

SERMON.

"The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."—Psalm cxil, ver. 6.

BRETHREN, BELOVED IN THE LORD :

"A prince and a great man hath lately fallen in our spiritual Israel." The Church in Canada mourns the loss of one of her chief rulers, the most aged, most venerable, and one of the most venerated of them all. Full of honours and full of years, after a long life of faithful labours and active exertions in the cause of 'Christ and his Church,' the aged and good Bishop of Toronto has "entered into that rest, which remaineth for the people of God."

Such, my brethren, is the opening sentence of that appeal, * which at the suggestion, and with the kindly expressed approval of our own respected Diocesan, I ventured respectfully to address to my Clerical and Lay brethren of this Diocese, and not of this Diocese only, but to all beyond its bounds, who admiring the character of that truly great and good man, would gladly aid in the erection of a Church, which, while it should perpetuate the memory of departed excellency, should tend also to the glory of God, and prove, moreover, a blessing to successive generations of Christians, worshipping God on the very spot, hallowed by the venerable Bishop's earliest ministerial labours.

It is in furtherance of the same pious and praiseworthy object, that I desire, my brethren, to address you on the present occasion, by giving a very brief sketch of the life, labours

* For Appeal and Bishop's Pastoral, see Appendix A, p. 25.