

done afterwards ; the place where he preached for the last time." It was not unfit that our beloved friend and father should end his ministry with us, as with us he had begun it. Shall I say that a thought passed through my mind as I sat listening to him here, on the first and last occasion on which I heard him preach, that possibly this might be the ending ? It was rather in this form, however :—If this were to be the ending, how good an ending this would be. Yes, how good ! for his heart was inditing a good matter—he spake to us the things he had made touching the King. It was the royal Psalmist's exultant words when the prayers of David the son of Jesse were thereupon ended, that he set before us—
 "His name shall endure for ever, His name shall be continued as long as the sun, and men shall be blessed in Him ; all nations shall call Him blessed." It has been associated in my mind, ever since we heard of his departure, with a verse of a hymn—the favourite verse of Dr James Hamilton's saintly father, and the verse which he himself recalled and dwelt upon when dying :—

"I'll speak the honours of Thy name
 With my last labouring breath ;
 Then, speechless, clasp Thee in mine arms,
 The antidote of death."

Brethren, "Remember your leaders, whoⁿ have spoken unto you the Word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

NOTE.—The Toronto *Globe* of October 7th, come to hand since the above sermon was delivered, gives these particulars of Dr. Topp's death, which took place on October 6th :—"He had been suffering for a year and a-half from heart disease, but no one imagined his end to be so near.