

dications of ability, along the lines in which he has since distinguished himself. Licensed to preach in 1852, he became the pastor of the congregation in St. Mary's, Ont., where he remained till 1886.

In that year he began his career as an educator. He was appointed to the chair of Exegetical Theology in Knox College, Toronto. In 1873, he was appointed principal of the college, a position which he filled most acceptably up to the time of his death. Indeed, we may call Knox College, as it now stands, in some sense a monument to his labours. In conjunction with Dr. Gregg, he succeeded in procuring the funds for the erection of the new college buildings, which were completed in 1875.

He was twice elected Moderator of the General Assembly. He was an earnest advocate of union in the Presbyterian Church. He also took an active interest in the formation of the Pan-Presbyterian Council.

He was in every sense a leader of public opinion, and a man interested in all questions affecting the public weal. His able pen has several times contributed to this Magazine. He lived above the isms and the schisms that divide the Church of God. We saw in him one of the dawnlight rays that give promise of that better day when God's people shall forget their differences and work shoulder to shoulder for the salvation of men.

Of the many tributes to his memory, none was more terse and strong than that of Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University: "For clearness of thought, purity of motive, steadfastness of purpose, and broad grasp of all the problems of the country, as well as of the Church, he has left few, if any, equals behind him. In his death the country, the university, and the whole Church of God has suffered a loss which will not be easily repaired."

A marked characteristic of Dr. Caven was his genial personality, and his intense and strong convictions—the silken glove with the hand of steel beneath. We once met him in the great Mohammedan University at Cairo, where were fourteen thousand students. We remarked it was a great deal larger than Knox College. "Yes, in numbers," said the genial Doctor—and certainly it would take a large group of those semi-barbaric Moslem students from the Soudan and equatorial Africa to measure up to the intellectual and moral weight of our intelligent Canadian students.



THE LATE PRINCIPAL CAVEN.

The cause of Christian union lost an earnest advocate in the death of Dr. Caven. It is touching to know that in the delirium of his last illness it seemed to be a burden on his soul. But doubtless in the important joint meeting on this subject on December 20th his unseen presence will be felt, and the mantle of this ascending Elijah will fall on another prophetic soul. At his funeral the earnest words of Principal Sheraton echoed Dr. Caven's spirit of broadest Christian sympathy and yearning for the reunion of the Churches.

Dr. Caven did not live "to lag superfluous on the stage." He died, as he would have wished, with the harness on. He laboured in pulpit, platform, and lecture-room to the very last. After his impressive address at the Metropolitan, at a recent meeting of the Sabbath Observance Association, a meeting to safeguard that bulwark of the people's weal, the Christian Sabbath, we congratulated him upon his restored health and strength, and said that during his last serious illness we had an obituary tribute to his memory prepared, which we were glad we were not able to use. "It is only for a little time," he replied, with a smile, but we did not dream how prophetic were his words.