

SERMON.

11. Kings ii, 11-12.

"All these things happen'd to them for examples."—1 Cor. x., 11.

"Whatsoever was written aforetime, was written for our learning."—Rom. xv., 4.

The volume of the book of God's mind is constantly unrolling itself, and pointing to by-gone events, as a lesson, and illustration of what is passing around. In looking among the records of God's past dealings with His Church and people, I know none fuller of teaching than that, to which I am asking your attention. There seems to me a striking analogy between the events of that day in Israel, and this day in the Diocese of Huron.

Then the Head was removed from the Body of the Prophets, and a Church mourned his ab-

A faithful servant was honoured by separation from the scene of his labours and trials, and called to rest.

It is even so now. For, though no "chariot of fire and horses of fire," in testimony of His Master's approbation, are sent to carry our late revered Head to his home, yet, the principles of his faith, "the man and his communications" for many a long day, are proof to us clear as eye-sight, that "an abundant entrance has been administered" to Benjamin Huron "into the everlasting Kingdom of God's dear Son!"

As then, so now, "great searchings of heart" prevail among those who love God's cause above all other, as to the future. It was a dark day in Israel when the Master was taken away from the headship of the Church. The Church was not so with God, as God's cause demanded. The world was in the Church. Idolatry reigned in high places. Kings and queens had forgotten their commission as nursing fathers and nursing mothers to the