 1837, in the interests of the Church of England, and for many years Mr. Bethune was its editor, and as such he was the stout and able, though temperate and courteous, champion for his church in the politico-religious controversy which in the later 30's and in the 40's raged around the great question of the Clergy Reserves. In November, 1841, Mr. Bethune was appointed Professor of Theology in the Diocese of Toronto, and from that